

Honoring Veterans

Bugler Brent Anderson called the Veterans Day ceremony to assembly and attention at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11. The bugle call was followed by Piper Timothy Kirkpatrick leading two members of the Old Guard carrying the Medal of Honor Flag. Molly Millard sang the National Anthem and the American Heritage Girls from St. Rita Church Troop 1381 led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. More than 100 residents and the Friends of Rocky Versace gathered to pay tribute to all those who have served in the armed forces. The annual ceremony is organized by the Friends of Rocky Versace and the staff of the Mount Vernon Community Center.



Piper Timothy Kirkpatrick plays the Armed Forces Medley in honor of all those who have served.



Keynote speaker Brig. General (USA, ret.) Jack Nicholson recounts the three times he participated in attempts to rescue Captain Rocky Versace from the prisoner of war camps he was being held in during the Vietnam War.



Alexandria residents Townsend Van Fleet and Pat Troy.



Molly Millard sings the National Anthem.



American Heritage Girls from St. Rita Church Troop 1381 led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Found Money

School Board votes to fund increased cost of TC tennis courts.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The six tennis courts at T.C. Williams High School will not cost \$800,000 as originally planned. The latest estimate by the School Board places the cost closer to \$1.2 million. The tennis courts were initially budgeted at \$500,000, with \$250,000 added to install the infrastructure for the potential addition of lights. At an Oct 16 meeting, the School Board passed a budget transfer of \$500,000 for its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to take funds from

completed and unnecessary projects to pay for the increased costs of the tennis courts.

“The former [School Board] budgeted around \$500,000 [for the tennis court],” said School Board Chair Karen Graf. “Three months later, they were told that there was a problem, the \$800,000 [for the courts and lights] was not going to be enough. [The new School Board] was going to have to add in buffering, they’d have to go through permits and legal fees.”

“This is not petty cash, the amount that we’re under. That’s a 60 percent increase.”

— School Board member Justin Keating

Of the budget transfer, \$358,000 came from a switchgear at T.C.

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Flood of Sewage

Burst water line on South Jordan results in flooding of 14 homes.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Helping a crew remove his water-damaged belongings from his 89-year-old mother’s home was not how Guy Foster, discharged from the Navy in 1969, had planned on spending his Veterans Day. The home of Foster’s mother was among the 14 on South Jordan Street damaged by extensive flooding last Thursday, Nov 6, when a main water line managed by Virginia American Water had

burst. But it wasn’t water from the burst line that residents were walking in that morning; the burst damaged a nearby manhole, and water from that line overflowed into the sewer system. Residents woke up to eight inches of sewer water flooding the lower levels of their homes.

Carolyn Brown, a resident of the neighborhood for 36 years, said that her husband had spent the morning of Nov 6 downstairs trying to find the source of the wa

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Hopkins House Celebrates 75 Years

Learning center helps shape youngsters' futures.

BY MELISSA SKINNER
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With a mission to "Build the foundation for the future," Hopkins House in Alexandria celebrated 75 years of success on Nov. 1. Hopkins House, a non-profit learning center, has provided academics to preschoolers, camps for adolescents and has helped young adults establish a career path since its establishment in 1939.

J. Glenn Hopkins, president and CEO, said that alumni from Hopkins House have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, judges and engineers.

"We really define our success by the success of those that come through our doors. Meaning, we look back at some of our alumni who go on to be very successful. The great things they do for the community and the world mirrors the dedication of our facility," Hopkins said.

"The people who have been apart of our legacy remember it as a very special place, a home for children in the community. In the later years, the impact we have had intellectually on children is unheard of," he said.



Hopkins House board chair Mark Eisenhour, president J. Glenn Hopkins and host committee chairman Robert Hicks raise their glasses in an anniversary toast.

The school not only helps preschoolers, but it also helps teenagers and young adults without a college degree gain an early child certificate. By participating in this program, young people are able to break the cycle of poverty, receive medical benefits and improve the early childhood profession.

In honor of 75 years of service and success, the house hosted a masquerade ball as a way to celebrate and raise funds to help parents who cannot afford childcare on

their own. "We are committed to making sure those families who cannot afford childcare receive some sort of assistance in giving their children an education and a better life," Hopkins said.

The school also celebrated the expansion of a third center opening.

"We believe we have a great product with the service provided to children. We want to make sure it is available to as many children as possible," Hopkins said.

Erin Cosgrave is a parent who sends her son Dillon to school everyday at the Hopkins House, and she says the facility provides him with a safe learning environment.

"My son loves going to school, and I can thank the wonderful teachers for that. They provide a stimulating learning environment, and that has been a direct influence on who my son is today. He has learned how to play with others, be polite and empathetic all while having fun," she said.

Cosgrave and her husband decided to enroll their son in Hopkins House after hearing rave reviews from close friends who also had their children in school there.

"The school's great reputation in the community, combined with the fact that it is a year-round school, helped us make our decision. Leaving my child for the first time in the hands of strangers is the hardest thing I have ever done. The teachers at Hopkins House made the transition easier, through their attention to Dillon and to us as parents," she said.

Cosgrave believes the 75th anniversary means that Hopkins house has reached a significant place in the community.

"It is well established, and continues to provide for our children. I look forward to being a part of its continued growth. We are expecting our second child in April, and have already signed him up to begin as an infant in July 2015," she said.

For more information visit www.hopkinshouse.org.

Friends Mourn Death of David Abshire

Ambassador, public policy leader dies.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

For a career spent around the world, David Abshire always considered Alexandria home. Abshire was a former ambassador to NATO, a cofounder of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and president of the Center for Study of the Presidency and Congress until 2012. Abshire's life of service ended Oct. 31 when he died at his home in Alexandria.

Even in his final days, Abshire took an active leadership role in Washington. In a final opinion piece titled "Last Call to Greatness," published in Real Clear Politics, Abshire gave some parting advice to his readers.

"Set aside your own rivalries," wrote Abshire. "engage the very best people from within your organizations and beyond, and chart a course together that puts America back on the path to greatness — before it's too late."

Former U.S. Sen. John Warner had known Abshire for 40 years, when Warner was Secretary of the Navy and Abshire was assistant Secretary of State. They worked to-



Former U.S. Ambassador to NATO David Abshire introduces Don Beyer and his wife Megan to guests at a party given at his Old Town residence in August of 2009. Beyer had been just sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Joining Ambassadors Abshire and Beyer on the porch were U.S. Sen. John Warner, SCAN founder David Cleary, former Virginia Gov. Chuck Robb, Don and Megan Beyer, Linda Robb and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

gether in strategic planning of Navy missiles and later collaborated when Warner served in the Armed Services Committee and Abshire was ambassador to NATO.

"He was a very bright man, always was looking at the present of a situation and the future consequences," said Warner. "He was

born to lead, and he led."

These traits were vital when Warner and Abshire both worked on the Iraq Study group in the George W. Bush administration.

"There was an Abshire method: It didn't matter how difficult a problem might be,

he was always an optimist," said Max Angerholzer, president and CEO of Center for Study of the Presidency. "At a time where Washington seemed to irreparably broken, and civility was a lost art, where compromise became a dirty word, Dave [Abshire] was able to remind folks that we've faced much more difficult times ... He made a career of taking on these tough challenges."

James Kitfield, a senior fellow at Center for Strategic and International Studies, said Abshire always looked for the opportunity for good in a crisis.

"He'd been ill for quite some time, and even through the very end he had an optimistic vision, and wanted to gather thought leaders," said Kitfield. "He never gave up."

One of Abshire's favorite sayings was from Mark Twain: that history doesn't repeat but it rhymes. According to Angerholzer, Abshire's goal was to find good lessons, good rhymes, from history and pass those on to future leaders. At his home in Alexandria, Abshire's family hosted foreign dignitaries and the local community alike.

"No matter who you were," said Angerholzer, "Dave was proud to be your friend and wanted to help you in any way he could."

Abshire was 88 years old and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carolyn Sample Abshire, their five children, and 11 grandchildren.

LIVING LEGENDS

Charles Eugene 'Tony' Gee

Civic leader, businessman and pastor.

BY JOSEPH S. SHUMARD

Charles Eugene "Tony" Gee is more than just legendary. He was a pioneering African American business leader during a period of profound social change in Alexandria and played a critical role in the economic development of lower King Street.

What many people think of when they think of Tony Gee is the Snack Bar restaurant, which started out on lower King Street in Alexandria. It was originally owned by Ruth and Salvatore Galardi, who first hired Tony as a porter in 1958. He quickly became the manager and ultimately the owner. The Snack Bar later moved to Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray, where it continued in operation until 1993. At both locations, the Snack Bar was a groundbreaking enterprise and Tony was its face — serving a sizeable clientele of loyal patrons and helping it become a significant community institution. The Snack Bar served more than 500 meals each day, five days a week. Tony made it a point to know the name of every one of his customers and developed good friendships with many of them. At the same time that he was building his own business, Tony was encouraging other local businesses to get started and to grow. While at his King Street location, he helped organize 84 Alexandria business owners and became the founding president of the Old Town Business Association.

Tony has served on more than 15 local advisory boards, business organizations, and public commissions, including service as chaplain of the Alexandria Jail, as a trustee of the Alexandria Hospital Founda-



PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON

Gee was a pioneering African American business leader during a period of profound social change in Alexandria.

tion, as a member of the Election Board of Alexandria, and as a member of the advisory boards of Virginia Power, the George Washington National Bank and Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust.

As president of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club (2003-4), he led a major project to renovate the Guest House (a non-profit residential facility that helps women make successful transitions from incarceration back into the community). In addition to persuading Kiwanians to donate funds to the project, Tony developed a partnership with Habitat for Humanity (which did most of the major construction work) and procured interior decoration, plumbing, and other materials donated by Alexandria business community.

Another example of Tony's leadership was his organizing a "Law Day" while serving as a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council of Northern Virginia. It was held at Charles Houston School, and attended by 11th and 12th grade Alexandria City Public School students. A "first of its kind" event it, featured the Alexandria Chief of Police, City Attorney, Commonwealth Attorney and more than 30 others from the legal communities of nine Northern Virginia counties. The highlight was a question and answer session devoted to the law.

Throughout his years as an Alexandria businessman, Tony found time to pursue the study of religion. He became a Baptist minister and served three congregations for more than 30 years, including four years as pastor of the Third Baptist Church in Alexandria.

These are examples of what Tony Gee has accomplished on an ongoing basis over several decades. He is recognized as a leader for his many contributions to the Alexandria community and exemplifies what is meant by "good citizen" and Living Legend.



Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, U.S. Rep.-elect Don Beyer, Gen. Bon Wood (USA ret.) and Margaret Wood at the veterans week kick off.

Alexandria Honors Veterans Week

U.S. Rep.-elect Don Beyer joined city officials in kicking off the Alexandria Honors Veterans week at a reception Nov. 10 at the Lyceum.

Events include a veterans art exhibit at City Hall, which will run through Dec. 10, a veterans history project and business seminars for transitioning veterans.



AEDP president and CEO Val Hawkins, right, welcomes attendees to the Alexandria Honors Veterans kickoff event Nov. 10 at the Lyceum. With him are John Sims of the Alexandria Veterans Advisory Group and Emily McMahan, executive director of the Alexandria Veterans Business Enterprise Center.

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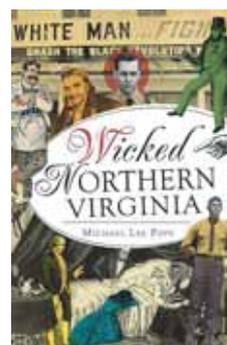
HOLIDAY GIVING

Holiday Sharing Sponsors Wanted. The Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) invites the public to

help make the 2014 holiday season brighter for the most vulnerable community members — low-income families, foster children, and elderly and disabled residents — through the annual Holiday Sharing program. Contact Suzanne Kratzok at 703-746-5663 or

holidaysharing@alexandriava.gov for more. **Toy Drive.** Runs through Dec. 12. The Weichert family of Companies recently announced the start of its 36th Annual Toy Drive. Members of

the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices. The toys will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. Visit www.weichert.com/offices/ for more. **Operation Christmas Child.** Runs Nov. 17-24. Churches, businesses, warehouses and homes across Alexandria are being transformed into collection spots for Operation Christmas Child. Area collection sites hope to collect thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes from individuals, families and groups for needy children. A full list of Alexandria's collection locations can be found online at www.samaritanspurse.org.



Wicked

Local author Michael Lee Pope spoke at Alexandria's Athenaeum Saturday, Nov 8, on the bloody and mysterious history of region. "Wicked Northern Virginia" is the fourth book by Pope and chronicles various bizarre and macabre events, from a mother poisoning her family to the assassination of an American Nazi in Arlington.

Living Legends: The 2014 Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 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, Alexandria Toyota, Club Managers Association of America, Dominion, Goodwin House, Inc., Gregg & Monica Murphy on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria, Linda Hafer, Renner & Co. and Nina Tisara.

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

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PEOPLE

From Leaf Piles to Mulch

Trucks vacuum up autumn's droppings.

By SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

The gray vacuum hose weaves back and forth across the pile of leaves like an elephant trunk searching for a peanut. Darnell Moore is beginning the first pass of the leaf season in "red" Zone 1 on Morgan Street, "a heavy section of Alexandria with more trees." Jeffrey Duval, acting deputy director of operations for the City Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, says Alexandria is divided into five zones, and Old Town is divided again into four subdivisions. Duval says the city puts the collection dates online as well as tips for how to make collection more efficient for the workers such as raking the leaves from under the car and avoid placing leaves in front of storm sewers.

PEOPLE AT WORK

"Old Town is harder because there are a lot more cars and tighter streets, and you have to watch both sides," Moore added. "I operate using mirrors — it is so tight. It will take 3-4 days to finish Zone 1, then in a couple of weeks when more leaves have fallen, we will make a second pass. It's not bad here, but



Darnell Moore grinds up the leaves with windows closed and gray cap in place to avoid the swirl of dust as he works Zone 1 in Alexandria.

come back in a couple of weeks and see the difference. Some piles are higher than the cars." The crews work from the end of October to the end of December. It is difficult to know exactly how long a run will take because the volume of leaves is unpredictable, wet leaves can clog up equipment and occasionally trucks need repair.

"Now the leaf collection workers are on a 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. schedule," Moore said. But about next week they will begin the 10-hour, six-day a week schedule including holidays except Christmas. Some of the trucks have work lights so they can keep going when it gets dark. As Moore works his way down a cul de sac, a resident rushes her last plastic sheet of leaves out to the curb just in time to watch them disappear. A lot of the residents rake the leaves to the curb, but they can also use brown bags provided by the city to recycle the leaves and bag together.

Moore is driving one of two special leaf collection trucks, new last year. They have a separate engine and can be operated completely from inside the truck. Moore is one of a few people who currently can drive them. They are a lot faster and take fewer people with just a rake man and the driver who operates the hose with a joy stick inside. Moore drives on the passenger side of the large, white truck. He steers the oversized wheel with his left arm and works the joy stick up and down with his right hand to move the hose back and forth until he sees a clean curb. "Hear that? The hose is starting to work slower. We have a separate PLT unit system with a pack blade that pushes the leaves to the rear." He pushes a button and waits for the orange light to flash on. "That means we are ready to go again." At the beginning of the leaf season, he removes about 2-3 truckfuls a day and takes them to the recycling center to grind up for mulch. Moore is wearing a gray cap and keeps the windows closed to keep out the swirls of dust stirred up by the leaves grinding.

As the truck rumbles down the red maple-lined street, Moore points ahead. "There is Felix Bouknight. He has just been dropped off to meet me. Felix is a seasonal worker who will help me by raking leaves in tight places where the hose won't reach. We're a crew of two. On the other trucks you need a crew of three because someone has to manually work the hose from outside. It is heavy and takes a while to learn, a lot of skill." He started this kind of work right out of high school, operating heavy equipment in Arlington, then owning a truck business and now three years in Alexandria. But he says, he really started as a youth where he got a lot of practice when his father used to have him back up big boats with trailers. The truck rumbles down the street, growing louder as the grinder gears up. The "one-armed bandit" is headed for another pile of leaves.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET



Felix Bouknight, a seasonal leaf collector, rakes scattered leaves into a pile for the vacuum hose as he assists Darnell Moore in their crew of two.



Natasha Nardone shows a few of her "heartfelt creations" at the holiday craft fair.



Renee Rutkowski with a new piece of "Unique Stained Glass."

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Straight from the Heart

First Christian Church of Alexandria hosted its annual holiday art and craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 8, in the church hall. More than three dozen crafters and vendors displayed and offered handmade goods for sales: Homemade jellies and jams, stained glass, fused glass serv-

ing trays, felted Christmas ornaments, personalized stationery and cards along with a multitude of one-of-a-kind gift ideas. More information on the outreach programs at the First Christian Church of Alexandria can be found at www.fccalexandria.com or outreachfcca@gmail.com



Madeline Ramsey offered gourmet dill and curry dip mixes and homemade jams and jellies.



Cady Sinks of CMS Knits works on a small scarf at the craft fair.



Phoebe takes a nap as her dad Justin Stephens tours the artists booths.



Jeanne Svihart of Jewelry Attitudes wears and shows her one-of-a-kind jewelry items.



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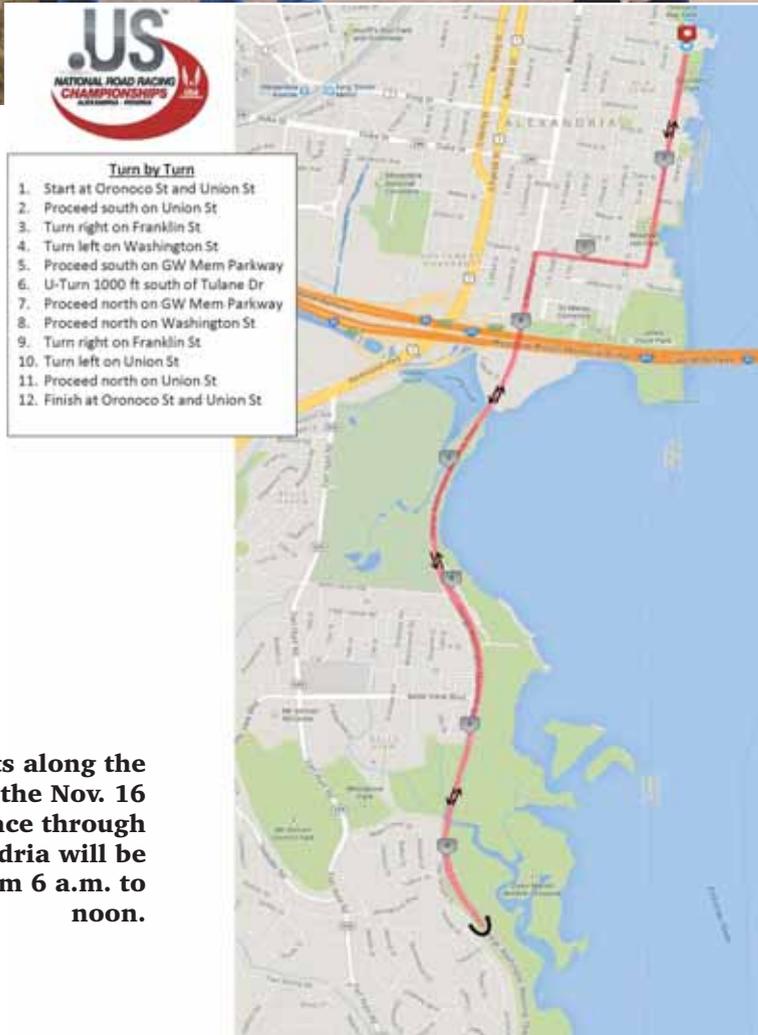
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12K Race

Officials with USA Track and Field visit Oronoco Bay Park in advance of the Nov. 16 National Road Racing 12K Championship race through Alexandria. The race, which will feature a new 1-mile race and kids fun run, is open to all runners and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Alexandria Police Foundation. Streets along the course will be closed from 6 a.m. to noon on the day of the race. Visit www.alexandria.org.



Streets along the course of the Nov. 16 USATF race through Alexandria will be closed from 6 a.m. to noon.

The Right Stuff

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin salutes USPTO veterans.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was one small step taken 45 years ago. Around the world, eyes were collectively riveted to grainy pictures on a television screen while others gazed up at the sky in wonder and awe. America had achieved the impossible as Buzz Aldrin joined fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong in walking on the surface of the moon.

"I was one of three lucky guys who got selected for that mission," said Aldrin of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing in July of 1969. "I just happen to come along at just the right time with just the right credentials."

Speaking to a standing room only crowd at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office Military Association's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 6, Aldrin talked about his continuing passion for space exploration.

"I would like to see us get to Mars," Aldrin said. "But we need the American people to feel the same passion for our space program as we felt 45 years ago."

After graduating third in his class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1951, Aldrin went on to earn a doctorate at MIT and is the holder of three U.S. patents for his schematics of a modular space station, Starbooster reusable rockets and multi-crew modules for space flight.

"We never heard the word STEM back then," said Aldrin of the widely-used acronym for the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "But I would add an 'A' to that to stress the importance of the arts in giving this country 'STEAM' power."

Aldrin, who toured the Inventors Hall



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Former NASA astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

of Fame Museum following the ceremony, remains at the forefront of efforts to continue human space exploration.

"The most difficult to bring back are the first ones to land," Aldrin said. "But if we have a destination, a time frame and a plan, I believe we can achieve even greater success in space."

Aldrin brought some levity to the ceremony when he was asked about the significance of the now iconic photograph taken of him on the moon with Armstrong and the lunar module visible in the reflection of his helmet.

"That picture is still famous around the world," Aldrin said. "The reason for its importance is simple — location, location, location."

Aldrin, who noted that his mother was born the same year the Wright Brothers took their first flight, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011 for his achievements in space exploration and its impact on American history.

"I was just a young towhead from New Jersey," Aldrin said. "But I am fortunate to be an inhabitant of this wonderful country of ours and humbled by the great privilege I had to serve my country."

OBITUARY

Marie Elizabeth Krafft

Marie Elizabeth Krafft, the Martin A. Schwartz Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Florida State University, 58, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Nov. 9, 2014 after a two-year long struggle with brain cancer.

Surviving family members include Marie's husband, Dr. Robert A. Holton and her son, Paul Evan Holton, stepsons Robert L. Holton and David J. Holton, her father Frank J. Krafft, eight siblings: Barbara A. Krafft; Paula Sue Hanson and her husband Mark; Jeanne Y. Krafft; Donald F. Krafft; Martin J. Krafft and his wife Joey; William A. Krafft and his wife Gail; Stephen E. Krafft and his wife Michelle Yahn; Nancy E. Krafft Moyer; aunts Marie Kelleher and Jean D. Short, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Daughter of Frank J. Krafft and the late Pauline B. Krafft, Marie grew up in Alexan-



dria. She attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, T. C. Williams High School, and Northern Virginia Community College before attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where she earned her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry. Subsequently, she was a postdoctoral associate with Professor Gilbert Stork at Columbia University.

While at Virginia Tech, Marie met and later married the love of her life, Dr. Robert A. Holton. Robert and Marie have a son, Paul Evan Holton, and Robert has two sons, Robert L. Holton and David J. Holton, from a previous marriage.

In 1984 she joined the faculty of Florida

State University as Assistant Professor of Chemistry and proceeded to progress rapidly through the ranks. She was internationally known and acclaimed for her seminal contributions in organometallic chemistry and synthetic organic chemistry. Ultimately, she was named Martin A. Schwartz Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Outside the university, Marie was a star student in Leadership Tallahassee's Class 24 (2006-2007). She was a member of the Mary Brogan Museum Board of Directors, Faith Presbyterian Preschool Board of Directors, Maclay School Board of Trustees, Turn About Board of Directors, and Vice President (and subsequently President) of the MDS Research Foundation. She also served in varying capacities at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Marie handled her disease with incredible bravery. Well beyond her expected sur-

vival time she could be found on the slopes at Beaver Creek, Colo., ducking under the ropes to catch the last chairlift while the rest of her family had long-ago retired for the day. She spoke about her condition with a composure and openness that put those around her at ease and made them feel closer to her.

Instead of sending flowers, donate to: Faith Presbyterian Preschool, Marie E. Krafft Endowment, 2200 N Meridian Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Turn About, 2771 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The service for Marie will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church. The burial will follow at 2 p.m. at MeadowWood Memorial Park (700 Timberlane Rd, Tallahassee). Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193).

Union Soldier Revisits Fort

Local historian takes on role of civil war veteran for a tour.

By VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Fort Ward doesn't do as good a job holding out Southerners as it used to. While today the battlements are little more than a few mounts and a wooden gate, in 1861 the fort was part of the defenses of Washington D.C. Kevin Moriarty is typically one of the historians at Fort Ward that helps run the local museum. But on Saturday, Nov 8, Moriarty helped bring this history alive by assuming the fictional identity of an ancestor present at the fort during the Civil War.

"I haven't been back here since the war," said Moriarty with a smile to the audience, letting them know he was going into character, "so my memory's a little hazy."

Moriarty committed to the role with woolen trousers and a heavy union coat, complete with a medal from the Army of the Potomac. Moriarty "recalled" his time at the fort, saying he and many other soldiers would often go on leave into Washington D.C. to get away from the war for a weekend. It wasn't combat, but Moriarty said being at Fort Ward did have its downsides to units stationed there.

"All the generals would come out and expected a parade," said Moriarty. "There was a lot of marching



Kevin Moriarty guides tour at Alexandria's Fort Ward

By VERNON MILES/GAZETTE PACKET

and drilling along these very roads."

While Fort Ward was never under attack, Moriarty answered audience questions about the war by drawing from his experiences at the Battle of Malvern Hill in Henrico, Va.

At the end of his presentation, Moriarty drifted back into his normal role as a fort historian. In honor of Veteran's Day, the discussion closed with remembering the experience of the Civil War veterans after the war.

"Many of these veterans had more in common with the enemy soldiers than they did with the people back home," said Moriarty.

"The tour was very good, it got me personally invested," said Ken Roddenberry, one of the visitors to the site who followed Moriarty on his tour. "I'm happy I was able to learn more about what it was like to survive here."

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OPINION

Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

Roll up those sleeves and help.

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More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to

Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese. "The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger," said Bishop Paul S.

Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. "Pope Francis has consistently called us to be a 'church of the poor and for the poor.'" The project will provide food in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.cdda.net for more.

United Community Ministries is seeking donations to its food pantry, donations to help prevent homelessness for 300 families on the brink, plus children's books and toys. www.ucmagency.org/how-to-help.html

Northern Virginia Family Services needs help with Operation Turkey, for 800 families. Food, money and volunteers needed. www.nvfs.org/ For a list of nonprofits serving the City of Alexandria see links at http://alexandriava.gov/index_quicklinks.aspx?id=7640

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EDITORIAL

Preparing for Important Conversations

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
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SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



As young adults, my brothers and I would always groan when our mother insisted on talking about her end-of-life plans. She made sure we all had copies of her will and medical directive, and that we all knew who was getting which treasured family heirlooms.

She started those conversations when she was only in her 50s, and each of us would say: "Mom you're too young to talk about this. We can have these conversations later." She would agree, but still insisted that we all knew what to expect, probably because she had seen firsthand how a lack of planning can divide a family struggling with the death of a loved one. When she passed away, we were all devastated, but we were all very grateful that her foresight

allowed us to handle her affairs without conflict, and share our memories and grief together. She had made sure we had those important conversations, and we were grateful for her strength and guidance.

It is hard for families and loved ones to talk about plans for aging, but there are ways to make it easier. Knowing how to prepare for important, difficult conversations can be just as important as actually having them. Topics such as knowing when to give up car keys, needing assistance with daily activities of life, drafting important documents that will be legally binding or carrying out one's wishes are tough conversations and having some useful tips and where to go for assistance can be invaluable.

In October Senior Services of Alexandria and

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the Bar Association cosponsored 'Senior Law Day,' where attendees learned about the legal and financial tools everyone should have in place. This month's speaker series, cosponsored by Senior Services and ACT for Alexandria, will build upon the information shared at Senior Law Day as we discuss how to "Prepare for Important Conversations." There will be panelists from AARP, Merrill Lynch Elder Care and Synergy HomeCare to provide guidance on getting these conversations started and the outcomes you can expect. The event is taking place on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. It's free, open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. To register online, go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10.



BY STEVE ARTLEY/GAZETTE PACKET

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sports over Scholarship?

To the Editor:

Who wouldn't like to look around at their finances and find a loose \$545,000 floating around? The Alexandria School Board did recently and was delighted to spend it right away — not on children's education — but on tennis courts.

I am not sure the taxpayers of Alexandria should be so happy about this "lucky find." When originally proposed, the new tennis courts at T.C. Williams High School were priced at \$608,768. Then it was decided to add lights which increased the cost an additional \$220,000. Now there is an "oops" from responsible officials that they forgot to include in their estimate all kinds of "soft costs" (their term) that amount to another \$545,029. That brings the cost of the courts up to almost \$1.4

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OPINION

It's the Simple Things For Many Seniors

BY KATHARINE DIXON
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One of the best parts of my job is meeting so many interesting, nice people in our great city. In particular, I have the privilege of getting to know many seniors in our community who have seen and contributed so much. In fact recently, Rebuilding Together Alexandria teamed up with 60 Fannie Mae volunteers to make upgrades to Alexandria's Adult Day Services Center (ADSC), a program offering services to seniors who need assistance and who may not want or cannot stay at home alone during the day.

Based on feedback from center members and staff, volunteers constructed a much needed screened-in outdoor area; built garden beds that are wheelchair accessible; installed handrails in the facility; made exterior benches and wheelchair accessible picnic tables; and put in a wall to honor veterans as part of their efforts to spruce up the seniors' indoor and outdoor recre-

ation space. In all, the updates made the center safer as well as more inviting for the seniors served at the center.

We recently followed up with center members and staff to see how they liked the center makeover. Here's what several had to say:

Bernie is a veteran who loves a good laugh. He was in a war zone in Japan and Korea and feels blessed to have survived sniper attacks. Now he and his wife can no longer drive and are cared for by their daughters. He enjoys visiting (and eating at) the center twice a week. The veteran plaque was his favorite upgrade and means a lot to him. His face also lights up when discussing the renovated outside patio.

Mary is an independent 84-year-old widow and mother of five, who spends several days a week at the center. This former pilot and grandmother is an adventurer at heart. Although she doesn't fly anymore, she is still active and in fact is a 2014 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics gold medalist recipient. Mary noticed the center's "bright, comfortable" peach paint first. She's enjoying tending to the new raised flowerbeds,



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Volunteers construct a gazebo at the Adult Day Services Center.

which she waters daily, and likes reading in the screened gazebo.

The center staff also appreciated the changes. Jackie, the center director, especially likes the flower boxes at the entrance and the patio, and exclaimed: "Now there is a place for everybody." Darryl complemented our volunteers on their workmanship and with how clean they left the center.

Throughout the year, Rebuilding Together Alexandria works to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize the Alexan-

dria community by providing free repairs and modifications. Since ADSC is "home" to many seniors during the day, the project seemed fitting for our volunteers. The best part is that it gave us a chance to honor our elders by making their "home" away from home more inviting.

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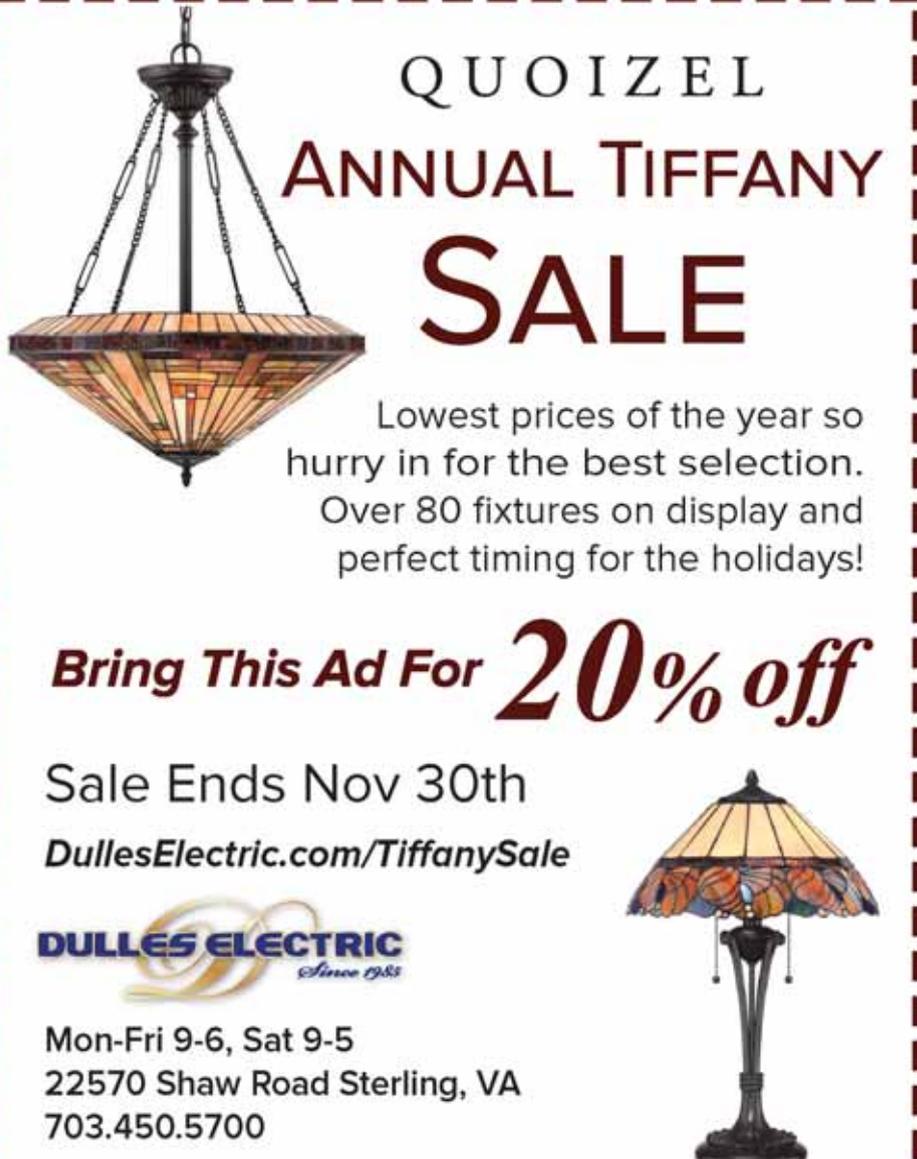
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Blame Local Governance for Police Secrecy

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW

COMMENTARY

Police shootings where civilians are killed (or wounded) are assumed to occur while protecting the public-at-large, as well as the officer(s) involved. When the public seeks to learn the circumstances of such shootings, police officials lock up the files and send out their spokesperson to say they can reveal nothing, forever.

Any killing is a terrible thing. Police killings are worse. Officials know they cannot escape being accused by someone of having done something wrong, so they assume a permanent defensive crouch. The easy way out is to say nothing and reveal nothing. While shortsighted, that practice and policy is understandable.

However, refusing to explain what happened erodes public trust in those sworn to “serve and protect.” It also obscures the fact that law enforcement officers in Northern Virginia are skilled professionals who, almost without exception, act properly in highly-charged circumstances. The many instances of police shootings over recent years prove beyond question that the police will not open their investigative files and their spokespersons will not tell the public what happened, until forced.

Local media, particularly this newspaper, and pockets of the citizenry loudly criticize the police for the blanket of secrecy. Yet, the ballet of evasion goes on year after year, shooting after shooting, killing after killing. Clearly, past criticism has failed. Perhaps, the reason is that all the harping has been misdirected.

Who do the police answer to? Who has the authority to order the police to change policies of secrecy into those of public disclosure?

The answer is the elected legislative body in each local jurisdiction, be it called City Council, County Board or Board of Supervisors. The situation of the City of Alexandria serves as exemplar for adjacent cities and counties. See extracts from the City Charter in the accompanying fact-box.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies to the city and to all the city’s public records. Basically, for citizens of the Commonwealth, “all public records shall be available for inspection and copying upon request,” the FOIA “shall be liberally construed” and any “exemption shall be narrowly construed.” There are numerous exemptions to that rule in the statute, but exercising

them must be specific. Each grouping of records excluded from disclosure is prefaced by this phrase, or words similar to it:

“The following records are excluded from the provisions of this chapter [the FOIA], but may be disclosed by the custodian, in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law.”

Regardless of whether records relating to police shootings are considered “personnel records” or “criminal records,” every pertinent section of the FOIA includes this discretionary power to release.

With all fundamental authority in Alexandria vested in the City Council, with the City Manager being subordinate to the council, and with the police chief being subordinate to both council and manager, public unveiling of records relating to police shootings requires only action by the council. Moreover, the council’s action can be designed not only to avoid conflict with the FOIA, but to further the purposes of that law.

For example, the council could take the following action, certainly in the form of an ordinance and possibly as a policy directive addressed to the city manager:

First, declare that the essential objectives of the FOIA are embraced and applicable to all city records, that the terms of the law are to be liberally construed and that the exclusions under the law are to be narrowly construed.

Second, declare that explicit statutory allowance for disclosure-by-discretion is to be exercised “liberally” and not “narrowly” whenever requested records fall within a group listed as excluded in the FOIA.

Third, require that all records responsive to a request concerning police shootings shall be placed before the city manager in duplicate, one set without

any redactions and the other set showing each redaction claimed to be necessary by the police chief, with the basis for each such claim presented in a separate memorandum.

Fourth, direct that the city manager shall decide and utter the final decision on the request for records in the appropriate format prescribed by the FOIA, but only after consulting the city attorney as to each claim for redaction and after applying the principles in “First” and “Second” above.

Journalists and the public should cease wasting time raking police departments and officials over the coals for hiding records related to police shootings, especially killings. Continued efforts in that direction will be as futile in the future as they have been in the past. The more promising tack is a direct and explicit demand for change handed to the local legislative body, be it council or board. Individual members of those bodies are elected. Candidates for office hope to gain office from the electorate. A member or candidate refusing to do

From the Alexandria City Charter

Sec. 2.01 General grant of powers.
“The city shall have and may exercise all powers... [conferred or not otherwise withheld] which in the opinion of the council are necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the city and the safety ... of its inhabitants....”

Sec. 3.04 Powers.
“All powers of the city as granted in chapter 2 of this charter and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the council”

“(d) Inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the city and make investigation as to municipal affairs.”

“(e) ... There are hereby created the departments of ... police ..., the heads of which shall be appointed by the city manager ... The council by ordinance may assign duties or functions to the ... departments ... created by this charter”

Sec. 3.17 Power of investigation.
“The council shall have the power to investigate any ... departments ... and any officer or employee of the city.”

Sec. 4.03 Powers of appointment and removal.
“The city manager shall appoint ... and remove ... the heads of all departments”

Sec. 4.04 Council and council members not to interfere in appointments or removals or direction of personnel.

“... Except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative services solely through the city manager, and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders either publicly or privately to any subordinate of the city manager”

Sec. 4.06 Directors of departments.
“There shall be a single executive head of each department who ... shall have direction and control of his department, subject to supervision of the city manager”

what voter-residents demand is at risk of he or she being denied the office held or sought. Politicians are responsive to the voices of the multitude — when the multitude is capable of voting.

Michael McMorrow is a freelance reporter for Connection newspapers including the Gazette Packet.

A New Chapter: Goodbyes Are Never Easy

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, RN,
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CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Since coming to Inova Alexandria Hospital as chief executive officer nearly 7 years ago, I have been privileged to lead our dedicated physicians, nurses, staff and volunteers in providing the best quality care to this community. I have also been very proud to call Alexandria my home. So it with bittersweet emotions that I announce I will soon bid you goodbye to start an exciting new chapter in my career as president and chief executive officer of the not-for-profit St. Luke’s Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis.

Saying goodbye is never easy. I have found many friends here and developed a deep connection to this community both personally and professionally. Yet, I leave here content with the knowledge

that Inova Alexandria Hospital will continue its journey to deliver exceptional care and meet the ever-changing needs of this community. It’s a journey I’m proud to have helped shape during my time here in partnership with our team and with the support of Alexandria community. Together, we accomplished much to optimize how we deliver care, improve patient outcomes and be a good neighbor, including:

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- ❖ Partnered with various community organizations, Alexandria City Public Schools and the City of Alexandria government to extend our outreach to those in need and

educate students for careers in healthcare.

Beneath these accomplishments lies tremendous hard work, collaboration and a commitment to serve others. I am forever grateful to my team for their partnership on this journey and for all that we have accomplished together.

I am also grateful to the Alexandria community for your support. Through the years, I have read your letters and emails, enjoyed meeting many of you at various events and appreciated your feedback. That dialogue served as a reality check to help us continually strive to serve you better, and I know that momentum will continue.

In parting, I wish you good health and look forward to hearing about the continued success of Inova Alexandria Hospital and this community. I’ll be following the hospital’s accomplishments and encourage you to do the same at inova.org.

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million and some estimates range as high as \$1.9 million when all the counting is done.

More than a half million dollars is a lot of money to make up, you say. Well, not in our school system. Folks there looked around and found \$385,223 that had been allocated in 2013 for an electrical switchgear replacement at one school. It wasn't needed after all. The switchgear had already been upgraded a couple years earlier — and no one knew! So the money — taxpayer money — had just been sitting for months waiting for another purpose, presumably tennis courts. With that boodle in the bag it did not take long for the system to be combed for other idle moneys and then combined to make up the perceived short-fall for the T.C. Williams project.

The entire process raises a number of serious questions: If the School Board had been told from the outset that the project would cost not \$660,000 but \$1.3 million and rising, would it have agreed to it? Why were the "soft costs" not considered from the outset? Why was the redundant \$385,223 not discovered months ago and returned to the city coffers? How many other "slush funds" may exist in the school system?

Other questions were raised by a member of the School Board, Justin Keating, during deliberations on the funds transfer. He suggested that many of our school children lack adequate classroom space. They are being forced to take instruction and tests in hallways and vacated school libraries. Moreover, a severe shortfall exists in the number of classroom projected to be needed in the next few years. The money should go there. Keating's objections fell on deaf ears and the board majority agreed to fund courts, not kids.

There has been further fallout from this episode. Andrea Feniak, the then ACPS Director of Planning, Design & Construction, who presented the figures to the board, was heard agreeing with Mr. Keating about where the excess funds should be spent. Within days she was gone from the job and the ACPS is advertising for a replacement. According to the school official to whom I spoke, she was not fired for speaking up but saw "a better opportunity elsewhere." Indeed.

The lack of transparency and reasonable governance that this situation exposes should be of concern to every man and woman in Alexandria who pays property

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taxes, as well as parents with children in our schools. It suggests that a thorough investigation may be needed, including scrutiny of those School Board members who consistently pick sports over scholarship in their decision-making.

Jack Sullivan
Alexandria

More Cost To Businesses

To the Editor:

The city continues to unearth new sources of revenue on the back of its citizens. Warning: should you be a small business with a proper business license of decades but a fantasy business name on your door in addition to the name on your license, watch out! Currently, the Department of Finance, Revenue Division, quoting one of its highly motivated employees, is now doing something innovative: "We have never checked whether all Old Town businesses have had proper licenses for names they have never done business as (dba)!" Meaning: the Finance Department is going from door to door to make sure that only your licensed name is on it, not some appealing designation

in addition. Delinquency notices are now slipped under your door, demanding not only a second license (\$10 at City Hall) just for your fantasy name but also requiring you to file property tax reports and sundry other forms with fees, fines and interest attached. Particular attention is given to \$30 phones recently acquired from RadioShack and 25-year old furniture inherited from shadows of the past. To be reported at market value: if you happen to have five old chairs perhaps selling for \$5 at Goodwill, you will be taxed 20 percent on \$25 on these chairs for their — and your! — life time. Prohibited: even a listing of the fantasy name on the building directory as it is considered "advertising." No matter whether you put it there or some other unknown building agent. The alternative to the above administrative and financial hassle: remove the fantasy name from your door and any other mention anywhere else.

Conclusion: just as with high density development and the dismantling of affordable housing to be replaced with new high property tax units — think Beaugard or Madison/Montgomery Streets — the trend to push the lower 90 percent out of the city in favor of the wealthy 10 percent continues.

Stay tuned as I expect retaliation for this "betrayal" of city policies! And feel free to contact me should you be scratching your head when finding such notices. For all those financial geniuses out there: please let us know the cost-benefit analysis of such penny-wise persecution. Assuming that City Department of Finance employees are paid proper wages with benefits, could it be negative?

Ursula Weide, PhD, JD
Alexandria

Actions Louder Than Words

To the Editor:

The Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is acting to improve safety across the city, with a recent focus in Old Town. Implementing city plans and policies will make Alexandria more

walkable and bikeable, but we recognize that the behavior of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians also contributes to how safe and comfortable it feels to walk, drive, and cycle, particularly in Old Town. BPAC encourages behavior that is respectful, predictable and lawful. The value of being predict

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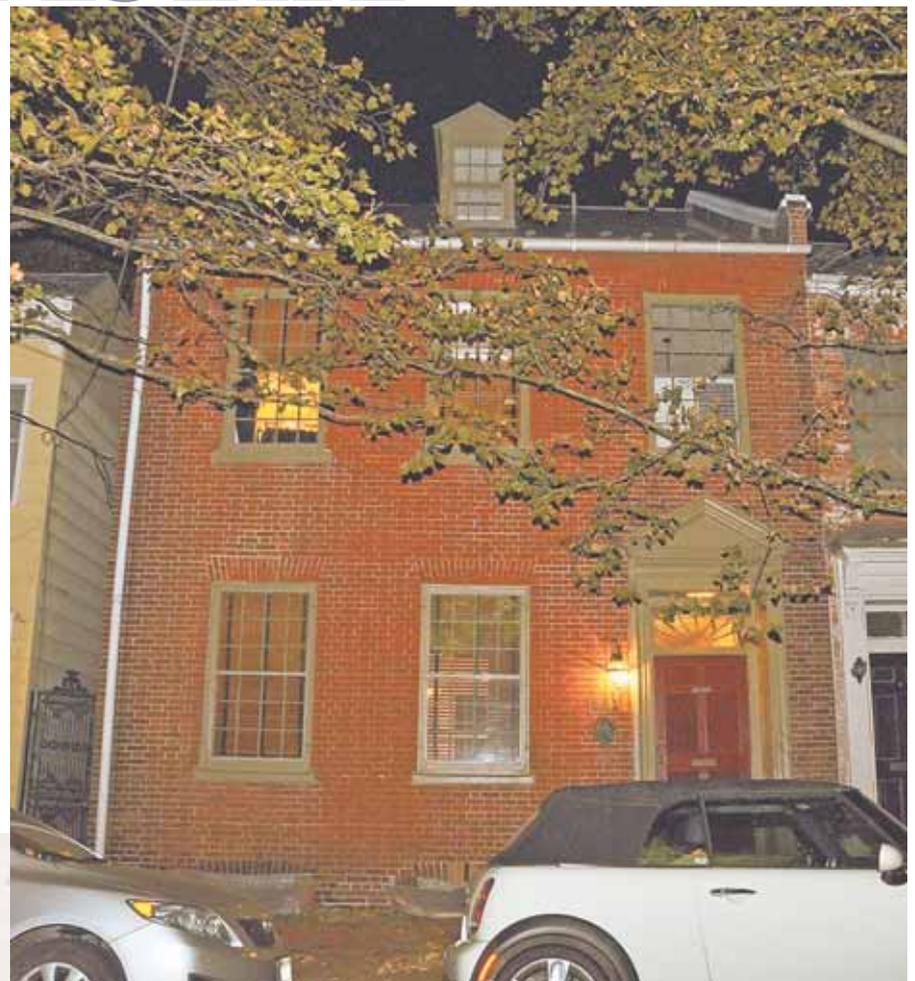
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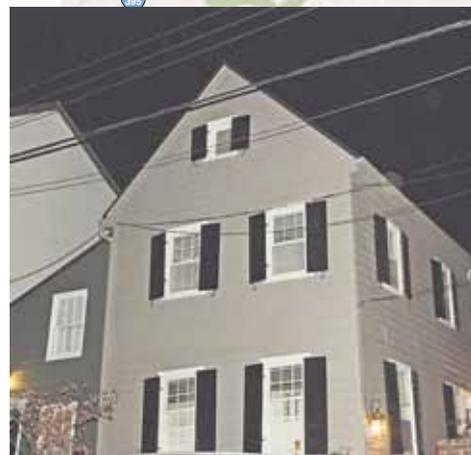
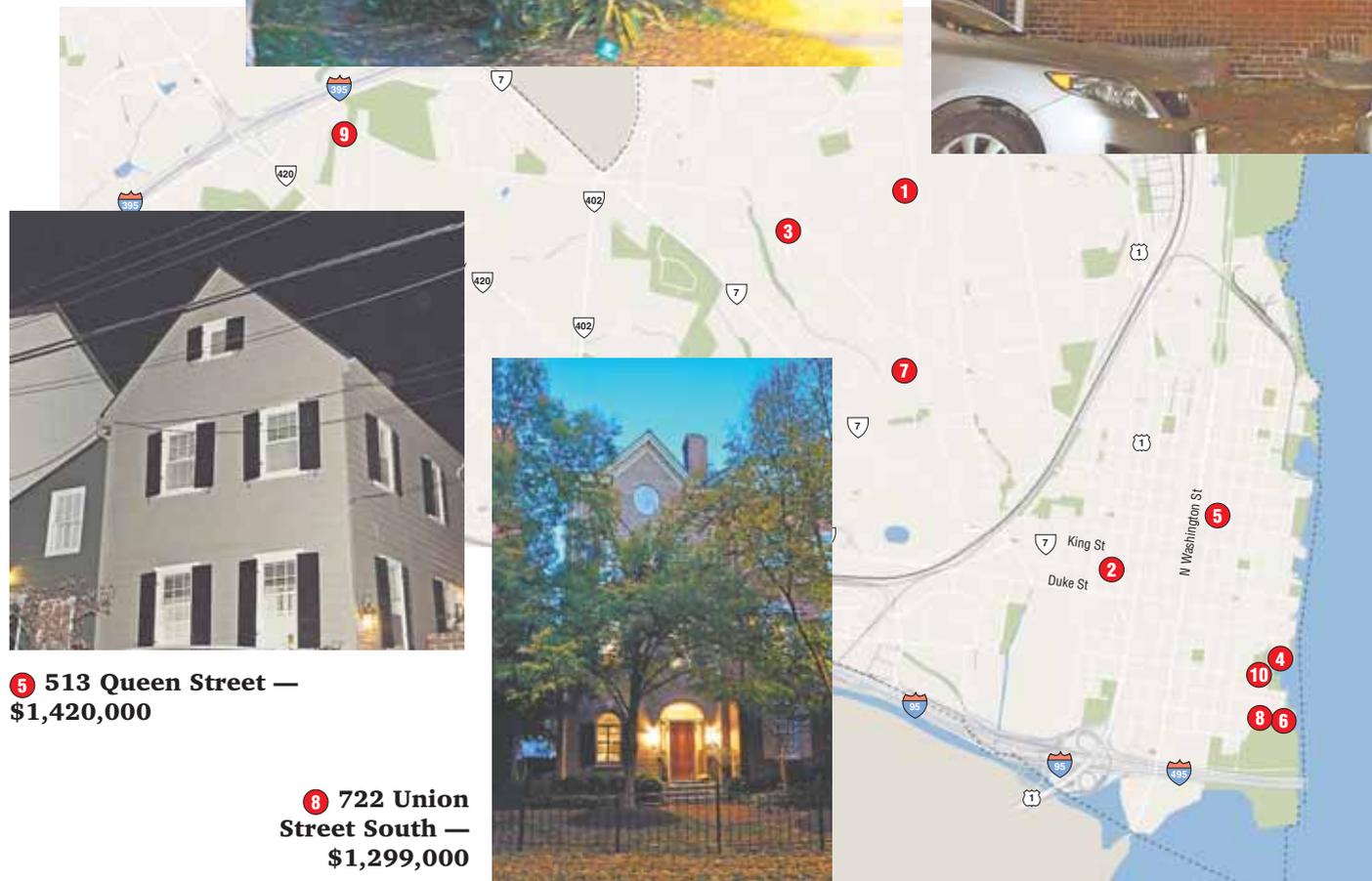
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Home LifeStyle

Design Book Features Local Tastemakers

Interior designers offer advice on creating an elegant home.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Fall not only brings vibrantly colored leaves and pumpkins, but it also ushers in a slew of new book releases. Among those is an interior design book featuring local designers.

Melissa Mather's "Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in their Own Words" is a collection of narratives from design experts who offer advice on creating a stylish home. It is filled with photographs of rooms that offer a variety of definitions of elegance, including modern, traditional and even preppy.

"We presented questions to a variety of skillful tastemakers, each with a discerning eye for style," said Mather. "Their answers are intended to help the reader discover their own personal style and create a home that is both elegant and comfortable. The designers share some of the insights they use while guiding their clients to the discovery of their own unique design style." Among the designers in the book are Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town, Alexandria, who describes how she begins her design projects.

"I always ask lifestyle questions early on in the design process to understand how my cli-

ents want to best use their space," said Sanchez. "For example, do you have a big family that requires 10 seats at the dining table? Do you host the weekly playgroup and therefore need open spaces and childproof fabrics? Write down your answers and you will quickly see what you need and what's important to you, and this will help you develop the right space."

Personal touches and do-it-yourself projects are great ways to showcase your tastes and sense of style," said Allie Mann of Arlington.

"Don't be afraid to use your space as a creative outlet," she said. "Do-it-yourself projects don't need to be super time-consuming or terribly sophisticated, either."

CREATE A MASTER PLAN before beginning a project is advice offered by Kai Tong, an architect at Hopkins & Porter in Potomac, Md. "It doesn't need to be implemented and finished immediately, but it will allow the clients to live in the space and observe how both the space and their vision and needs evolve," he said.

One of the first things to ask and consider is how the space is going to be used, said Ann O'Shields, an interior designer and owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.

"Will it be adults only in a formal setting or a space with children and pets?" she asks. "From there, I recommend identifying spaces or things in your current home that you enjoy. It's important to give your home personality and add elements that you enjoy."

"Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in the Own Words," can be found at bookstores and on Amazon.com.



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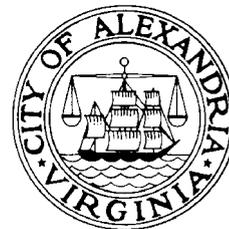
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For more information about the City's CSS, visit alexandriava.gov/Sewers.

For questions, contact Erin Bevis-Carver, P.E., Sanitary Section Lead, Transportation & Environmental Services at Erin.BevisCarver@alexandriava.gov.

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From left: Maria Pattison and Annlouise Conrad both as Fagin.

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ONGOING

Tavern Toddlers. Weekly open playtime continues every Monday throughout holiday season. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242

Post-photography: Beyond the Print. Through Nov. 30. Public reception Thursday Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m. In a new Target Gallery exhibition, 31 artists experiment with alternative applications of traditional photographic images through a variety of work in wood, glass, fabric, and other media. torpedofactory.org/event/post-photography/

The Rocky Horror Show. Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is \$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and

Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com for

more.
New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.
Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car

enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and

museums in Alexandria—a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern or call 703-746-4242.

Pottery Classes. 1-4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

Sewing Classes. Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers



The cast of West Potomac's "Little Shop of Horrors" includes, from left, Sarah Lore, Aubrey Blount, David Jarzen and Nikki Amico.

'Little Shop of Horrors' at West Potomac

The final performances of West Potomac High School's "Little Shop of Horrors" will run Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. All performances are at West Potomac High School in the Kogelman Theatre at 6500 Quander Road. The play is rated PG-13 due to the amount of violence. Tickets are either \$25 or \$12 and are available at the door or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/878971

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ENTERTAINMENT

and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/NOV 12-13

Playfest Arts Event. 3 p.m. The performances feature scenes from plays by female playwrights. The theme this year is Woman-Works. Playfest is a platform for the community to showcase their storytelling skills. The event will be held at various locations during the two days. All material is family friendly. theatreofpurpose@gmail.com or 202-352-4864

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Second Thursday Live. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meigs Hodge explores the delta and Chicago styles through the music of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Dance Performance. 8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Niche in the Hall is a site-specific performance that travels all three floors, cubbyholes, studios and alcoves in dialogue with the art and

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- ❖ **Nov. 3-16:** Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs
- ❖ **Nov. 17-30:** Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Branden Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media
- ❖ **Dec. 1-14:** Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudki, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic
- ❖ **Dec. 15-28:** Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilynn Spindler, paintings

architecture of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Jane Franklin Dance. 8 p.m. 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. For a donation, visitors can see an intimate dance performance, choreographed to respond and react to the art and architecture of the building. Proceeds from the evening benefit Jane Franklin Dance. www.janefranklin.com

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. David Bromberg Big Band with Honey Child. \$45. Visit www.davidbromberg.net or www.Birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14-SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Art Exhibit. Runs through Dec. 14. A Pilgrimage of Images, a mixed media exhibition by Heidi Christensen, will be on display at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 6699 Springfield Center Drive. The gallery will be

open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-845-6156 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 14-15

Oliver! The Musical. 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Dickens' classic, family-favorite 19th century tale follows Oliver's adventure through London's underworld of pickpockets and ruffians, to the truth about his past. \$12. www.mvct.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Brownies Letterboxer Badge. 10 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event will help Girl Scouts earn their next badge. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Fall Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Museum is offering a special book sale of African American themed items. Duplicates, remainders and books that do not meet the reading room's mission will be for sale. Call 703-746-4356 or visit

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Coffee and Tea Tasting. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the history, provenance, health benefits, and more of these flavorful brews. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

"Dare to Transcend." 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria. Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; duo Madalyn and Cicely Parnas, violin & cello, and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. \$5-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

Ornament Decorating at Friendship Firehouse. 1-4 p.m. Decorate and take home dough ornaments made in shapes inspired by firefighting. One ornament per person will be included in the museum's \$2 admission, and additional ornaments will be available for \$1 each. All ages. 703-746-4994 or www.friendshipfirehouse.net

SUNDAY/NOV. 16

Annual History Day. Noon-4 p.m. at Franconia Firehouse, 6300 Beulah St. Enjoy firehouse stories by former volunteers, museum displays and artifacts. Contact Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or sellcarl@aol.com for more.

Author Presentation. 2-5 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. Five authors will share their books in a question and answer session. Admission is \$15. Call 202-431-4634 or allenjoann@hotmail.com for more.

Heirloom Gastronomy. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jason Moore, of Whole Foods Market Old Town, will lead gastronomic tour of early American cookery. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This juried exhibition of work by the Botanical Arts Society of the National Capital Region features images of heirloom and heritage plants will be on display. Exhibition continues through Jan. 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Three Dog Night. \$69.50. Visit www.threedognight.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

US National 12K. Start time TBA at Oronoco Bay Park. Open to runners of all abilities, and families can enjoy a kid fun run, live entertainment and a beer garden. Registration for members is \$55 and \$50 for military members and police officers. Visit www.national12k.us for more.

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Children's Book Tour. 4-7 p.m. Banner's Hallmark, Bradlee Shopping Center, 3670 King St., Alexandria. "The Magical Tale of Santa Dust" is a popular holiday children's book that reignites children's belief in Santa Claus by providing them a fun, family activity to do with their loved ones Christmas Eve night. Author Patricia Cardello will be reading excerpts from her story, signing books and discussing how families can start their own Santa Dust traditions. www.themagicaltaleofsantadust.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

"Papyrus: the Plant that Changed the World." 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. John Gaudet discusses the history of papyrus and shows samples of papyrus paper and several models of the papyrus plant. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17-19

Live Music: John Hiatt. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with John Hiatt. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18

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of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery artists excel in holiday spirit. Show closes Jan. 8. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Retrosessionists Comedy Improv. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy an evening of improv comedy along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 21-22

Oliver! The Musical. 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Dickens' classic, family-favorite 19th century tale follows Oliver's adventure through London's underworld of pickpockets and ruffians, to the truth about his past. \$12. www.mvct.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Holiday Shop Returns. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The church will continue its 52 year tradition featuring an array of goods. Call 703-765-5950 or visit www.mvuc.org for more.

Annual Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 400 Green St. More than 60 of the region's most popular vendors specializing in arts, jewelry, ceramics, clothing and more will be present. Visit <http://bit.ly/1zGVTw1> for more.

Asian Style Miniature Dish Garden. 10 a.m.-noon. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring

Road. Design and create an Asian garden scene with figurines, stones and plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Garden Sprouts. 11 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about wild turkeys, their families, habits and amazing ways of survival. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Family Fun Turkey Hunt. 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a turkey-inspired decoration for your Thanksgiving table. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Ornament Decorating at Friendship Firehouse. 1-4 p.m. Decorate and take home dough ornaments made in shapes inspired by firefighting. One ornament per person will be included in the museum's \$2 admission, and additional ornaments will be available for \$1 each. All ages. 703-746-4994 or www.friendshipfirehouse.net

Thanksgiving Table Arrangement. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Break the cornucopia tradition and make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a fresh pumpkin. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Plant Discussion. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Eileen Malone of the Botanic Arts Society of the National Capital Region will discuss contemporary portraits of native plants, with suggestions on



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In a salute to veterans, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is waiving adoption fees for veterans through Nov. 14. "We can never thank our veterans enough for their service but we can match them with a forever friend and waive the adoption fees," said executive director Megan Webb. Bring proof of service membership (active or inactive) at the time of the adoption; all regular adoption procedures apply. 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Call 703--838--4774 or visit www.alexandrianimals.org.

how these plants may be used in mid-Atlantic gardens. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Period Inspired Banquet. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate an evening with retired President Jefferson, played by Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker. The evening will feature a period inspired banquet, English country dances, live music, dessert collation and a cash bar. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This chamber music recital will feature Stravinsky's Octet for Winds as well as other traditional and modern music for woodwinds and brass. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music

Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, Dawn Sears, Kenny Sears and Ranger Doug Green. \$59.50. Visit www.thetimejumpers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

DJ Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. With DJ Dabe Murphy. Music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and some contemporary surprises. \$6. 703-359-9882 or www.gottaswing.com

WEDNESDAY/NOV26-SUNDAY/DEC.28

Broadway Christmas Carol. Runs through Dec. 28 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Enjoy the show Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m. and

7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 4

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform. \$45.00. Visit www.peternoone.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

Live Music: Dar Williams. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dar Williams, honoring the 20th Anniversary of "The Honesty Room." \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.darwilliams.com.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade 983

A Soldier's Christmas at Carlyle House. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. The Christmas event will feature re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment, as well as costumed interpreters from historic Carlyle House who will highlight colonial life in Alexandria during the holidays at the time of the American Revolution. Visit carlylehouse.org for more.

Holiday Open House. 4-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. During the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Holiday Open

House, artists will keep their studios open late for visitors to find handmade gifts. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Boat Parade. 5:30 p.m. near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy the 15th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays for more.

Holiday on the Avenue. 6 p.m. at Del Ray Farmers Market at Mount Vernon and E. Oxford avenues. Discover the holiday spirit with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting and a special appearance by Santa Claus, who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. Convergence, 180 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Exciting holiday concert featuring the Alexandria and George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorales. Free. www.encorecreativity.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Nutcracker in a Nutshell, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Old Town Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria and Lorton will present their pint-sized, 30-minute version of the Nutcracker for younger audiences, along with a breakfast. Tickets are \$38 for children, 10 and younger, and \$48 for adults. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for tickets.

"Advent Cantata." 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. Presented by New Dominion Chorale, works by Benjamin Britten and Thomas

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.4mrrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

Beveridge. General admission \$30; \$25 seniors; \$5 students, children; \$20 groups of 10 or more. Free parking. Call Margaret Volpe at 703-442-9404, visit www.newdominion.org or email info@westernpresbyterian.org.

www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

Whiskey Store Tour 2014. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Featuring Tab Benoit with Tommy Castro and Samantha Fish. Tickets \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13-14

Historical Candlelight Tour. Saturday, 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, 3-6 p.m. at various locations in Old Town. This holiday event blends chocolate and history through special tastings, seasonal decorations, period music and tours highlighting

MONDAY/DEC. 8

A Peter White Christmas. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9-10

Live Music: Aaron Neville. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Christmas with Aaron Neville. \$59.50. Visit

www.historicalexandria.org for more.

Saturday/Dec. 13

Civil War Christmas. Noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visitors will meet a Civil War-era Santa at this family-fun holiday event exploring how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Visit apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/ for more.

Holiday Concert. 8 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Colonial Favorites. 2-4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Colonial English Handbell Ringers will return with their annual concert at the Lyceum, featuring a group of 12 performers. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Chocolate Class. 12:45 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn how chocolate goes from cocoa bean to beverage in the 18th century. Participants will participate in the process and taste a final product. Tickets are \$8 per child. Call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 19

Carbon Leaf. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.



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Burst Water Line Results in Flooding of 14 Homes

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ter, thinking one of the children might have left a faucet on. He was wandering through the basement, barefoot, when he realized in horror it was coming from the drain outside.

"He was trying to bale the water out of their house, and I just wanted him to get out of the sewer water," she said.

Brown and other residents said initial reports indicated that the water was from the burst pipeline and it wasn't until later that they were told the water could be hazardous.

"We're getting conflicting information; it's a Catch-22," said Brown. "You don't know who is right and who is wrong."

According to Craig Fifer, the City of Alexandria's director of communications and public information, the communications problem stemmed from the complicated domino effect that led to the flooding. While the sewage flooded the homes, the cause of the flood was the break of the Virginia American Water line. The responsibility for the cleanup was with the Virginia American Water Company. Additionally, Fifer says representatives from the City of Alexandria were on the scene to see that the infrastructure of the cleanup was properly handled.

"We are happy for folks to call the city," said Fifer, "we don't want it to seem as though we are just referring all of the questions to Virginia American Water, but our role is to operate the public infrastructure and that was not really at issue in this particular situation."

Samantha Villegas, a representative of



Local resident Albert Garner Jr. watches a SERVPRO contractor remove water-damaged debris.

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Virginia American Water, said the cast iron water line was likely installed in the 1950s. This particular segment was scheduled to be replaced in 2015, but following this incident the company is trying to move it as high up on their replacement list as possible.

"Pipes were on the list to replace in 2015," said Foster, "but the problem is happening right now, in 2014."

While residents are skeptical, Virginia American Water has pledged to make things right with the community.

"We are covering all damages that may have been caused," said Villegas. "We had a crew member on site who booked hotel rooms for about 20 people that day through Tuesday. Some are booked through the end of the week."

However, Brown says that offer did not extend to all of the affected residents.

"They did offer hotels, but only for those

who were sleeping on the lower levels of these homes," said Brown. For other residents living in their sewage-flooded homes, Brown said the advice from Virginia American Water was to keep the basement door closed.

Fifer said there was no specific health advice from the city for this situation, but that anyone who was exposed to sewer materials should wash immediately.

"The bottom line is: we suggest residents avoid exposure to sewage," said Fifer. "Any part of their home that is exposed to sewage should be cleaned appropriately."

Contractors hired by Virginia American Water's insurance company, Travelers Insurance, filled the street to do exactly that. White-uniformed staff from SERVPRO, a water and fire cleanup company, carried water-damaged drywall away from the affected homes. But even with dehumidifiers running for days, the stench of the open sewer that filled Brown's basement was still overpowering.

Brown's backyard was filled with furniture and soggy boxes of household goods. She pointed out her rugs and her brand new sofa in the pile, but said it was some of the smaller things items.

"Mementos, souvenirs ... I was keeping that calendar of the World Trade Center," said Brown. "Some of that stuff can't be replaced."

Foster pointed to the wood paneling stacked outside his mother's home, panels that had once formed the walls of the basement, all of which had been ripped out to get to the water-damaged drywall behind them. The utilities and furnishings in his



Guy Foster looks at the wood paneling from his mother's basement stacked against her home.

mother's home had all been removed; there was nothing left to indicate the room's original purposes.

"This was a laundry room, this was a bathroom, this was a closet, this was a storage room," said Foster. "Now it's all in shambles."

At one point, the basement had flooded to eight inches of sewer water. He read from a letter distributed by Virginia American Water's contractors: "The water is grossly contaminated; may contain pathogenic, toxogenic, and other harmful agents."

Brown and Foster lamented that Mayor Bill Euille and other members of city government did not visit the site or answer inquiries.

"The workers have on hazmat suits, why don't we?" said Brown. "We're sheep out in the wilderness with no protection."

Board Votes To Fund Increased Cost of Tennis Courts

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Williams' Minnie Howard Campus. According to Graf, the switch was replaced in 2009 but it was unreported. School Board staff has visited the location and verified that the switch was replaced in 2009. The rest of the funds were from projects that had been completed under-budget: two storm water management systems and making school bleachers compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to Dr. Alvin Crawley, Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools, the additional costs came from additional landscaping work, permitting inspections, and within project building contingency fees. The landscaping was requested by the nearby communities to decrease light and sounds from the courts.

"We're trying to be good neighbors," said School Board member Marc Williams. "I wasn't involved in the original estimating process, but my understanding was that this was not a requirement in the original estimate."

But for some members of the School Board, Crawley's explanation of the additional costs was not satisfactory.

"Lawyers and contingency allowances are standard in construction contracts so don't say they were unexpected costs," said

School Board member Patricia Hennig. "I am very tempted to say that we need to see a monthly report from facilities. What's the project? What was it budgeted as? What have you spent so far? What's left? What's your estimated finish date?"

The CIP Budget Transfer sparked outrage among some Alexandria citizens.

"How in heck do you just find \$358,000 lying around?" asked Jack Sullivan, a resident of the neighboring Seminary Hill neighborhood. "Are we going to find other little pots of money that they can tap into whenever they have a shortfall? It looks like sloppy work."

Graf didn't disagree that the underestimation of the budget reflected poorly on the management of the old board, but said this is part of the new School Board's efforts to rectify those past mistakes.

"Since we've taken office, we've stepped through these questions and these hoops and have tried to correct the questionable actions in the past," said Graf. "What you're seeing is up fixing the process, and these fixes sometimes take form in what you're seeing: budget transfers, better planning around projects, and better oversight of internal business practices."

During debate, the transfer was opposed by Hennig and fellow School Board mem-

ber Justin Keating.

"We budgeted them at \$828,000, the board approved that," said Keating. "This is not petty cash, the amount that we're under. That's a 60 percent increase. I have a problem with an extra \$540,000 for tennis courts with lights when we voted for \$828,000 to build and that turned out to be wrong."

Keating voiced concerns that the School Board was voting to pay for tennis courts when Maury Elementary school had classrooms without windows and students at Polk had to take tests in the hallways because there was no room in the classrooms. However, Crawley noted that those were not approved projects in the CIP. According to Graf, the funding going into the tennis courts would otherwise be put back into the school's emergency fund.

"We're not taking away from any other project," said Graf. "We're not robbing students of an optimal environment. This is our flagship high school; we need to make sure our students have the resources that students on other campuses do."

A motion was proposed by Keating to delay the vote on the budget transfer for another two weeks, but this was defeated. William Campbell, a member of the School Board, said that the delays on this issue have

already called the board's credibility into question for the community.

"Education is more than just being in the classroom," said Campbell. "I don't want to punish our kids and our community because we didn't budget enough money."

According to Crawley, T.C. Williams tennis players currently have to travel to Fairfax and other Northern Virginia schools to play tournaments. The students practice at the four courts next door at the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, but according to Graf those courts are in disrepair and, when the facility expands, the courts will be removed.

"The previous board had this on the CIP and had approved it over the years," said Graf. "It came to us and we're at the point where we need to execute on this. It's been delayed over the past few years and the community's been waiting for it."

The vote on the budget transfer was passed 7-2.

"Members of the community will line up in droves at our podium to tell us how to spend half a million dollars," Keating said to the board.

"That's a lot of money, we're about to do a budget transfer of more than half a million dollars on five day's public notice? That's not right."

T.C. Williams Volleyball Continues To Build

Titans finish runner-up in conference tourney, fall to Patriot in regionals.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Audrey Dervarics started to tear up while talking about her “amazing” senior season. Alexis Foreman, a junior, said the Titans need to continue listening to their coach to build on their progress.

Dervarics will have fond memories of her high school career, including a victory over Woodson in the Conference 7 tournament semifinals on Nov. 4. Foreman, arguably the Titans’ best player, will have more opportunities to litter Earl Lloyd Court with kills.

The 2014 season came to an end Monday, but the T.C. Williams volleyball team did its part to continue moving the program in a winning direction under head coach Michael Burch.

T.C. Williams lost to Patriot 3-2 (25-16, 24-26, 25-12, 14-25, 15-8) in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on Nov. 10 in Alexandria. It was just the Titans’ second regional match in the last five years, and it came four days after T.C. Williams reached the conference/district tournament final for the first time in program history.

“They just need to learn how to play in these tight matches,” Burch said after the loss to Patriot, “and learn how to win them.”

T.C. Williams defeated Woodson 3-1 in the Conference 7 tournament semifinals on Nov. 4, earning the Titans a trip to the championship game, where they fell short against



T.C. Williams senior Audrey Dervarics sets the ball against Patriot during the opening round of the regional tournament on Nov. 10.

South County. It was the first time T.C. Williams has finished conference runner-up.

The Titans also defeated Lake Braddock during the regular season, which Burch mentioned as a sign of progress.

When Burch arrived at T.C. Williams in 2010, he had standout Kate Whitmire to help carry the Titans to victory. Whitmire, now a 6-foot-1 outside hitter at James Madi-



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

From left: Junior outside hitter Alexis Foreman and freshman libero Elizabeth Bernstein are expected to help the Titans in the future, while senior outside hitter Areana Goodrum played in her final high school match.

son University, had 549 kills as a senior in 2012. Now, Burch said, the Titans are continuing to move in the right direction.

“When we first got here, we wanted to stabilize to the middle of the pack and we did that during the Kate Whitmire years,” Burch said. “Then they took a step forward. They know they can beat Lake Braddock. We beat Woodson in a phenomenal match. We finished second [in the conference]. Now that’s the expectation.”

Dervarics, TC’s senior setter, said the Titans have big things in front of them.

“It was a roller coaster,” Dervarics said of her senior season. “... I think the program is going to get a lot better.”

One reason for optimism is the play of Foreman, who tallied 18 kills in Monday’s loss to Patriot. Despite only standing 5 feet

3, the left-handed Foreman is a force at the net.

“This whole stretch, this last three weeks, we’ve gotten here because of [Foreman],” Burch said after the Patriot match. “She played well tonight. ... You can’t ask for anything more than [18 kills]. Just phenomenal. That’s what she’s been doing in all of our matches.”

Along with Foreman, sophomore setter Bella Miller, freshman middle blocker Emma Yowell, junior outside hitter Oona Davies and freshman libero Elizabeth Bernstein are among the players expected to help the Titans next season.

“We had to listen to Burch,” Foreman said about how the Titans improved this season. “He threw a lot of different stuff at us. We had to be flexible, we had to be coachable.”

T.C. Williams Harrier Girma Confident Headed to States

Senior finished region runner-up with top-20 time at Burke Lake.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Anteneh Girma made a name for himself at the 6A North region meet, turning in one of the 20 best times in Burke Lake history.

With a region runner-up finish under his belt and a confidence he can get the job done, the T.C. Williams senior enters Saturday’s state meet believing he can close the VHSL cross country season with an even more memorable performance.

Girma qualified for the state meet with a second-place finish at regionals, producing a time of 14 minutes, 50 seconds on Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park. Girma’s time ranks in the top 20 on the Burke Lake all-time list, and was a 16-second improvement from his fourth-place finish at the Conference 7 meet

just six days earlier.

“We felt that Anteneh was likely to advance to the state meet, he has been among the top performers in the region all season,” T.C. Williams head coach Michael Hughes wrote in an email. “His performance at the region [meet] was a bit of a surprise. He took a giant leap forward in the world of distance runners from Northern Virginia. His 14:50 put him in the top 20 all-time efforts on the Burke Lake course. Northern Virginia [harriers have] raced that same course for 40 years. His training has indicated that he was capable to run that time, [but] it still takes a breakthrough to meet the challenge.”

How did Girma shave 16 seconds off his conference time of 15:06?

“I feel like I performed to the best of my ability and that is what I wanted to do, because I knew it would be my last Burke Lake race,” Girma wrote. “I knew I was going to run faster because in the conference race there were things that were holding me back, like wearing track shoes for a cross country race, which were painful to run in.”

At the conference meet, Girma placed

fourth behind a trio of Lake Braddock harriers. At regionals, Lake Braddock senior Alex Corbett was the only runner to finish faster than Girma, beating the Titan harrier by nine seconds.

“While Anteneh has displayed his ability to us, he needed to do it on the course,” Hughes wrote. “Once he ran well at the Patriot Conference [meet] in October, he knew that he could race with the best in the state.”

Girma, a four-year Titan harrier, returns to the state meet after finishing 22nd last year at Great Meadow with a time of 16:05.

“Anteneh is a very quiet person,” Hughes



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T.C. Williams senior Anteneh Girma finished runner-up at the 6A North region meet.

wrote. “Most of our coaching is to try to get him to believe that he is as good as he is. Any athlete needs to have self-confidence so once they taste success, then you can do so much more with them. Anteneh is doing workouts now that he did not believe he could do a year ago.”

The 6A boys’ state championship race is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Great Meadow. Girma said he believes he can take home the title.

“I feel better than I have ever felt and I know I am capable of winning states,” Girma wrote. “The only goal I have is to be a state champion.”

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able and lawful should be self-evident and these are common themes in transportation safety education. Being respectful is no less important.

Drivers and cyclists demonstrate respect for pedestrians when they stop, not only at stop signs, but at other pedestrian crossings when pedestrians are waiting to cross the street. Cyclists show respect for pedestrians by avoiding sidewalks where there are safe alternatives.

Where the sidewalk is the only safe option (and where it isn't prohibited) cyclists should yield to pedestrians. For me, that means stopping and stepping aside well in advance of an oncoming pedestrian, and leaving them a wide berth when overtaking. It is not just a matter of avoiding the pedestrian, but clearly yielding, and in sufficient time so the pedestrian knows what the cyclist will do.

What is BPAC doing to encourage more respectful, predictable and lawful behavior? In September, BPAC launched a two-day education outreach campaign aimed at cyclists entering Old Town from the north and south along the Mount Vernon Trail. We set up information booths and talked to cyclists about safety, and respectful, predictable, lawful behavior.

Each Thursday in October "Bike Ambassadors" from the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and local volunteers from BPAC and Alexandria Spokeswomen used signs and smiles to encourage respectful and lawful behavior along Union Street



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Each Thursday in October "Bike Ambassadors" from the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and local volunteers from the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Alexandria Spokeswomen used signs and smiles to encourage respectful and lawful behavior in Old Town.

in Old Town. Drivers and cyclists alike seemed to get the message. BPAC plans to continue these events.

BPAC has also encouraged enforcement by Alexandria's Police Department (APD). Understanding APD resource limitations and their other priorities, BPAC's efforts are intended to compliment APD enforcement efforts. Together, we are starting to have an impact, judging by anecdotal reports from residents and the APD. Please help by being respectful, predictable and lawful, whether you are driving, cycling, or walking.

Jim Durham

Chair, Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Protect Proffers

To the Editor,

On Nov. 15, Alexandria's City Council will consider a development application for 100 S. Pickett Street where a bowling alley is currently located. Steve Bannister, the developer, first presented the design concept at the December 2012 Holmes Run Park Committee (HRPC) meeting.

While market forces have morphed the original plans from apartments to townhomes, Mr. Bannister's commitment to quality, energy efficiency, and environmental considerations have remained the same. For example, there are pedestrian connections with adjacent commercial and residential neighbors and the site will have a "green" stormwater runoff design that helps the city meet new Chesapeake Bay standards. What's not to like?

Mr. Bannister is an avid cyclist. The HRPC asked two years ago if he would consider making a donation toward Capital Bikeshare ("CaBi") expansion to the West End. The request was born from the long-standing desire by residents to make the West End into a pedestrian and bicycle friendly place to live — a vision included in city plans. Mr. Bannister enthusiastically agreed and reiterated that commitment during an October 2014 HRPC meeting: yes, he would make a donation to CaBi with the desire that a future CaBi station would be located near 100 S Pickett so future home owners there would benefit from the program.

The HPRC and many other West End residents are committed to the Eco City vision of multimodal options and to a walkable and bikeable community.

We anticipate more safe options being available as early as 2018, with the West End Transitway. CaBi will be an important "first/last mile" connection to Transitway bus stops. West End residents (and businesses) eagerly welcome CaBi as an integral component of our multi-modal options.

I sincerely hope City Council will find a way to protect dedicated developer proffers, such as Mr. Bannister's donation toward CaBi's West

End expansion. In doing so, City Council will encourage developers and citizens to continue to work together to meet shared goals. It takes a lot of citizen work to examine, discuss, and contribute to strong development plans. The HRPC looks forward to seeing the results of those efforts honored by a city process that ensures those plans are implemented.

Elizabeth Wright

Chair, Holmes Run Park Committee

First Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

Virginians can rightly claim our forebears first celebrated and established the custom of celebrating Thanksgiving on these shores. Let's remember and teach our children about the 1619 Thanksgiving celebration at Berkeley Hundred, Va. It was the first
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Thanksgiving the English colonists celebrated which was intended to be observed annually, despite the many textbooks that mistakenly give the Pilgrims' 1621 celebration at Plymouth, Mass. that honor. Also, Alexandria's own George Washington was the first President to set aside a special day for the nation to offer Thanksgiving to God.

On Dec. 4, 1619, when the *Margaret*, sailing from Bristol, England, reached her destination 20 miles upstream from Jamestown at Berkeley Hundred, now Berkeley Plantation, Captain John Woodliffe opened the sealed orders given him in London. They directed that the first act of those 38 settlers and eight crewmen should be to have a religious service of thanksgiving to God for their safe arrival, and the settlers and crew did so. Indians, curious about the newcomers and familiar with the settlers and religious services at Jamestown, probably watched. Woodliffe's orders also provided that the day of the ship's arrival was to be "yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God." The voyagers then enjoyed eating fresh food!

In 1622 in a surprise attack, Indians massacred almost everyone at the Berkeley settlement. Thus the custom of thanksgiving was observed there for only a few years. After that tragedy the area was abandoned, and the Jamestown settlers did not feel like celebrating. Many years later colonists returned to the site, and the Harrison family built a beautiful home there, Berkeley Plantation. Benjamin Harrison IV signed the Declaration of Independence. His grandson, William Henry Harrison, was elected President; Benjamin Harrison, his grandson, also was elected President. Both wrote their Inaugural Addresses at Berkeley. Today Berkeley is open to the public. A marker on the James River shore indicates the site where the 1619 Thanksgiving was held, and there is an annual historical reenactment of the first thanksgiving there.

For those who might have forgotten, the Pilgrims did not land on the rocky coast up north until December 1620. They had intended to come to Virginia, but were blown off course by heavy winds. They starved for the first year, so were most grateful for their bountiful harvest in 1621. According to the Pilgrim Hall website, "In ... 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest, as was the English custom.... (It was a social occasion, a festival of food.) The Pilgrims did not call this harvest festival a "Thanksgiving," although they did give thanks to God. For them, a Day of Thanksgiving was purely religious. Their first recorded religious Day of Thanksgiving was held in 1623 in response to a providential rainfall."

Virginians have another tie to our modern Thanksgiving celebration. Alexandria's famous son George Washington issued his first Presidential proclamation on Oct. 3, 1789, by calling for day of public thanksgiving, fasting (not feasting) and prayer on Thursday, Nov. 26, for the many blessings God had bestowed on our country, asking pardon for our national transgressions, and seeking His aid in our future endeavors. Later presidents and governors continued this tradition of setting aside a day for thanksgiving.

It is appropriate for us, like our predecessors, to celebrate with attendance at a thanksgiving service to God as well as feasting and fun with family and friends. We Virginians are proud to tell our story and claim our heritage as the first English-speaking people to observe a thanksgiving for our blessings which was intended to be done annually.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

More than Monitor

To the Editor:

At the behest of its citizens, Alexandria decided to appoint an "Ad-Hoc Monitoring Group for Waterfront Construction." However, the name of that committee has the term "monitoring" imbedded into its title. That in itself paints the process wrongly, as it infers that the real decisions have already been made, and the group merely keeps up with the daily status of construction projects. If this is the case, the group should be called "the Waterfront Construction implementation Task Force." Regardless, some entity needs to adhere to a number of strict guidelines before any demolition or construction begins at any of the four development sites along the waterfront.

First of all, the developments should not be done simultaneously. A time sequenced waterfront development plan must be created for the next five plus years, otherwise, gridlock and chaos will ensue in the Old and Historic District. Businesses will undoubtedly suffer under these conditions.

Next, a necessary part of the demolition process is the removal of asbestos and contaminated soils from many of the old buildings. Barges should be used for this purpose, and for the removal of other rubbish from the demolished buildings. The use of barges would eliminate the need for a multitude of construction trucks hauling loads of debris from the Old and Historic District. Barges can also deliver construction materials to the various construction sites.

Thirdly, during the demolition and construction phase, workers must park their vehicles outside of the Old and Historic District, or take public transportation. If not, parking will be scarce for those who live, work or shop in Old Town.

Fourth, strict guidelines must be established so that only one development at a time will be allowed to pile drive. Seismic monitors need to be installed on all of the residential and commercial properties east of Fairfax Street during the entire waterfront construction process.

Lastly, addressing noise pollution will be paramount, as we don't need to replicate the noise generated by the endless pounding of piles that we had during the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction.

As evidenced by the topics referenced above, monitoring these developments is insufficient. Strict construction guidelines must be laid down by the group, and then overseen by the group for compliance. No demolition should begin until the group is completely assembled, and the guidelines for demolition and construction have been specifically delineated. Otherwise, chaos and cacophony will be sure to follow

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Joyce S. Lepper - 3/16/16 - 11/2/14

Joyce Mae Sullivan Lepper, born March 16, 1916, died peacefully at age 98 in her hometown of Alexandria, Virginia. Born to Roger Christopher Sullivan, City Treasurer of Alexandria for 54 years, and Elsie Davis Sullivan, she grew up in old town Alexandria until leaving for college at Randolph Macon College for Women (now Randolph College), where she graduated in 1937. The first college graduate in her family, she worked as a medical technician and a laboratory manager for several Alexandria physicians, before taking a comparable position as a med tech at George Washington University.

One of her duties involved instruction of GW medical students in laboratory procedures, and it was in this position that she met, and later married, Mark H. Lepper, M. D., of Silver Spring, Maryland on June 7, 1941. They remained happily married for more than 52 years until his death in 1994. She also taught phlebotomy to nurses and doctors in the area, including some at Goodwin House shortly after it opened.

Shortly after her husband's return from World War II, the family - which by now included one son, Mark R. Lepper, and one daughter, Joyce H. Lynne - moved first to Chicago, and later to Hinsdale, a western suburb of that city. During the next 35 years, once the children were in school, Joyce became an avid volunteer in several major Chicago hospitals, putting in more than 25,000 hours of service.

Eventually she helped to open and operate a non-profit medical bookstore at Rush Medical College. In her off hours, she also enjoyed participation in numerous bridge clubs and continued involvement in the AAUW and the League of Women Voters, as well as attending Chicago's Lyric Opera, and tending her own well-manicured garden. She was also a frequent and always gracious hostess for all sorts of events. In addition, she and her husband greatly enjoyed cruises and visited most of the countries in Western Europe, the Caribbean Islands, and the northern portions of South America.

After her husband's retirement, the couple moved to Bethany Beach, Delaware, into an ocean-front condominium that she loved. In 1987, they moved to Goodwin House (now GH, Alexandria). At Goodwin House, Joyce continued her extensive volunteer work and maintained an active social life. She served, sometimes multiple turns, as chair of the welcoming, the marketing and the flowers committees, and in the gift shop. She was also a longtime member, and Secretary, of the Residents' Council. With her good friend, Helen Fairfax, she opened and operated Market Place, a second-hand shop whose profits have gone to the Goodwin House Foundation for many years and in 2001, she was voted GH Volunteer of the Year.

Throughout her life, she remained smart, cheerful, highly social, and ever feisty. She is survived by her son Mark and daughter-in-law, Jeanne Lepper, of Palo Alto, CA, and her daughter Joyce of Arlington Heights, IL; two grandsons and their wives, Geoffrey W. Lepper (Leslie Stephens) of San Francisco, CA, and Christopher M. Lynne (Paula Lynne) of Phoenix, AZ; and four beautiful great-granddaughters, Abigail, Kylie, and Jessica Lynne, and Zoë Lepper.

A memorial service was Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311, with a reception followed. Graveside ceremonies will be private.

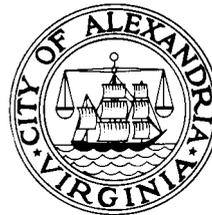
Donations may be made to Goodwin House Foundation.

Obituary



Betty Louise Maize Vincent

Mrs. Betty L. Vincent, born February 14, 1920, of Alexandria, VA passed away of natural causes on October 21, 2014 at the age of 94. Betty is survived by her three daughters, Glenna Scott of Lantana, FL, Maggie Clower of Fishersville, VA and Lindsey Bender, of Alexandria, VA. Betty is survived by five of her six grandchildren (Tim Hodgens of Wailuka, Maui, Hawaii, Kim Clower of Phoenix, AZ, Randy Clower of Lancaster, NY, Elise Bender of Alexandria, and Chelsea Bender of Gaithersburg, MD). Betty is preceded in death by her second grandchild, Kathy Hodgens of Lantana FL. Betty has five great grandchildren. Betty grew up in California, PA and attended the California College (now California University) to earn a BA in early childhood education. Betty lost her first husband, Glenn Bower, during an attack on a transport ship in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II. They had one daughter Glenna. Betty married Caleb Randolph Davis Vincent of Alexandria in 1947. Betty was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and grandmother. As an Army wife, she lived and worked in many interesting places and teaching in some of the elementary schools where they lived, (Sharpe General Army Depot, Stockton, CA, Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA, Baumholder, Germany, Ft. Bragg, NC, Potsdam, NY, Alexandria, VA, Panama Canal Zone, Charleston, SC, Bangkok, Thailand). Betty and Randy were active members of their neighborhood and were the founders of the George Washington River Farm Marching Band and Social Society. This marching band was formed in 1976 for the Bicentennial celebration of our nation's founding and so our neighborhood would have a marching band for the annual parade. Betty's husband would write comic plays, built a stage in the basement and they put on dinner theater with the neighbors in the 1970s. Betty worked for a travel agency in Old Town in the 1980s. Betty was involved in the alter guild at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, a member of the Stratford Women's Club, TROA (The Retired Officers Association), and the alumni association of the California University, PA. Betty was generous, cheerful and liked to go out. She was nicknamed, "Grammy Go-Go". Arrangements are under the direction of Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA.



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-603 (Special Use) of Section 4-600 (CD-X/Commercial Downtown Zone [Old Town North]), Sections 4-702.1 (Administrative Uses) and 4-703 (Special Uses) of Section 4-700 (CR/Commercial Regional Zone) and Section 4-1403.1 (Administrative Uses) of Section 4-1400 (NR/Neighborhood Retail Zone [Arlandria]) all of Article IV (Commercial, Office, and Industrial Zones); Section 5-404 (Regulations for Single-Family, Two-Family and Townhouse Development) of Section 5-400 (CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use [Old Town North] Zone) and Section 5-505 (Density and Lot Requirements) of Section 5-500 (W-1/Waterfront Mixed Use Zone) both of Article V (Mixed Use Zones); Section 6-702 (Uses) of Section 6-700 (KR/King Street Urban Retail Zone) of Article VI (Special and Overlay Zones); Section 7-202 (Permitted Obstructions) of Section 7-200 (Permitted Structures in Required Yards) of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations); Section 8-200 (General Parking Regulations) of Article VII (Off-Street Parking and Loading); and Section 11-704 (Application of TMP Program to Development; Required Participation) of Section 11-700 (Transportation Management Special Use Permits) and Section 11-1004 (Powers and Duties) of Section 11-1000 (Board of Zoning Appeals) both of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the Text Amendment to address certain technical corrections in the Zoning Ordinance heretofore approved by City Council on October 14, 2014 as Text Amendment No. 2014-0006.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2014-0006 to make technical corrections to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to the Old Town Small Area Plan Chapter of such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0007 to amend Map 25 of such chapter to change the land use designation for the property located at 329 North Washington Street from RM-Residential Medium to CD-Commercial Downtown with proffer and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0007 to amend Map 25 of such chapter to change the land use designation for the property located at 329 North Washington Street from RM-Residential Medium to CD-Commercial Downtown with proffer and no other amendments, approved by the City Council on October 18, 2014.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.04 of

the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 329 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia from RM/Townhouse Zone to CD/Commercial Downtown with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by City Council on October 18, 2014 as Rezoning No. 2014-0005.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0005 to rezone the property at 329 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA from, RM/Townhouse Zone to CD/Commercial Downtown with proffer in accordance with the zoning map amendment approved by City Council on October 18, 2014 as Rezoning No. 2014-0005.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article U (Alexandria Transportation Commission), Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions), of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance adds two additional citizen members to the Transportation Commission, bringing the total membership to eleven.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 220 South Union Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroachment for a canopy over the entrance door at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the hotel to be located at 220 South Union Street to construct an entrance canopy that partially encroaches onto the adjacent sidewalk area. City Council approved the encroachment on January 25, 2014 as part of the CARR Waterfront Hotel Development Special Use Permit approval.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-15-18 (Expiration) of Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended to extend the Food Truck Pilot Program for an additional two months.

PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Alexandria is proposing a number of revisions to its Charter for the 2015 General Assembly Session. The purpose of these changes is to revise parts of the Charter that are outdated (e.g., there are references to the 1902 Virginia Constitution, which was replaced by the 1971 Constitution), and make other changes to more accurately reflect current City practices (such as preparation of the budget by the Office of the Management and Budget - not the Department of Finance). This public hearing also includes recommendations from City Council's Legislative Subcommittee which recommends that the City adopt the specific positions for its 2015 Legislative Package.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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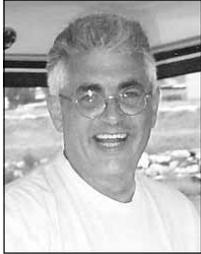
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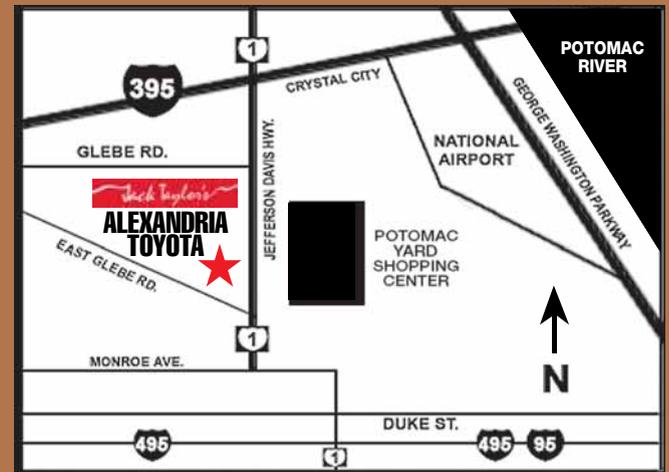
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