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Irish Festival

Pat Troy welcomes Marianna Hornak, a young dancer from the Celtic Rhythm School of Dance at the Ballyshaners' Irish Festival on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Waterfront Park. More photos, page 4.

Waterfront Politics

Opponents have one victory and supporters have one victory as election season heats up.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For those keeping score in the ongoing war over the Alexandria waterfront, opponents have scored one major victory and supporters have scored one major victory. Another skirmish ended in a draw. That leaves the debate about the future of the waterfront at the center of Alexandria's politics just as campaign season heats up.

"I don't think you just stop progress by just stopping everything and waiting," said Mayor Bill Euille, one of the chief supporters of the plan who is currently seeking reelection. "And so my position right now is to continue to move forward."

That includes hearing a proposal by Carr Hospitality, which is seeking to use the new plan to build a

hotel at the intersection of Duke Street and The Strand. On the campaign trail, the waterfront plan and the Carr proposal have become a major point of contention between Euille and his opponent, former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald. For more than a year, Macdonald had been leading the fight against the waterfront plan and is now ready to take the issue to voters in November.

"I think the mayor and I strongly disagree on what is meant by progress in Alexandria from a big

picture point of view, whether it be on the West End or Potomac Yard or on the waterfront," said Macdonald. "This plan hasn't received enough of the approval of the community, so it's not progress in that sense."

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— Mayor Bill Euille

A Three-Way Race

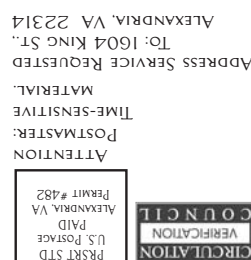
Voters will have a variety of options for Sept. 4 special election.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Voters in the special election for the House of Delegates have a variety of choices, offering candidates on the left and the right and somewhere in be-

tween. Last week, Libertarian candidate Justin Malkin threw his hat into the ring, opening up the field of candidates to allow for a wide variety of options for voters. To underscore this point, Malkin spent his first week attending an Alex

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Seven Stung

Seven Alexandria businesses got stung last weekend during a regularly scheduled crackdown on businesses that sell alcohol to minors. Violators include three separate 7-11 stores, a Harris Teeter, a Rite Aid, Mercado American Latino Market and Main Street Market in Cameron Station.

The sting happened last Friday, when police officials sent out a handful of confidential informants out into about two dozen businesses. The deputized volunteers, who were between the ages of 18 and 21, tried to purchase alcoholic beverages. If asked to produce identification, the informants were instructed to produce their legal identification.

"We want to make sure these businesses know it's their duty to comply with the law," said **Chris Wemple**, commander of special services. "It's also a good opportunity to remind all businesses that they need to train all their employees to prevent the underage sale of alcohol."

If an illegal sale happened, officers entered the business and placed appropriate charges on the seller. Penalties can range from \$2,000 to a year in jail.

Taxes on the Go

The **Grim Reaper** might not be coming for you this week, but the taxman is.

This week, city officials mailed out personal property tax bills for every vehicle in the city. The payments, which are due by Oct. 5, can be made in person at City Hall or online. Late payments will be penalized with a fee — 10 percent of the tax due or \$10, whichever is greater. Interest accrues at an annual rate of 10 percent for the first year and 5 percent for each additional year.

Alexandria's vehicle tax rate is \$4.75 for every \$100 of assessed value. The city calculates the value of vehicles by using trade-in value, which is 86 percent of the National Automotive Dealers Association retail value. That adds up to about \$40.3 million in revenues for the city.

Vehicle owners who don't receive personal property tax bill by Sept. 15 should call the city's Treasury Division — or face the dreaded boot.

Business owners are also on the hook. This week, city officials sent out personal property tax bills to all businesses that have been operation this year. Those bills are calculated by compiling information about vehicles, machinery, computers and furniture. This year, the city expects to take in about \$16.3 million, a decline from 2011 when the city took in \$16.9 million.

Written in Silver

Was **Robert Louis Stevenson**'s most famous literacy character **Long John Silver** based on an Alexandria silversmith? That's the question at the heart of a new book by author **Robert Prather** titled "From History to Myth and Back Again: The Strange Case of the Swift Silver Mine Legend."

"It's research that nobody has done before," said City Archaeologist **Pam Cressey**. "And it's a fascinating story."

Lurid tales have been told and retold about his fabulously wealthy silver mine, enticing an untold number of speculators to search for the infamous lost treasure. The legend of Swift's lost treasure has endured through the ages, although historians have questioned how much of the story is based in fact and how much of the story might be propaganda.

Now, Prather says he has the answer — and he's ready to reveal it in a Sept. 4 lecture sponsored by the Torpedo Factory at the Morrison House.

"People always say so much has been written about Alexandria history that we already know everything there is to know," said Cressey. "I think this shows us that there's a lot more out there that we still don't know."

Long John Silver is one of the chief characters in the classic 1883 novel "Treasure Island," a coming-of-age story that is often assigned to grade-school children. Now that story may have an added local dimension, with Alexandria playing a key role in the legend that launched the famous novel.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Community Lodgings Executive Director Bonnie Baxley, center, receives a check for \$30,000 from store manager William Hunsucker on behalf of the Walmart Foundation. The funds will be used to support after school programs for homeless and low-income middle and high school students. Along with program participants, Baxley is joined by board members Marty DeVine, Helen Lewis, Barry Roman and George Tuttle.

\$30,000 to Community Lodgings

Walmart funds after-school programs for teens.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

No sooner had Community Lodgings Executive Director Bonnie Baxley been presented a check for \$30,000 from Walmart store manager William Hunsucker, she asked for more.

"Do you have any tents?" she queried as those gathered Aug. 8 at the Community Lodgings Fifer Family Learning Center laughed. "We just found out that we need one more tent for an upcoming event and everyone knows I'm not shy about letting people know what we need."

Baxley, along with several board members and participants in the nonprofit's youth programs, gathered as Hunsucker, manager of the Kings Crossing Walmart at 6303 Richmond Highway, presented the check to Community Lodgings on behalf of the Walmart Foundation's Virginia State Giving Program.

"We are a company that operates globally but gives back locally," Hunsucker said.

The funds will be used to support the after-school programs of Community Lodgings for homeless and low-income middle and high school students.

"Participation in our high school programs had dropped," Baxley said. "But after getting our funding in April, we have gone from six to 16 participants and expect that to expand once our new fall and winter programs begin."

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington also recently donated \$25,000 to support the high school afterschool program at Community Lodgings, a nonprofit dedicated to lifting families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency.

The organization provides housing and services for 25 homeless families per year and works with over 90 homeless and low-income children and their parents at the Fifer Family Learning Center.

"The purpose of the high school program is to get kids off the streets, increase their academic achievement and decrease at-risk behavior," Baxley said. "This generous donation from Walmart will allow us to help so many young teens in our community get the head start they need for a better future."

For more information on Community Lodgings, visit www.communitylodgings.org.

Donate School Supplies at Four Drop-Off Sites

Alexandria City Public Schools is collecting school supplies for children in grades K-12. Visit <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/back-to-school/> to see the complete lists of needed supplies.

The drop-off locations and times are:

- ❖ T.C. Williams High School, Family and Community Engagement Center, 3330 King St., Monday to Friday, now through Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ❖ Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Tech-

nology, 600 Commonwealth Ave., Monday to Friday, now through Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ❖ John Adams Elementary School, 5651 Rayburn Ave., Monday to Friday, now through Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ❖ Community Lodgings, 607 Notabene Dr., Monday to Friday, now through Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Supplies will be distributed to families at the ACPS Get Engaged Back-to-School Family Night on Aug. 29.



Kelly Riley, a student at the Boyle School of Irish Dance, performs.



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Bella Miner applauds as the Irish dancers conclude their performance.



Bobby Mahoney sells raffles tickets for a trip for two to Ireland.



Mary Style and Maura Blanchfield join the others onstage for a dance.

Ballyshaners' Irish Festival

The Ballyshaners hosted their annual Irish Festival on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Waterfront Park. Music and dance filled the stage throughout the afternoon and evening as visitors wandered through the numerous

vendor stalls offering Celtic treasures. Local politicians also purchased booths in support of candidates in the upcoming elections. Proceeds from the festival benefit the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on the first Saturday of March.



St. Andrews Society pipe major Mat Kuldell is joined by band members Joe Johnston and George Hayes.



Brian Little watches the crowd from the A&B soft serve ice cream truck.

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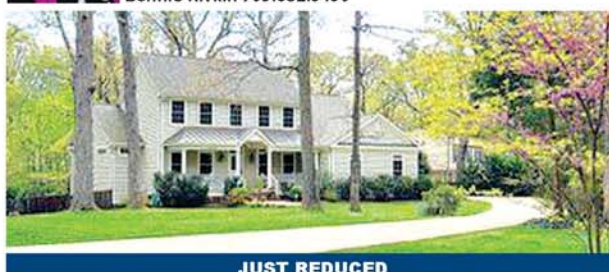
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THURSDAY/AUG. 16

CARD Virginia School will host open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. for families of children ages 3-12 with autism spectrum disorders. CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disorders) offers a program with a one-to-one student-teacher ratio and 215 days of instruction per year. At 5400 Shawnee Rd. Suite 208. Visit <http://virginia.centerforautism.com> or call 855-345-2273.

SUNDAY/AUG. 19

Annual Cambodian Community

Day Festival hosted by the City of Alexandria will be from noon to 6 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. Admission is free, for more information visit www.cambodiancommunityday.org. The event will close down the ongoing West End Farmer's Market from the 19th to the 26th. For more information, visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 20

Alexandria Hospital Lectures: Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement Presented by John Albrigo, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium. 7pm. 4320 Seminary Rd. Register: 1-855-694-

6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert

Town Hall Meeting hosted by the WPFW Local Station Board. 6:30-8:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Charles Houston Rec Center in Alexandria just 2 blocks from Braddock Metro Station at 901 Wythe St. The Rec center is in the middle of a community fighting to preserve affordable housing and fight displacement of low income families. The Town Hall is free and open to the public. Please contact 202-588-0999 ext 0 for any questions. Or go to our website at wpfw.org

TUESDAY/AUG. 21

Alexandria Sheriff's Office

Accreditation. 3-5 p.m. The Office is asking for comments from interested community members during its on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), an international organization facilitating the pursuit of law enforcement excellence. Community members and agency employees are invited to a public meeting at 520 King St.

The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP) is hosting a Mentoring Information Session from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lyceum at 201 South Washington St., Alexandria VA 22314. We need new mentors, please join us to hear all about the various mentoring

programs available that focus on all ages, from elementary school children to young adults. RSVP to mentoring@alexandriava.gov. For more information, call Erin Dawson at 571-217-2015 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/mentoring.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair. Inova Alexandria Hospital is hosting the 2nd annual Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair in partnership with the City of Alexandria. More than 25 vendors, including police, fire, health

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Alexandria's Louis Barnett, far right in back, celebrates Aug. 5 with fellow Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers on the West Lawn of the Capitol after completing the 4,000-mile Journey of Hope bike ride.



Louis Barnett, center, is surrounded by fellow T.C. Williams High School graduates and childhood friends at his Alexandria home after completing a 4,000-mile charity bike ride. With him are Mike Lawrence, Katie Parkinson, Brett Sirois, Jack Cooper, Lindsay Smith and Robert Purdy.

Journey of Hope T.C. grad cycles 4,000 miles for disability awareness.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As strains of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blared out over the crowd, more than 50 friends, family members and fellow T.C. Williams graduates gathered on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Aug. 5 to watch Alexandria's Louis Barnett cross the finish line in the 25th Annual Journey of Hope bike ride across America.

Organized by the nonprofit Push America, Barnett joined more than 100 fellow Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers from across the nation in the 4,000-mile ride to raise money for people with disabilities.

"Virginia roads have these long, slow inclines," said Barnett, a 2008 graduate of T.C. Williams High School of the last leg of his journey. "I love my state but I was really hating it today."

Barnett began the nine-week, 4,000-mile trek in Long Beach, Calif., on June 7. Averaging between 60 and 100 miles a day, the group of 38 cyclists tackling the southern route of this year's ride spent their evenings doing Friendship Visits with people with

disabilities.

"The visits were the best part of the trip," Barnett said. "We were able to engage with the people we were riding for and got to learn about them and their lifestyles."

Barnett's team, along with members of the TransAmerica and northern route teams, raised more than \$675,000 in donations for Push America, an organization founded in 1987 to promote awareness for people living with disabilities. To date, the nonprofit has raised more than \$15 million.

"It was a mentally and physically draining experience," Barnett said. "But I would definitely encourage other members of the fraternity to do it."

A recent graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Barnett leaves this week for Michigan State where he will study law.

"It was an incredible feeling seeing the crowds waiting for us at the Capitol," Barnett said. "But the best was when, in these throngs of people, I heard a voice calling out my name and turned to see my mother's smiling face. This has been an incredible experience and I'm glad I did it, but it's always good to be home."



Louis Barnett celebrates in front of the U.S. Capitol Aug. 5 after completing a 4,000-mile bike ride across the United States as part of Push America's Journey of Hope.



Chad Merica (left), branch director at Alexandria Boys & Girls Club receives \$1,700 from Occasionally Cake owner Sabrina Campbell.

\$1,700 Aids Boys & Girls Clubs

Occasionally Cake of Alexandria donated \$1,700 to the Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Branch of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, collected during its grand opening ceremony.

The shop had committed to give away 25 percent of their sales that day and also gave away more than 3,000 free cupcakes to patrons at their Mount Vernon and Alexandria stores. Call 703-780-CAKE or visit www.occasionallycake.com for more information.

"We received a warm welcome during our Old Town Alexandria grand opening, and we were thrilled to be able to support our community Boys and Girls Club," said Sabrina Campbell, owner of Occasionally Cake of Alexandria.

Both Alexandria cake boutiques offer more than 100 cake and gourmet cupcake flavors.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL Mayoral Tet-a-Tet

So far, three-term Mayor **Bill Euille** has yet to agree to a one-on-one debate with independent challenger and former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald**. A debate featuring all the candidates for City Council including Euille and Macdonald has been scheduled in October hosted by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. But none feature the two mayoral candidates going head to head. Euille says he's already turned down one invitation to a one-on-one debate because he couldn't fit it into his schedule.

"I'm not sure why there needs to be a separate one for mayoral candidates," said Euille. "But certainly both campaigns are discussing options."

Macdonald describes that discussion as one-sided, with his campaign agreeing to all the proposed debates while Euille says his schedule won't permit a one-on-one debate — at least not yet. As someone who has been critical of recent actions of city government, Macdonald is eager to mix it up with the mayor. He says voters have a right to hear where the candidates stand on the issues in a forum that isn't bogged down by more than a dozen other candidates waiting for their turn to speak.

"He doesn't want to debate me," said Macdonald. "I think he's doing whatever he can do to slide through to November and pretend that I don't exist."

Euille disagrees, pointing out that he's already agreed to one debate featuring both candidates. And Euille says he hasn't ruled out agreeing to a one-on-one debate if he can fit it into his schedule. "If it's something we can get worked out, yes," said Euille. "But this is a short campaign period, and we have less than 85 days left."

Four or More?

Is four debates for City Council candidates enough? As with many issues during a campaign year, the answer depends on the party of the person answering the question. Republicans say no. Democrats say yes.

"Our candidates want more than four," said Alexandria Republican City Committee Chairman **Tom Fulton**. "Four is fewer debates than I believe most citizens or voters would feel comfortable coming away knowing that they have listened to a debate in their neighborhood on issues they feel are important."

This week, Democrats issued a press release announcing their candidates have agreed to four debates. The dates are Sept. 12, Oct. 2, Oct. 15 and Oct. 24. The Sept. 12 debate is hosted by a group of West End civic associations, and the Oct. 24 event is hosted by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. The two other dates are still being worked out. Alexandria Democratic Party Chairman **Dak Hardwick** says four debates should be enough for voters to know where the candidates stand on the issues.

"This is a not a campaign tactic; this is a scheduling challenge," said Hardwick. "In addition to running for office, we have candidates on both sides that have to run the city as well."

Tale of Two Turnouts

One will have about 10 percent participation. The other will have about 80 percent participation. That's the spread Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** expects between the Sept. 4 special election for the House of Delegates and the Nov. 6 general election.

Right now, Alexandria has about 80,000 active registered voters — about 40,000 of whom live in the 45th District. That means about 4,000 to 6,000 voters are expected to participate in next month's special election. Parkins said his turnout projection is based on the 2007 summertime special election for City Council between **Justin Wilson** and **Bill Cleveland**.

"I think that campaign between Wilson and Cleveland might actually end up drawing more voters than this one," said Parkins. "That was a citywide election, of course, although the 45th District draws a little heavier than the rest of the city."

As November approaches, however, Parkins expects the political season to heat up considerably. Between now and Election Day, for example, he expects to add about 10,000 new voters to the rolls. Part of that is the get-out-the-vote operations of the parties and part of that is simply people moving to the city and registering to vote. "That's pretty standard for a presidential election," he said. "It's not standard for any other election because that's just what happens in presidential elections."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

POLITICS

Three Running in Special Election

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andria Tea Party meeting and a gay pool party.

"I don't think there are too many candidates that would attend both," said Malkin. "But I'm socially tolerant and fiscally responsible."

The entrance of Malkin adds yet another twist in a special election that's already been full of unexpected turns. It began in April when four-term Del. David Englin (D-45) announced that he had been unfaithful in his marriage and would not seek reelection. Almost immediately, people began speculating that he would resign. But Englin waited until after the June primary to announce his resignation, leading Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell to call a special election on Sept. 4. Now three candidates are vying for the seat in an election that's expected to bring out about 10 percent of the registered voters — about 4,000 to 6,000 voters.

"The Libertarian is much more likely to draw from Republican voters than Democratic voters, so I would imagine having a three-way race helps Krupicka," said Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's already a safe seat for Democrats, so I would say Krupicka remains the strong favorite barring some major scandal."

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— Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics

ON THE ISSUES, the

three candidates offer variety for voters. Krupicka approaches the campaign from the left, supporting health-care reform and gun control while opposing limitations on abortion. McGhee approaches issues from the right, supporting limitations on abortion while opposing health-care reform and gun control. Malkin approaches the campaign from a Libertarian perspective, opposing health-care reform, gun control and limitations on abortion.

"I describe myself as socially tolerant and fiscally responsible," said Malkin, who received the Libertarian Party nomination for the House of Delegates race. "And I want to give people that option."

McGhee, on the other hand offers a much more traditional Republican campaign — one that would fit in with the new Republican majority in the General Assembly on all the hot-button social issues. And

yet not all of his priorities would be seen as Republican. For example, if elected, McGhee says he would restore a hotel-occupancy tax in Arlington County that would allow the local government to raise money. He also wants to work on legislation to address "driverless vehicles," a growing technological trend that allows GPS technology and motion sensors to pilot automobiles.

"There's really nothing on the books that says how we are going to handle this," said McGhee. "For instance, I would say there needs to be a licensed driver in the driver's seat and there needs to be an override mode."

Krupicka offers voters the most familiar face. First elected to the City Council at the age of 32, Krupicka spent many years as the youngest elected official in Alexandria. Now he finds himself as the oldest candidate in the race — and the one with the most experience as an elected official. He also has an existing campaign team from his failed bid for the Democratic

nomination to fill the seat vacated last year by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), a hotly contested race with Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49). If elected, Krupicka says he would stand up to what he calls "the war on women" in Richmond.

"There are frequent attempts in Richmond to roll back women's rights to make their own

health-care choices, and that's been going on for a long time," said Krupicka. "So I'm going to oppose those attempts and look for every opportunity I can to call them out."

Malkin splits the difference between the two parties, offering a socially liberal and fiscally conservative choice to voters. If elected, he says he would oppose attempts to increase regulation on abortion clinics, vote against efforts to increase gun control and oppose efforts to increase the government's role in health care. He also said he would support efforts to increase transparency of police agencies in Virginia, which currently withhold documents that are widely available in many other states.

"If we don't know what the police are doing, how can we know if there's abuse?" asked Malkin. "We need to be able to watch the watchmen."

Meet the Candidates



McGhee

College. Professionally, McGhee is a web developer who moved to Northern Virginia in 1999 and has lived in Alexandria since 2004. He votes at the Firehouse Precinct.

❖ **Tim McGhee, 35:** A native of Chicago, McGhee was raised in Sanford, Fla., and received an undergraduate degree in math computer science at Bryan



Malkin

business administration from the University of Rochester. Professionally, Malkin is a credit analyst who moved to Alexandria in 2008. He votes at the Durant Center.

❖ **Justin Malkin, 40:** A native of New York City, Malkin was raised in Tenafly, N.J., and received an undergraduate degree in economics and Russian. He also has a master of



Krupicka

the University of Virginia. Professionally, Krupicka is a communications and organizational strategist. He was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2003, and was appointed to the Virginia Board of Education in 2009. He votes at the Durant Center.

❖ **Rob Krupicka, 41:** A native of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Krupicka was raised in Seattle and received an undergraduate degree in economics from

PEOPLE

Mayhem and Marathons

LTA performance raises \$7,500 for local charities.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The madness and mayhem, not to mention the meat pies, were the theme of the night as Brooke Curran and ACT's Running Brooke Fund raised more than \$7,500 for local charities including ACTion Alexandria, Community Lodgings, The Reading Connection, Child and Family Network Centers and Girls on the Run at a special benefit performance of "Sweeney Todd" Aug. 7 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

"This is an incredible cause," said Elizabeth Luchessi, a Running Brooke Fund supporter and sponsor of the LTA performance. "It's really great seeing the traction that Brooke is getting and all the impact she is having on the community."

In attendance were representatives from Curran's beneficiary organizations, including Community Lodgings executive director Bonnie Baxley.

"We are so grateful to Brooke for all she has done to support us," Baxley said.

Curran has committed to running marathons in all 50 states and on each continent in her efforts to raise awareness and funds for ACT and her designated charities. She recently braved the "summer" conditions of mud, sleet and snow to win the Antarctica Marathon women's race in March and has



Brian Goldberg and Angi Christensen enjoy the Aug. 7 pre-show reception at LTA to benefit ACT's Running Brooke Fund.

completed races in 33 states, the District of Columbia and six of the seven continents.

"I can't thank everyone enough for their support," said Curran, who has already raised more than \$150,000 for local charities since founding the RunningBrooke Fund in May of 2009. "These are incredible organizations and I am especially grateful to my sponsors for helping me support their efforts in our community."

For more information about the RunningBrooke Fund, visit runningbrooke.com.



Brooke Curran, right, with Dean Shaw of Shaw and Sullivan CPA, one of the sponsors of the Aug. 7 benefit performance of "Sweeney Todd" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.



Elizabeth Luchessi, right, gives Heidi Vatanka her tickets to the Running Brooke Fund benefit performance of "Sweeney Todd" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

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Not Listening Or Not Agreeing?

To the Editor:

I read with great interest the thoughtful letter recently co-authored by Gant Redmon about the state of politics and governance in Alexandria. Although it has been over 17 years since I changed parties, I was a beneficiary of his efforts so when I write to offer an alternative perspective to Gant's concerns about the dominance of the Democratic Party in Alexandria it in no way lessens my respect for him or my genuine friendship with him.

A law of physics is that nature abhors a vacuum; politics is no different and the fact that it is mostly Democrats in elected office may have less to do with Democratic domination and more to do with Republican abdication. For the benefit of newcomers to Alexandria (i.e., less than 30 years), it was not so long ago — 1981 to be precise — when the City of Alexandria had more elected Republicans than any city in Virginia. Noteworthy, also, is that in two City Council races during that time period, the council was within 200 votes of a Republican majority. Far more significant is that Alexandria's genuinely competitive two-party politics was not the result of some seismic ideological shift; but had much more to do with candidates running for office (and getting elected) who were long-time, deeply-rooted, involved citizens, happened to have an "R" after their name, and embraced a moderate political philosophy that went down easy with voters. Sadly, the word "moderate" attached to a member of today's Republican Party has now become something of an insult, but those were the kind of people who got elected.

The decline of elected Republicans is also not the result of some big change in the ideology of the electorate, but more from the just practical consequences of life — people move, change jobs, get married — and decide not to run for re-election for no other reason than they did not have to. To the Republican Party's discredit (and to the Democratic Party's gain) in Alexandria, with a few exceptions the caliber of candidates declined and the voters responded accordingly, and the fact that there will not be a full slate of Republicans running for council and no Republican candidate for Mayor should be embarrassing to that party. Statistically there may be more resi-

dents of Alexandria who consider themselves Democrats, but the talent pool of Republicans in this city is large, as well, and every election should be challenged. Back in the 1980s when politics became competitive, the first thing both parties emphasized was to always have full City Council slates of six candidates — run as a team, stand for something, and encourage the voters to think about the candidates collectively. Gaming the system by running one or two candidates and encouraging voters to "plunk" speaks volumes to the failure of the Republican Party in Alexandria and is deeply disappointing to anyone who values two-party politics. It took a long time for politics to become competitive in Alexandria; it did not take that long for it to decline; and it will not get better by wishing for it. Races should be challenged and incumbents should never think they have a seat for life. The voters decide who should serve ... and the fundamental ingredient of that decision is choices.

At every level of government — local, state, and national — the goal of both parties is to elect their own. If the situation in Alexandria were reversed, there would be just as many people griping about things as there are now, but that should not be to the detriment of the party in power. Simply stated, the success of the Democratic Party in Alexandria is a measure of strong candidates serving effectively, and that will continue until someone or something offers a better message for Alexandria's future. Importantly, the key functions of government — public safety, public works, public health, and public education — are being managed well. The City of Alexandria runs efficiently, looks good, and responds to those in need as well as any community in America, if not better. For many reasons, public education continues to be a struggle and everyone (not just the politicians!) in Alexandria, regardless of whether one is a parent or not, needs to make a renewed commitment to restoring our school system to what it once was: the envy of the region.

At the local level, the one measure of performance that is universally comparable is the independent financial rating of the city's debt, and Alexandria has the highest (AAA) that can be given. That rating is the measure of the city's underlying financial strength, competence of management and ability to finance its ongoing needs. As a practical matter, a top bond rating means that it costs less to borrow money (i.e., issue bonds), which redounds to the

POETRY

Dog Days of August

Celebrate the Dog Days of August in poems and pictures. Alexandria's poet laureate, Amy Young, invites the residents of Alexandria to visit their local dog parks from Aug. 18-26 to view poems written and submitted by Alexandria residents in honor of the dogs in their lives. The 2nd Annual Dog Days of August is sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Dog Days of August is one of two city-wide poetry and art projects to originate with the poet laureate. Following on the heels of the Dog Days of August, the poet laureate is asking residents to write poems and send in photographs and pictures of the street they live on. MAPP (Mapping Alexandria in Poems and Pictures) will eventually be an interactive website where residents and visitors can click on a street and see the art and poetry associated with it. The goal will be to have every street in Alexandria represented and to have snapshots of the city over time. Anyone interested in helping implement this site can contact Young through poet@alexandriava.gov. Poems and artwork may be submitted to poet@alexandriava.gov as well.

Here is a sampling of this year's poems:

Leia's Gift

I remember
Years ago
Our evening walk
A neighbor child crying
Hurt more from the
The unriden two wheeler than
The scraped knee
His father
A good man but unsure
I offer your leash
Something large strong
Tame in a small hand
A moment
Crisis passed
The father to me
You came just in time
But the gift was yours

— Tom Nardone

'Why Don't I Come, Too?'

You're going to the mailbox
To drop some letters there.
It won't take long
It's no big deal.
Hey, I know — I'll come, too!

You're filling up the feeders
For birds in our back yard.

You don't need help.
It isn't hard,
But why don't I come, too?

You're driving "home" for Christmas
You dread this trip each year.
The roads are jammed.
Your family's nuts.
Don't worry. I'll come, too.

Your cold is getting worse, dear.
You're sneezing up a storm.
That cough is bad.
You need some rest.
To bed now! — I'll come too ...

— Donna Hughes

The Fresh Prince of Del Ray

I love my sweet boy
He has so much joy
I warm to his touch
He gives me so much
Makes me want to be
The me that he sees
Not some deadbeat dad
Who'd treat his kid bad
Within me inspire
His heart's desire

— Michael Payne

benefit of the taxpayers, and that raises the final observation about the state of things in Alexandria.

The ability of the city to continue to run well and look good; to build new schools, fire stations, police facilities; pave roads, repair sidewalks; pay for the people who pick up trash, teach our kids, come quickly when we are sick or injured, protect us in our homes; and meet needs ongoing and unknown is not free and it is not going to get less expensive over time. Whether it is the waterfront development, Potomac Yards, or the Beauregard small area plan, there will be no greater challenge to the city's future than its ability to grow from within without jeopardizing

the quality of life that makes people want to live and work here in the first place. Meeting those challenges can be painful, but they cannot be ignored and there are no "do-overs" once a decision has been implemented. The beauty of Alexandria's open government is occasionally its liability — that everyone has a say and no one's opinion is unheard. When I read comments complaining that the council does not listen, I know that more often than not it is about not agreeing rather than not listening, and as I have said occasionally about serving in local government, "If someone is not mad at you all

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the time, you are just not doing your job.” So, I end this piece as it began with an acknowledgement to Gant Redmon for raising important issues about Alexandria — its governance and its politics. I may not agree with his conclusions, but I am grateful that he is making us all think.

David G. Speck

Hard To Top Council Meetings

To the Editor:

Chris Johnson, debate coordinator for independent mayoral candidate Andrew Macdonald insists open governments needs open debate. Maybe, but what possesses him of the notion that Alexandria city hall’s modus operandi even remotely approximate open government, except occasionally by accident such as when the BZA accepts a property owner petition the planning director and city attorney had already rejected or when the BZA insists on independent legal representation which the city attorney and City Council denied, explaining that the city cannot legally sue itself even after it did so?

How can a debate, with its rigid rules, replace the ever-entertaining comedy of errors erupting spontaneously when the City Council meets? Examples abound: After a marathon hearing in which legions of folk spoke, the City Council passed a waterfront bill which had to be reformatted and re-voted two months later because of the property owner petition city hall had twice rejected on faux technicalities. And after voting to use (misuse it turns out) federal funds for operating Bike Share, the feds had to spell out for them why what they had voted to do was inappropriate. So they had to take money from something else they had flubbed, the Del Ray Trolley, whose color scheme they had contemplated, but whose route they had neglected to clear with the affected neighborhoods. For President Gerald Ford, who bivouacked in Alexandria, insisted the Carter-Ford debate venues be arranged so he wouldn’t accidentally trip and re-enforce his public image as a klutz. Perhaps Mayor Euille is hesitant about agreeing to debate for fear of falling as he takes the stage and having to be ambulated to the hospital as if he were going to a Metro board meeting. So, perhaps if Mr. Johnson is serious about enticing Mayor Euille into a debate, he should first afford a “Ford-proof” venue.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Debates Important

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille has now declined an invitation from a consortium of West End Civic Associations to attend a debate with his opponent, Andrew Macdonald, on any one of three dates suggested by the debate organizers. His campaign manager states in the letter of rejection that “Mayor Euille’s cam-

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FOIA, How To Avoid Real News

BY HARRY M. COVERT

For some time a one-way brouhaha has been bubbling between the Fourth Estate and local governments. The on-going battle at the moment is like a one-way love affair and no fun.

This is not something new in the news business. Nor is it solely a problem that only involves the Alexandria city government and public schools. Throw in the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun and the problem exists even more.

COVERT MATTERS

In fact, Harry Potter’s magical coat is evident everywhere. Governments love hiding facts and the public is “shielded” by city hall obfuscation.

When sunshine laws and Freedom of Information acts were created in the Commonwealth and across the land there were smiles and jumps for joy in many newsrooms and editors cubicles. Public servants went to work and had it figured out how to continue stonewalling the nasty reporters’ inquiries.

Say an enterprising reporter starts nosing around about elected officials’ junkets or traveling of city and county employees. That reporter and his agency becomes a pariah and whispers get about to avoid him or her at the risk of losing a job.

My favorite wheezes come from officials in police investigations and trials of big name miscreants. They can’t release the facts because of on-going probes or the high profile public servant is sneaked into the courtroom. Do voters wonder how city leaders kept the lid

paigned plans to host events and meet with residents of the West End of the City over the next couple of months.” That clearly says that the Mayor has time to campaign only at venues attended by supporters. When the Mayor’s campaign is the host, obviously the attendees will be present at his invitation. Just the fact of being his guests will stifle meaningful discussion.

When Mayor Euille first ran for his present office nine years ago, I attended two debates sponsored by civic groups. There may have been others that I did not attend. Both a Republican candidate and an independent shared the stage with him and the three of them were the only candidates. The debate organizers did not give any portion of the evening over to the council candidates. Having everyone at the same debate would have created an uninformative marathon.

The Mayor is running for his fourth term and he has led this city for nine years already. The small “d” democratic process that all Alexandrians cherish demands that in a year when the Mayor has an opponent with a vision of our future different from his, that the Mayor come before all interested citi-



on waterfront development for so long? Or that the city’s school system bumbles along, allowing the prize high school to be maligned by the feds for failing to educate properly. School leaders are

more interested, it seems, to start school in August as if waiting until after Labor Day increases the learning process.

In this time of local, state and national elections now is the perfect time to straighten out the gags or muzzles on news and newsmakers. There are certainly incidents when facts can be delayed but editors and reporters can take some of the blame for allowing governments to get away with hiding the news.

For example, look at the list of candidates for city council, school board, state legislature and even the presidential campaign. The key is that every one of them has an ax to grind and why they should be on council, school board, et cetera.

Not a single candidate, in or out, has made any statements why they believe in a free-flow of public information. Once they get the most votes they immediately get a lesson on what not to say, how to keep a smile when opponents insinuate they may be ignoramuses, and to talk positively about old people, recreation centers, the million-dollar trolleys, giving every city worker a take-home city car and raise taxes.

Except for emergency vehicles, its curious why so many local workers can drive home tax-payer filled gas tanks even if they

live out of the city or out of the state.

How soon the public forgets and goes to sleep.

Unless reporters take their jobs seriously they are victims of baby food instead of news. There’s a lot of that.

There is an organization for Virginia newspapers and journalists. Part of the job is to lobby for the best interests of media. No teeth, though.

In the current state of the campaign, none of the candidates has been asked their position on releasing public information promptly and regularly. Nor have any of the ins and wannabes been asked their views on the hard-working city and county employees.

I think editors and reporters can manage the stuff. Simply, stop publishing so many photos of the law enactors in every edition, online and refuse to interview them when they double-talk voters. It’s not the Freedom From Information Act. When city hall wants to avoid questions on any level, they just demand a “foiya” request. That’s FOIA and they get away with it. They hope the inquirers will get tired of waiting and forget. It’s worked well, too.

Next inquiry from city hall or county headquarters goes something like this, “can we get a picture of the mayor (or other) eatin’ hot dogs at the senior citizens’ center.”

No more pictures of either the ins or outs should be allowed until an equitable arrangement is settled.

The business of hiding the news isn’t a recent phenomenon. A retired official told me once. “You can fool some of the people some of the time and that’s enough.” How true.

zens, not just his supporters, and explain clearly why we should prefer his leadership.

Katy Cannady
Alexandria

About City’s Financial Future

To the Editor:

In his Aug. 2 critique of Macdonald’s letter, Mark Williams asserts the following: rating agencies don’t consider tax hikes when considering a city’s credit rating; that the mayor “has no unilateral role in establishing the city’s taxable base budget or levy rate;” Macdonald’s mischaracterized Alexandria’s fiscal prognosis as being somewhat “negative;” and finally says Macdonald “may not appreciate” how Alexandria’s capital improvements are actually financed.

Macdonald’s description of how a rating agency would interpret the city’s ability to pay off its debt makes good sense to me. The Alexandria Code of Ordinances — Chapter 7 Borrowing — is quite clear as to

who is responsible for securing the borrowing decisions of City Council. In particular the “faith and credit” section (7.13) of the code as well as the “payment of notes” section (7.24) includes this statement: “The power and obligation of the city to pay any and all notes ... shall be unlimited and the city shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property ... without limitation of rate or amount ... to recover debt.” This means that the city can always raise taxes to cover its borrowing excess in a faltering economy. The fact is the “strong and vibrant” tax base ultimately rests on the shoulders of property owners.

With respect to William’s assertion that the mayor has no unilateral role in borrowing decisions, Chapter 7 also makes it clear that the mayor signs notes (7.04) that are approved by City Council under a process that is stipulated under Virginia law. The Mayor takes the lead in borrowing decisions along with the rest of Council and it is his signature that adorns the city’s notes.

Although the Budget Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC) is an “advisory”

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NEWS

Workshop Discusses Naturalization Process

D.C. United coach encourages participants.

By ROSS SYLVESTRI
GAZETTE PACKET

To help navigate the naturalization process, many residents of Virginia's 8th Congressional District came to attend a citizenship workshop hosted by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran on July 31, at Gunston Middle School in Arlington.

In addition to the congressman, other speakers included Walter Tejada, a member of the Arlington County Board, Jaime Moreno, head coach for D.C. United, and representatives from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

"My advice to of all you: Don't take your time here in the United States for granted."

— **Jaime Moreno, head coach for D.C. United**

"I look forward to the day when I refer to each and every one of you as a fellow American," said Moran, in his opening statements. Moreno, who came to the U.S. in 1996 from Bolivia with his wife and children to play soccer for D.C. United, said the process of becoming a citizen was long and difficult. One time he left the country without the right type of permission, and had to wait two more years before becoming a citizen. However, in 2010, he was finally sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

"My advice to of all you: Don't take your time here in the United States for granted ... Things happen overnight that could jeopardize your opportunity of pursuing" citizenship, said Moreno.

Officials from the USCIS Washington District Office gave advice, brochures, and other guidelines to help possible applicants for citizenship with the naturalization application process.

Some of tips that the office's community relations officer, Gloria Williams-Brevard, gave about the application process were: Applicants should keep track of how many times and for how long they go out of the country, file for a fee waiver if they are unable to pay the application filing fee, and to constantly practice English for when they must take their required English and civ-



Gloria Williams-Brevard, left, community relations officer for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Washington District Office, Sarah Taylor, second from left, director of USCIS Washington District Office, Jaime Moreno, second from right, head coach of D.C. United, Walter Tejada, right, a member of the Arlington County Board.

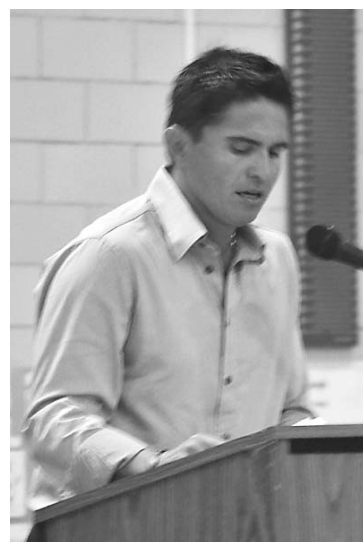


USCIS official Charles Wright, left, interviews Sarah Taylor, the USCIS Washington District Office director, in a mock interview. Taylor pretended to be an immigrant from Austria being interviewed for her application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen to show people what the real interview would be like. The interview involves questions about the applicant's background and taking an English and civics test.

ics tests.

Williams-Brevard also told the audience that immigrants should be careful where they seek legal services so as to avoid any

scams. To find qualified services, they should look to qualified organizations and attorneys, a list of which is kept by the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge.



Jaime Moreno, head coach of D.C. United.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8)



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 - ❖ Show that you have lived for at least three months in the state or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) district with jurisdiction over your place of residence, for at least 3 months prior to the date of filing the application"
- Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Applying for Naturalization

- ❖ File Form N-400, Application for Naturalization
- ❖ Send your application, necessary documents (such as a Permanent Resident Card), and filing fee (unless given a waiver) to a USCIS Lockbox Facility
- ❖ Get your fingerprints taken after receiving an appointment from a USCIS official
- ❖ Be interviewed by a USCIS official. The interview has two parts to it:
 - a. Answering questions about your application and your background
 - b. Taking two tests: One that tests your knowledge of English, as well as, one on U.S. history and government
- ❖ If your application is approved, you will be given a date for your naturalization ceremony
- ❖ Take the Oath of Allegiance at your naturalization ceremony
- ❖ Receive your Certificate of Naturalization

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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committee and has no formal power to approve or otherwise authorize issuance of bonds, it serves an important check on decisions made by any council. Their recent assessment of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for 2013 shows that here is plenty of room for concerns — the same kind of concern noted by Moody's. BFAAC says and I quote: "The City's current debt policy targets and limits should not be raised." Of course it

will be raised if and when the Mayor and City Council start borrowing to pay for a \$400 million (that includes interest on the \$275 million) Metro stop at Potomac Yards Metro. I'm not opposed to investing in mass transit but to ignore the financial impact is folly.

So I think we should applaud Macdonald's sense of caution, and not ridicule it as Mr. Williams tries to do. This same sense of caution is reflected in Michael Lee Pope's report "City to Exceed Debt Lim-

its" on May 24 in the Gazette Packet. Moody's doesn't really have to worry about the \$76 million in new city debt to be paid over the next 20 years because there is about \$18 billion in residential property value that can be taxed even more. So, with regard to the fourth point, I'd say Macdonald really does know something about the cost to taxpayers of investing in new infrastructure.

Tony Kupersmith



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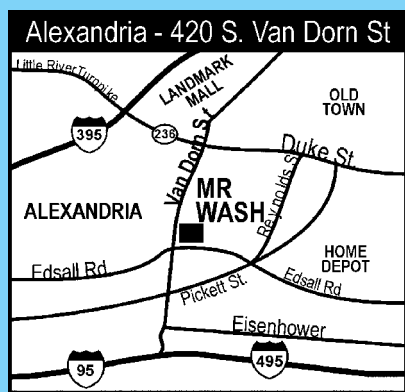
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cabins in the woods
and fish fries
those southern writers
mined their native ground
for stories poems plays
dug from hard times
bad luck red clay
and Appalachian hills
while I moved about
no roots no home
until late in life

I walked through a door
from an urban townhouse
into an oak forest
all green
in a room paned in glass
where I sat to write
poems poured out
from my native ground
just south of town

(inspired by Rob McDonald's
Native Ground at The Ath-
enaum)

— Peter Lattu
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going south

where there's a fish dinner
with Zora Neale Hurston
at Gordon's Be-Back Fish
House
in Eatonville, Florida
before walking out
onto the sidewalk
in Guthrie, Kentucky
arm in arm
with Robert Penn Warren
headed toward the cane rows
of New Roads, Louisiana
to meet Ernest Gaines
before retiring
to the iron bed
in Thomas Wolfe's

guest room
in Asheville, North Carolina
then rising to breakfast
with Eudora Welty
in Jackson, Mississippi
touring the native ground
that nurtured
the writers of the South
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they are all there
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Erskine Caldwell
Zora Neale Hurston
Eudora Welty
they are all there
their words
stripped down to portents
fish houses and cane rows
boats and magazines
family plots and breakfast
tables

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Seminary Valley

Several of our young neighbors have been “treading the boards” this summer. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, Zachary Frank, Sam Jones and Ben Ribler are finishing up their run this Saturday, Aug. 18 as members of the “Sweeney Todd” cast. Zach and Ben had featured roles as Pirelli the Barber and as Toby, respectively, while Sam rounded out a top-notch ensemble. You might be able to snag a ticket: go to www.thelittletheatre.org for more information. The day after the show closes, Zach and Sam will head to college, at William

and Mary and Christopher Newport University, respectively, and Ben will start his senior year at T.C. Williams High School. Another T.C. Williams student, Charlotte Torres, deserves a shout-out, having just finished performing in “Urinetown”, a production of the Theatre Lab School of the Dramatic Arts in Washington D.C.

Neighbor Ginny Franco wants all of you to know that Aug. 18 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association Board. You can nominate yourself, of course. The annual election is always held at the October meeting. Please contact Ginny at 703-

751-7110 if you are interested.

Notice something happening at the Beatley Library? On July 31, 2012 the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Library began installation of solar panels. Made possible by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, the solar panel project is the first on a City building and supports the vision of the city's Eco-City Charter and Environmental Action Plan goals.

Converting sunlight to energy, the 42.3 Kilowatt system features 180 solar panels that spread across each of Beatley's five signature roof peaks. Due to its large, south-

facing roof sections, the Beatley Central Library is an ideal building, as it easily collects sunlight. The solar panels will help offset a portion of its electricity consumption, reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the building's “peak demand” energy usage — the highest demand of energy consumption during a period.

In other Library news, the Friends of the Library is sponsoring an afternoon Jazz concert, with refreshments on Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Beat the heat and hear flutist Mike Gillespie and guitarist Taimoor Saeedi of the Washington Jazz Scene.

— MIA JONES



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PEOPLE



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Marie Royce was recognized as the 3rd Annual Legend of International Business and Marketing at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Legends of IBM annually identifies either an outstanding alumnus or professor emeritus who has made a significant contribution to the fields of international business and/or marketing over a sustained period of time.

Royce is a Distinguished Alumna of the College of Business Administration at Cal Poly and received her master's degree in Business Administration from Georgetown University. She is a senior director of International Public Affairs for Alcatel-Lucent. She is a partner/co-owner of WBENC-certified GenderStrategy.com.

Her past positions include visiting executive/professor at Cal Poly, and senior positions at The Procter & Gamble Company, Marriott International and Choice Hotels International. Royce serves on numerous non-profit boards, and resides in Alexandria and Fullerton, Calif. with her husband U.S. Rep. Ed Royce.



Joins Medical School's Faculty

Daniel Flaherty Rowe, M.D. graduated from the Tufts/St. Elizabeth Psychiatric Residency Program in Boston, Mass. on June 21. An Alexandria native and graduate of Alexandria Country Day School, St. Albans, William and Mary, and Eastern Virginia Medical School, he has been appointed to the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Medical School as an associate professor and will serve as an attending psychiatrist at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. He is the son of John and Nancy Rowe of Alexandria.

Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Seeks Volunteers

The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership is looking for volunteers. Interested residents should attend a mentoring information session on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, from 6:30-8 p.m. A light meal will be served.

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— mentoring programs that focus on all ages, from elementary school children to young adults. RSVP to: mentoring@alexandriava.gov. For more information about the event, (or mentoring in general) contact Erin Dawson at 571-217-2015 or by email at erin.dawson@alexandriava.gov. Also visit at alexandriava/mentoring.

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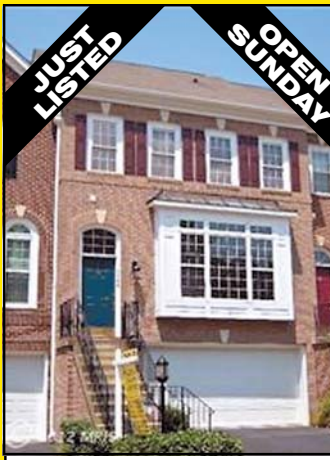
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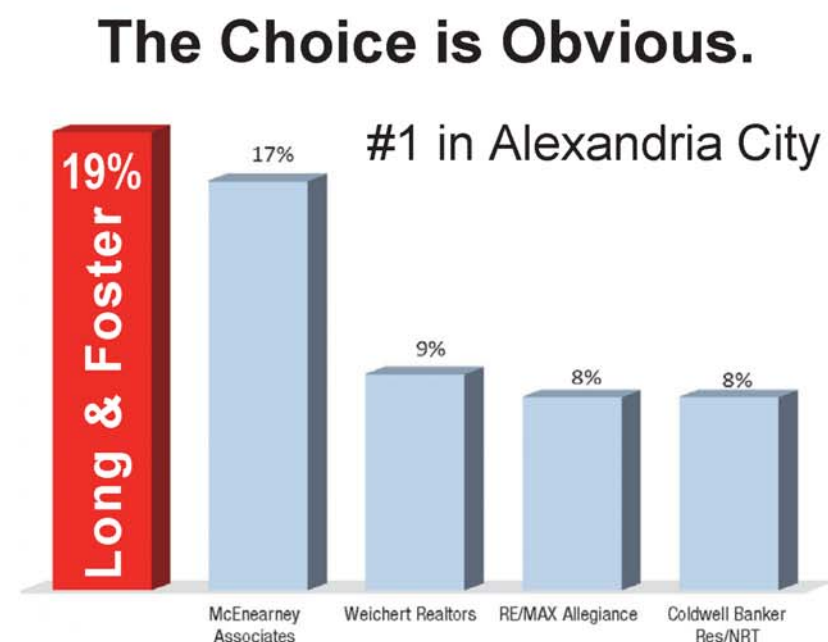
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Bon Appetite!

Virtue Feed and Grain among America's Top 50 restaurants.

Alexandria's Virtue Feed and Grain Restaurant has been named one of the Top 50 Best New Restaurants in America, according to Andrew Knowlton in the September issue of Bon Appetite Magazine.

Knowlton stated in the feature article that he chose restaurants that are "changing the way we eat."

"What kind of restaurants stand out to me in 2012?" Knowlton

said. "Well, to start, they're usually scrappy and personal, guided by chefs with a passion to create independently owned places they would want to eat at on their day off."

Irish chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife Meschelle opened Virtue Feed and Grain in June of 2011 in the historic warehouse previously occupied by Olsson's Books on South Union Street.

"This is what I call a 'gastro tavern,'" said Meschelle Armstrong, who along with her husband also created Restaurant Eve, Eamonn's Dublin Chipper, PX, the Majestic

Details

Virtue Feed & Grain
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Chef Cathal Armstrong

and the new Eamonn's and Bar TNT in Arlington. "Our other restaurants are fine dining but this one is fun for families, kids – for everybody."

Virtue Feed and Grain will be offering a \$35 dinner for two as part of Alexandria Restaurant Week, taking place Aug. 17 to 26. Fifty-five restaurants throughout the city will be offering either a \$35 prix fix dinner or \$35 dinner for two. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.visitalexandriava.com.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

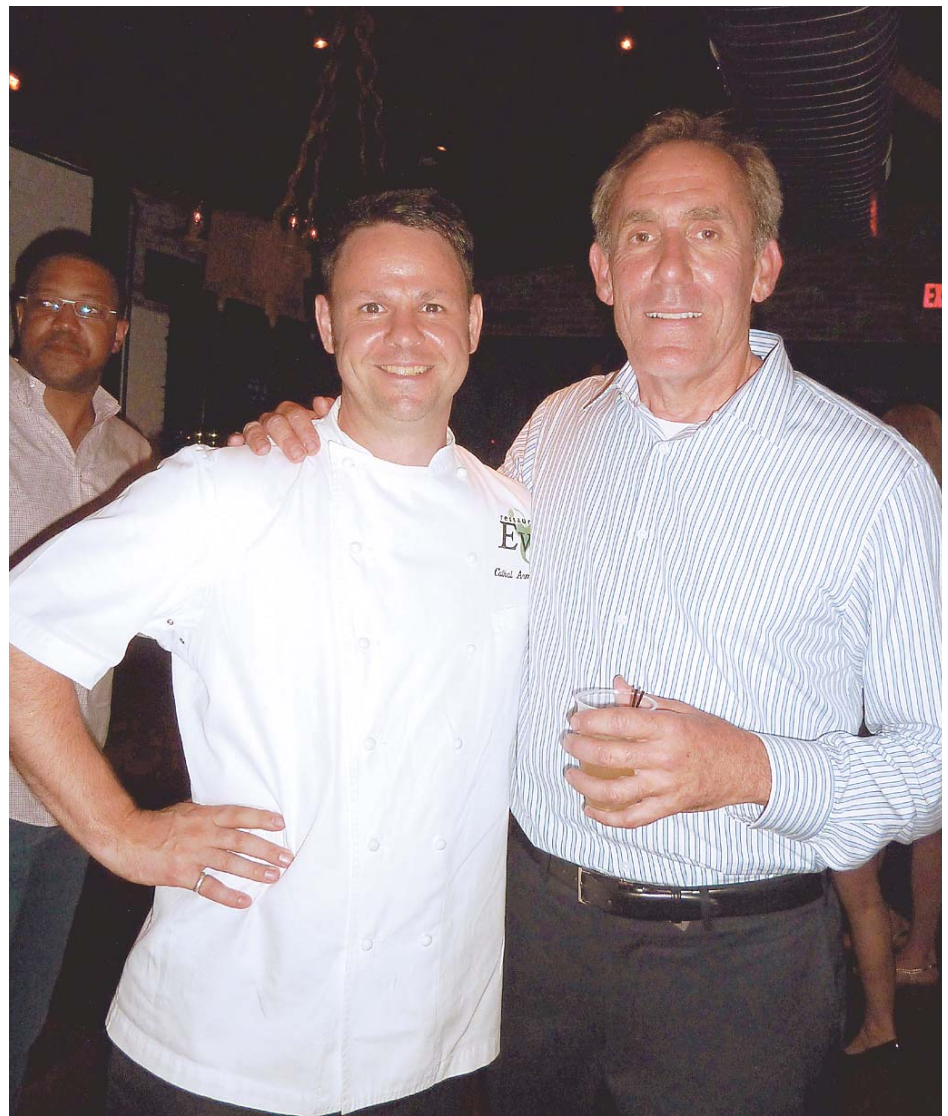


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Chef Cathal Armstrong, left, celebrates with builder Murray Bonitt at the opening of Virtue Feed and Grain Restaurant in 2011. The restaurant has been named by Bon Appetite Magazine as one of the Top 50 Best New Restaurants in America.

Visiting Artists Share Secrets

Meet the artists at the Torpedo Factory's August Visiting Artists Program and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds as they demonstrate their art forms. Demonstrations will be ongoing from 1-4 p.m. Questions are encouraged.

Now in its third year, the Torpedo Factory's Visiting Artist Program exposes visitors to a rotating group of emerging and accomplished artists, and provides an opportunity to interact, explore and exchange ideas. As part of the program's requirements, Visiting Artists will engage in art enrichment activities throughout the summer.

August resident artists plan the following events:

❖ Judith Giuliani will answer questions about her painting process in Studio 30.

❖ Sculptor Colleen Lochausen will have several sculpture armatures for visitors to add clay to while observing her work in Studio 32.

❖ Mixed media artist Dianne Bugash will demonstrate her techniques for creating three-dimensional constructions out of mixed media and recycled objects and have clay and other materials for visitors to play with in Studio 317.

❖ Drew Parris will demonstrate silverpoint drawing and provide visitors the opportunity to try it out in Studio 328.

Details

Visiting Artists Demonstration Day
Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m. Free.
Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St.
www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.



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Sculptor Colleen Lochausen.

❖ Painter Nancy Varipapa will demonstrate palette knife painting technique in Studio 331.

❖ Jill Banks will be painting a portrait from a live model for visitors to observe in Studio 333.

For more information about the Visiting Artist Program and this year's participating artists, visit www.torpedofactory.org/vap.

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

FRIDAY/AUG. 17

Alexandria Harmonizers

Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Harmonizers, men's barbershop group, perform a variety of musical harmony. Sit around Market Square on bench seating, or bring a folding chair to enjoy the music. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592.

Mount Vernon Swing Band.

7:30-9:30 p.m. \$4 at the door. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Call 703-765-4573.

Sierra Hull and Highway 11.

7:30 p.m. Free. Part of the Mount Vernon Concert Series. Performing at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Hwy.

Cirque du Soleil. 8 p.m. The Campagna Center will benefit from this performance of TOTEM at the Plateau at National Harbor. Ticket sales through the center benefits the programs of The Campagna Center. Visit www.campagnacenter.org or email Lee Stenberg at

lstenberg@campagnacenter.org. Tickets: \$115.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. At Hooray for Books Children's bookstore. Explore the world with favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Located at 1555 King St. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18

The United States Marine

Chamber Orchestra. Summer Concert Series III. 7:30 p.m. Free. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Nature Walk. 10 a.m. Join a nature walk led by Dr. Elizabeth Wells, Associate Professor Emerita of Botany at the George Washington University. Emphasis will be on native plants and identification of "pollinator syndromes" — flower characteristics that may appeal to a particular type of pollinator. At the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

Alexandria and the War of 1812: A Town Occupied. Come to Carlyle House Historic Park to learn about the burning of Washington and surrender of Alexandria in August 1814. Lectures will take place in Virginia's oldest bank building.

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the former home of the Bank of Alexandria, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and tours of the museum 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children's activities included in price of admission. At 121 N. Fairfax Street. Call 703-549-2997.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 19

Family Day. 1-4p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum welcomes families with tours hosted by its Junior Docents. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Silent Auction. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St. Following both Masses in the Church Hall until 3 p.m. Jewelry, paintings, crystal, silver, china, personal services and more.

The Committee for Jazz will feature Vaughn Ambrose. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

Fundraiser. 4-5:30 p.m. "Weekend warriors" yoga class for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). Suitable for all levels, the class will be followed by a guided relaxation. Donation only. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. Visit www.532Yoga.com or call 703-209-0049.

TUESDAY/AUG. 21

"Postal Routes and Our Ancestors." 1 p.m. Presented by Leslie Bouvier and the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS) in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. Free, open to the public. The Hollin Hall Senior Center is located at 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Elephant Day. All day, all elephant items will be 20 percent off, customers can sample elephant themed snacks and read fun facts about elephants at Ten Thousand Villages. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation, which works to protect elephants and their dwindling habitats in Africa and Asia. Visit www.elephantconservation.org. Call 703-684-1435 or visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Concert by National Community Church. A local church is performing songs written by award-winning singer-songwriters, from its first worship CD, "The God Anthology" at the Birchmere Music



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And All That Jazz

Jazz saxophonist Jonathan Parker will be performing with his quartet Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. at Hard Times Café in Alexandria. A recipient of the 2012 ASCAP Young Jazz Composer Award, Parker recently returned from a European tour and was featured at the Rochester Jazz Festival last month. For more information on Parker, visit jonathan-parker.com. Hard Times Café, 1404 King St., 703-837-0050.



Sierra Hull and Highway 111 will perform Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Concert Series. Free. At Grist Mill Park at 4710 Mt. Vernon Hwy.

Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.godanthology.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Tribute to the Music of Mills, Baker & Labelle. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. 8 pm. \$25. Visit <http://thecarlyleclub.com/> or call 703-548-8899.

Jazz Saxophone. 8 p.m. Jonathan

Parker will perform with his quartet at Hard Times Café, 1404 King St., 703-837-0050.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Music. Mike Phirman to open for Paul & Storm at the Birchmere. Visit www.mikephirman.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Annual Bazaar. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Raffles, silent auctions, food and live entertainment. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St.

30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Announced by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd.

African Americans and Civil War Music. 10-11:30 a.m. Free, reservations required. A lecture and book signing with Christian McWhirter, author of "The Choked Voice of a Race, at Last Unloosed: African Americans and Civil War Music." Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-706-4399.

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Sweeney Todd

Harv Lester and Jennifer Lyons Pagnard, center, star in the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd." Set designer Dan Remmers and producer Rachel Alberts celebrate with the actors at the opening night cast party July 28. The show runs through Aug. 18. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Shop Current Boutique with Kate Julian

Current Boutique presents an evening of cocktails, giveaways, treats and shopping with Kate Julian in Old Town, Alexandria. Patrons can enjoy sweets from Treats by Erica, while trying on the latest styles from Current and receiving a one-night-only discount. RSVP is preferred but not required. Current Boutique and Kate Julian are both highly respected brands in the Washington and Northern Virginia fashion community.

The first 50 attendees of the event will receive a gift bag, tailored with Current Boutique and "Then, Life Gave Me Lemons" lovers

in mind.

Current Boutique offers customers handpicked consignment pieces that fit the criteria of great quality, style, cut, and color. Turn a cluttered closet into cash at this no-appointment-necessary boutique.

Kate Julian, born and raised in Northern Virginia, began her blog, "Then, Life Gave Me Lemons" in 2010. She also owns Kate Julian, LLC, where she does styling, photography, event planning, and freelance writing for publications in the Northern Virginia/D.C. area.

Details

Kate Julian & Current Boutique
Summer Sendoff Shopping Party
Aug. 19, 2012, 6-8 p.m.
1009 King Street, 703-549-2272
www.currentboutique.com

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from the D.C. region. Visitors are encouraged to bring broken or constant items to be attached to human frames made of wire. At Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St., Sites 2 and 3 (second floor).

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

A Great Gatsby Ice Cream Social. 2-5 p.m. Step back in time with an ice cream social on the lawn of the beautiful Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-17. Call 703-548-1789 to purchase tickets. Visit leefendallhouse.org.

30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale. noon - 3:30 p.m. Presented by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd. **Jazz Summer.** 2-3 p.m. With the duo

"Mike and Tai Jazz," mainstays of the Washington Jazz Scene, at the Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., www.alexandria.lib.va.us; 703-746-1702. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Gospel Music. 4 p.m. The Carter Gospel Singers of Alexandria are celebrating their 43rd anniversary in concert along with the Original Carter Chorus Singers at the Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church, 7730 Fordson Road.

Visiting Artists Demonstration Day at the Torpedo Factory. Meet the Torpedo Factory's visiting artists and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds. Demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. Free. 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Family Potluck Picnic. 4-6 p.m. Hosted by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for members who live in Alexandria and their families

and friends, as well as anyone who would like to meet the MVUC minister and hear more about the Unitarian faith. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Picnic Area 1. Bring a favorite dish to share and reusable plates and utensils, if possible.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Gina DeSimone and the Moaners. 9-11 p.m. Using both acoustic and electric guitars, playing a mix of funk, jazzy blues and smoky folk guitar for swing dance fun. \$10. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Solomon Douglas Quartet. 9-11 p.m. Seattle pianist Soloman Douglas and young vocalist Alison Dreyfuss from New Hampshire perform at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$10.



Tiny Dancers Receives Top Honors

Tiny Dancers, located on S. Washington Street in Old Town, has been voted “Best Ballet or Dance Studio” in the July 2012 issue of Washington Family Magazine. This is the third year in a row that the company has received this award. In addition, the studio was named among the “Best” in Virginia in Virginia Living Magazine earlier this year and was previously named “Best of NoVA” in Northern Virginia Magazine.

The Tiny Dancers’ curriculum is designed especially for young children ages 2-12. It uses age appropriate choreography and emphasizes technical excellence in a fun and nurturing environment.

By introducing dancers to the basics of ballet, tap and jazz using well-known fairy tales and hundreds of costumes and props, students are encouraged to learn through creative self-expression and exploration.

In addition to the studio in Alexandria, Tiny Dancers has locations in Fairfax and Gainesville. Information is available at www.tinydancers.com or by calling 571-312-3406.

Auctioneer Takes First Runner-Up



Alexandria business owner Sherry Truhlar, president of Red Apple Auctions Co., finished 1st runner-up in the 35th annual Virginia Auctioneers Association State Champion Auctioneer’s contest held on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Dixons Auctions in Powhatan. Twelve men and two females vied for the trophy and \$500 prize, which was won by Brian Damewood of Bill Tillett and Craig Damewood Auctioneers in Leesburg. This was Truhlar’s second competitive finish in as many weeks. On July 20, she competed in Spokane, Wash. for the International Auctioneer’s Championship sponsored by the National Auctioneers Association. In that contest, she was among the top seven finalists but did not place. Truhlar resides in Alexandria. To learn more

about Red Apple Auctions, visit www.RedAppleAuctions.com.



From left: David Mercer, principal with MercerTrigiani, Jack W. Burtch, principal with Macaulay & Burtch, Pat Hassard, law firm marketing consultant, Barbara Williams, partner with McGuireWoods and Brian Bartusiak, producer with StudioCenter Productions attend the 65th Virginia Public Relations Awards.

Video Receives Public Relations Award

A video of Virginia’s legal leaders discussing the issue of attorneys and substance abuse received a Capital Merit Award during the 65th Virginia Public Relations Awards ceremony held in May at The Jefferson Hotel.

The Public Relations Society of America – Richmond Chapter presented Patricia C. Hassard, mar-

keting consultant, with an award in the “external video programs” category for the video titled “Lawyers Helping Lawyers – Confidential Road to Recovery.” David S. Mercer, a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm in Alexandria, developed the video concept and he and his partner, Pia Trigiani, funded production.

BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

Kathleen Kennedy has been named branch vice president of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Alexandria/Old Town office, located at 301 King Street.

Before working with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Kennedy was a managing broker at Long and Foster (Tyson’s Corner), focusing on high-end properties.

Inova Alexandria Hospital (IAH) has launched two critical trials- Ultrasound-Accelerated Thrombolysis for Pulmonary embolism (PE) and Prostatic Artery Embolization for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), or an enlarged prostate.

IAH was the first in the U.S. to enroll a patient in the SEATTLE II trial, offered at only 25 hospitals. The trial uses the EKOS EkoSonic Endovascular Device which employs high-frequency, low power ultrasound to deliver clot-busting medication, tPA to the arteries at the time of an embolism.

Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade retailer on King Street in Old Town, will be transformed into an oriental rug showroom on Sept. 6, when more than 300 rugs, all hand made in Pakistan by fairly paid adults, arrive for the annual 4-day sale.

Ten Thousand Villages is located at 915 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-684-1435.

H&M will open a new location on Alexandria’s historic King Street in Fall 2012. H&M, Hennes & Mauritz, the global retailer known for offering fashion-forward apparel and quality basics, is thrilled to announce its continued expansion in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

The approximately 19,000 square foot space at 614 King Street will include collections for ladies, men, young ladies and young men, with separate “store within store” sections for accessories, lingerie, sports apparel, and maternity.

This location will also carry H&M’s children’s collection, which features quality clothing for newborn up to child’s age eight.

Inova Alexandria Hospital has been selected to participate in Best Fed Beginnings, a first-of-its-kind national effort to significantly improve breastfeeding rates in states where rates are currently the lowest.

Carr Workplaces, a leading provider of executive offices and flexible workplace solutions nationwide, announced today that it is opening a third center in Old Town Alexandria at 1765 Duke Street. The center will open in September 2012. For additional information on Carr Workplaces, visit www.CarrWorkplaces.com.

CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital, **Christine Candio** was honored as one of the winners at the 2012 Brava! Awards at the Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University in July.

The Brava! Women Business Achievement Awards, held by Washington SmartCEO magazine, celebrates women business leaders who combine their entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community.

In July, **Holiday Inn Alexandria SW**, part of the InterContinental Hotels Group, announced a partnership with Clean the World Foundation, Inc. in the new socially responsible program in an effort to stop the spread of preventable diseases.

The main partnership task consists in recycling soaps and bottled amenities from the hotel’s guest rooms and distributing them to children and families that lack access to these essential items around the world.

For more information visit www.holidayinnalexandria.com and www.cleantheworld.org.

Greenstreet Gardens announces that garden center veteran, Scott Daly, has joined the organization in the role of retail general manager at the Alexandria location. Daley will be instrumental in leading the design and construction of Greenstreet Garden’s newest location, from store layout to visual merchandising.

He has worked in the garden industry for over 30 years. Greenstreet gardens’ newest location, which opened in spring of 2012, is at 1721 West Braddock Road in Alexandria.

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Alexandria area, Allstate exclusive agency owner **Ernesto Bandini** has been designated an Allstate Premier Service Agent (PSA) for 2012.

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Fresenius Medical Care North America, a network of dialysis facilities, named its **Fresenius Medical Care Alexandria Facility**, located at 4141 Duke St. a Center of Excellence for achieving the highest standards in patient care in 2011.

These annual awards recognize the facilities that perform the best, based on multiple objective measures of dialysis clinical quality. Fresenius Medical Care selects Center of Excellence facilities by reviewing patients’ outcome measures such as dialysis adequacy, control of anemia, nutritional status, patient satisfaction and transplant education, among others.

For more information about this and other Fresenius Medical Care dialysis clinics, visit www.ultracaredialysis.com (in English and Spanish).



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Northern Virginia Community College runs summer camps as part of its SySTEMic Solutions program.

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State Commits \$1 Million to SySTEMic Solutions

General Assembly provides funding over next two years towards science and technology courses.

BY ERIK HEANEY
GAZETTE PACKET

Despite high unemployment rates, many companies in the technology and research industries have unfilled positions because they cannot find enough skilled workers. In response to this maldistribution of skills, the General Assembly plans to commit \$1 million over the next two years to expand Northern Virginia Community College's SySTEMic Solutions program.

The ultimate goal of the program is to encourage K-12 students to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), earn a two-year or four-year degree, and become employed by a technol-

ogy company. Since its inception nearly three years ago, over 1,000 students have entered into the "pipeline," a term used to describe the education-to-occupation goal.

The \$1 million commitment will help expand the program into Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun school districts. It is estimated that by 2015, 3,000 students will be in the SySTEMic Solutions pipeline.

Students in Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park have been introduced to the sciences early. Engineers from local technology companies such as Aerojet and Micron Technology come into those elementary school classrooms and show students dry ice and have them make lemon-powered batteries.

"What we're really hoping is to catch you before you're in high school," said Amy Harris, director of NOVA's SySTEMic Solutions.

Additionally, the program offers extracurricular activities and summer camps. In elementary schools, students can participate in an after-school robotics team called First Lego League. There are middle school and high school teams as well, so that the program can continue to make STEM fun and engaging. This past April, a Manassas Park

Middle School team qualified and participated in the World VEX Robotics tournament in Anaheim, Calif.

"Students are making connections with what they are learning in robotics and what they are learning in the classroom," said superintendent of Manassas Park Public Schools, Bruce McDade, in an email, "plus, in order to be a part of the program, students must be successful in the classroom, so the program serves as a great motivational tool as well."

In high school, students are then given STEM counselors who help with course selection, study skills, extracurriculars, and preparation for college. Students are also visited by engineers and researchers, who give additional advice about colleges and careers. Finally, when they are enrolled in George Mason University or NOVA, students have access to internships.

But SySTEMic Solutions hasn't just benefited public schools. The program has been a boon to local technology and research companies, who are dependent upon a highly skilled workforce and recognize the lack of STEM funding. Corporate partners, which include Micron Technology, Aerojet

Corporation, Insystech, and Lockheed Martin, help fund programs and educate students about job opportunities.

For nearly three years, Aerojet has contributed \$45,000 towards SySTEMic Solutions. "We do this because this could be our future workforce," said Wanita Garcia of Aerojet, "we recognize that our school systems need assistance from industries."

SySTEMic Solutions is a part of a greater effort for NOVA to collaborate with local companies to better prepare students for employment. Micron Technology has used NOVA educators in 2005-6 to retrain their workforce after automating one of their semiconductor factories.

Most students in the program are first generation college-goers, and many of them come from moderate or lower income families.

Both educators and engineers seem to agree that further funding in STEM will help reverse the negative economic trends. "We need to prepare our students for the opportunities that exist, and will only magnify in the future, in our very own backyard," said McDade. "We need well-qualified students to make our workforce strong so that we may compete in the global economy."

NEWS BRIEFS

Renovation Work At Park Playground

The Mount Jefferson Park Playground, 301 Hume Avenue, is under construction and renovation now through Oct. 12. The renovation will include installation of new play equipment and site furniture, new rubberized safety surfacing, and new drainage systems. The playground and adjacent multipurpose court is closed to the public during construction. For a list of City of Alexandria Playgrounds and Tot Lots, visit alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PlaygroundsandTotLots.pdf.

For residents' safety, use extra caution when near construction areas. Additional project information is available at <http://alexandriava.gov/27060>.

Wright To Read Reorganizes

The longtime literacy program Wright to Read, serving Alexandria children, will become a separate, independent non-profit 501 c3.

Frank and Betty Wright started the Wright to Read program in 1979 as a part of their family foundation. Since that time, Wright to Read has provided tutoring and mentoring services for elementary school children who fall behind in reading skills. As part of The Frank and Betty Wright Foundation, Wright to Read was administered from 1979-2010 by The Campagna Center, a community non-profit serving Alexandria children and families.

Becoming an independent non-profit 501 c3 means Wright to Read is now able to apply for government grants and can embark on new fundraising efforts in the

community.

Patsy Ticer and Peggy Morrison-Curtis join the five original members of the Wright to Read board of directors, formed in May: Jim Epstein, Juanita Illera, Pam Walkup, Jennifer Gale, and Betty Wright.

Those interested in volunteering for or supporting Wright to Read can find more information on our website, www.wrighttoread.org, or call 703-299-9854.

Uniforms for J-H Students

In an effort to help students experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging, and to promote academic excellence, Jefferson-Houston School has adopted a school uniform policy, which will begin in September of the 2012-13 school year.

Waterfront Supporters, Opponents Split Victories

FROM PAGE 1

IN THE COURTROOM, much of the debate centers around a ruling by Planning Director Faroll Hamer to reject a protest petition the day City Council members approved the waterfront plan in January. The protest petition is a way for property owners near a proposed development to force a supermajority vote, so opponents began collecting signatures. But after all the signatures had been collected — using an antique piece of equipment known as a planimeter, as required by city code — Hamer rejected the protest as invalid because council members were voting on a “text amendment” as opposed to a “map amendment.” She also rejected an appeal of her decision during the public hearing, which opponents say should have prevented the vote. That’s a ruling that’s now being challenged in court by a group of women who have become known as the “Iron Ladies.”

“We are questioning the logic that she can decide whether or not to accept an appeal when you are trying appealing her decision,” said Roy Shannon, who is representing the women in court. “It’s like saying, ‘Before I file an appeal with the court, are you OK with me suing you?’”

In the Alexandria Circuit Court, Judge Jim Clark agreed with the city — in part because the opponents could always move

forward with a case in the Board of Zoning Appeals. That’s exactly what happened in a late-night meeting that offered a surprise victory to opponents. Members of the board criticized the city’s distinction between a “map amendment” and a “text amendment” as a technicality used to prevent citizens from voicing legitimate concerns. Now the city is taking the unusual step of challenging its own Board of Zoning Appeals in Circuit Court.

“We believe that they incorrectly read and applied the law,” said City Attorney James Banks. “The legal standards that they used were incorrect.”

NOW EACH SIDE is seeking an appeal — the city in Circuit Court and opponents in the Virginia Supreme Court. Meanwhile, a case filed by the Old Dominion Boat Club has been remanded back to the Circuit Court. Back in May, the Supreme Court ruled that a visiting judge sidestepped a central question in a case brought by the club against the city involving Wales Alley. The city currently leases the alley to a restaurant, which has installed tables and chairs. Members of the Boat Club say they have a historic right to use the alley to move their boats to the waterfront, and now the Circuit Court has been ordered to consider the issue on its merits.

“The easement doesn’t just disappear into thin air,” said Boat Club attorney David

Three Waterfront Lawsuits

❖ **Iron Ladies:** The trio of women who filed a lawsuit against the city has become known as the “Iron Ladies,” April Burke, Marie Kux and Beth Gibney. During the January public hearing on the waterfront plan, they tried to file an appeal of Planning Director Faroll Hamer’s rejection of a protest petition against the plan. In court, the Iron Ladies have argued that the appeal should have prevented the public hearing from moving forward. Circuit Court Judge Jim Clark agreed, and now the trio is trying to get the Virginia Supreme Court to hear their case. A 10-minute hearing on the issue is expected in Richmond later this year.

❖ **BZA Ruling:** In a late-night meeting, the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals ruled a group of citizens who filed a protest petition should have been able to force a supermajority vote on the City

Chamowitz during the Supreme Court oral arguments. “This is condemnation by other means.” Caught in the middle of the dispute are the residents of Old Town who will have to live with the consequences of new development and developers who are eager to break ground. Carr Hospitality has already warned city officials that it has prepared plans to develop a smaller-scale residential unit “by right” if the new zoning fails to materialize. That puts the legal and political debate about the waterfront back into the forefront.

“These are inherently complex cases, and I think there are people who try to take advantage of the complexity of it to confuse and obfuscate,” said Banks, declining to give examples. “I’m not trying to cast

Council to approve the waterfront plan. That decision could have drastic consequences because the final decision fell one vote shy of being a supermajority.

That’s why the city is appealing the ruling of its own Board of Zoning Appeals. A court hearing has been set in March, and motions are expected to be heard in October.

❖ **Boat Club Lawuit:** In May, the Virginia Supreme Court remanded a case back to the Alexandria Circuit Court involving the right of the Old Dominion Boat Club to use Wales Alley. The city has leased part of the alley to a restaurant, which has installed tables and chairs, but the Boat Club is arguing in court that they have a historic right to use the alley. A hearing is expected later this year.

aspersions, but I think there are those who I think intentionally try to confuse, and I’ll leave it at that.”

On the other side of the argument, opponents of the waterfront plan feel that they are fighting a city that has seemingly endless resources. They believe that they will eventually prevail in court, which could lead to a reconsideration of the plan and how it would work. After scoring a loss in the Circuit Court, they feel the Board of Zoning Appeals ruling has created a new sense of momentum for their cause.

“Winning at the BZA was a big victory for us to the extent that the citizens oversight board realized what the director was doing,” said Shannon. “It’s more difficult to overturn something like that on appeal.”

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael P. Davis, son of Natasha L. Ayers of Centreville, and Eric K. Woods, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marine Corps Pvt. Catherine E. Miller, sister of Kevin F. Miller of Alexandria, Va., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Army National Guard Lt. Col. Allysa A. Kropp is returning to the U.S. after a deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom, respectively. She is the daughter of Ted and Marcia Kropp of Madockawando Road, Castine, Maine, and niece of Ann Kushner of Southdown Road, Alexandria.

The lieutenant colonel graduated in 1987 from Bucksport High School, Maine, and received a bachelor’s degree in 1991 from the University of Maine, Orono. She earned a master’s degree in 1998 from George Mason University, Fairfax.

Sarah L. Falkenstein has been awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend a host college or university. She is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Falkenstein of Silverberry Place, Colorado Springs, Colo. and niece of Kevin and Tina Brady of Kirkcaldy Lane, Alexandria. Falkenstein is a student at Pine Creek High School, Colorado Springs.

Air Force Airman David C. Stocks graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Debbie and Phillip Stocks of Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Stocks is a 2005 graduate of Tabb High School, Va.

Army Pfc. Charles DiJi has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. DiJi is the nephew of Maxwell

Okyere-Boateng and Bertha Asante of Flintstone Road, Alexandria.

Air Force Airman Gregory E. Wallace graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the grandson of Irene Kumitis of Orville Street, Alexandria, and Lewis McDaniel of Little Stone Court, Fayetteville, N.C. Wallace is a 2008 graduate of Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Va.

Navy Airman Melony Sot, a native of Alexandria, is currently deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Truman in the Gulf of Oman. USS Truman is presently supporting ongoing operations in Afghanistan. Airman Sot is an Aviation Ordnanceman, responsible for the maintenance, repair and installation of aviation ordnance essential for the protection of ground forces. Her husband, Joshua Harding, resides in Alexandria.

Major Jonathan Doyle, the 1st Infantry Division provost marshal, and a native of Alexandria, was awarded the Order of the Marchaussee July 3 at Contingency Operating Base Basra. The Order of Marechaussee is awarded to military police members who uphold the highest service traditions.

Navy Seaman Recruit Shadia T. Everett, daughter of Ronnie Everett, of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Eugene D. Bush graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Army Reserve Pvt. Hilary M. Kiundi has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Kiundi is the brother of Felix Kiundi of Skyhill Road, Alexandria.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Theodore J. Kent, son of Gretchen Rhedman of Alexandria, and Thomas Kent, of Richmond, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C. Kent is a 2007 graduate of Fork Union Military Academy of Fork Union, Va.

Marine Corps Pfc. Kevin I. Carrillo, a 2009 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, recently completed the Marine Corps Basic Enlisted Supply Course. Carrillo joined the Marine Corps in December 2009.

Navy Seaman Marjorie J. Florence, daughter of Edith B. Guitlen of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Evan W. Godwin graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Cheryl Godwin of Observation Way, Alexandria.

Navy Seaman Recruit Gina L. Caianiello, daughter of Elaine M. Reibsamen of Hollister, Calif. and Joseph P. Caianiello, of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Master Sergeant David Biscaro from Alexandria has reenlisted in the New York Army National Guard to continue service with the Joint Force Headquarters.

Army Pfc. Andrea J. Jimenez has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. She is the daughter of Astrid Menendez of Kenmore Ave., Alexandria. Jimenez is a 2009 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Navy Seaman Amy L. Gonzalez, a 1994 graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexan-

dria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Seaman Apprentice BreeAnn M. Rhodes, sister of Lauren D. Lopez-Cano of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Rhodes is a 2010 graduate of Indian River Central High School of Philadelphia, N.Y.

Army Pvt. Jonathan Salinas has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Ruth Campos of Quantrell Avenue, Alexandria.

Army Spec. Nickolos G. Porter has graduated from the Special Forces Candidate One-Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Carol-Beth Porter of Pinion Road, Derby, Kan., and brother of Serena Porter of Strutfield Lane, Alexandria. Porter graduated in 2005 from Derby High School, and received a bachelor’s degree in 2009 from Newman University, Wichita, Kan.

Army Pfc. Conrad A. Colby has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Colby is the son of Kelly Colby of Sheridonna Lane, Alexandria, and grandson of Stacy Colby of Easton Drive, Fairfax.

Army 2nd Lt. Spencer D. Sullivan graduated from the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Knox, Ky. He is an armor officer assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Cavalry at Fort Knox. Sullivan is the son of Shaun D. and Sarah M. Sullivan of Wilkes Street, Alexandria. In 2006, the lieutenant graduated from Langley High School, McLean, Va., and received a bachelor’s degree in 2010 from the College of

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Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, will hold an Ice Cream Mixer for the entire school from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, in the atrium. The event is not just for kindergarten families, as previously announced. For more information, contact the school at 703-706-4400.

Award-winning educator, author and activist **Pedro Noguera** will talk about family-school partnerships in his keynote address at the ACPs Family And Community Engagement Center's Family Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The free event also will feature food, family activities and educational resources. Bus shuttle transportation will be available. RSVP at 703-824-6865 or www.acps.k12.va.us/face-centers.

Seeking Avid Tutors for 2012-13 School Year
The ACPs Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program is seeking individuals willing to work 15-20 hours in a secondary school during the school year. AVID tutors will be required to assist students in their learning by facilitating content-related tutorial groups using a Socratic methodology. They also will have the opportunity to collaborate with middle school and/or high school faculty and other tutors to support and build the AVID program through college- and career-related field trips and motivational experiences. Learn more about how to apply at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/curriculum/avid/>.

Brendan Thurman Reilly, son of Peter B. and Cristine T. Reilly of Alexandria, graduated from the Catholic University of America on Saturday, May 12 with a degree of bachelor of science in architecture. Brendan is a 2008 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School.

Patrick Kane, a resident of Alexandria, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in history from Clemson University Dec. 22.

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year including **Charles Fraser** of Alexandria.

Mary Huigens of Alexandria was awarded a master of arts degree during **Creighton University's** winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 17, at the D.J. Sokol Arena in the Wayne and Eileen Ryan Athletic Center on campus.

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year.

❖ **John C. Luce Jr.**, Alexandria, son of John and Margaret Luce of Alexandria, and a 2008 graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

❖ **Robert J. Thorborg**, Horseheads, son of Robert Thorborg of Horseheads, N.Y. and LouAnn and Charles Fraser of Alexandria, and a 2008 graduate of Horseheads High School, Horseheads, N.Y.

❖ **Alexandra B. Van den Berg**, Alexandria, daughter of Alan and Anne Van den Berg of Alexandria, and a 2011 graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School.

Ashley Schaad of Alexandria was among 25 students who earned diplomas at **Marietta College's** December Convocation on Sunday, Dec. 11. Schaad completed requirements for the Master of Arts degree with a major in Psychology.

Students named to Fall 2011 President's List at **James Madison University** include: **Tuba Ahmed; Courtney Chesley; Jamie Coder; Brandon Eskridge; Kristen Fannon; Camila Ferreira; Julia Florio; Meaghan Fry; Evan Grice; Christopher Hughes; Haley Mertins; Savannah Smith; Sarah Thomas; and Alexis Vlasho.**

Students named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at **James Madison University** include: **Abigail Agha; Margaret Amos; Marian Ansley; Elizabeth Badley; Jordan Barber; Emily**

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Fall 2011 graduates from **James Madison University** include: **Gregory Allen; Benjamin Chang; Robert Clark; Erin Drone; Nabila Hafez; Della Hinn; Polly Reuter; Sarah Thomas; Monika Zawasky; and Bemnet Zeleke.**

The following **Virginia Military Institute** cadets

are among the 506 cadets who were recently named to the Deans' List for the first semester of academic year 2011-12.

Nicholas V. Engle - A recent graduate from Alexandria who majored in International Studies.

Alex K. Haitzuka - A recent graduate from Alexandria who majored in Economics/Business.

Kenia R. Hurtado - A sophomore from Alexandria is majoring in International Studies.

Min K. Jung - A senior from Alexandria is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Ryan F. Schaedel - A senior from Alexandria is majoring in Physics and Applied Mathematics.

Ray D. Montolin - A sophomore from Alexandria is majoring in International Studies.

The following local residents were among over 1800 students from **Wake Forest University** who made the Fall Dean's List:

❖ **Grace Fenstermaker**, a resident of Alexandria,

❖ **Megan Donovan**, a resident of Alexandria,

❖ **Caroline White**, a resident of Alexandria,

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at the **University of Vermont**:

❖ **Sarah E. Bryan** of Alexandria, a junior majoring in Secondary Education English in the College of Education & Social Services.

❖ **Andrea T. Brendalen** of Alexandria, a junior majoring in Environmental Sciences in the Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources.

❖ **Erin Kleiber**, a sophomore from Alexandria, is spending the spring semester studying abroad at the University of Dallas' 12-acre Eugene Constantin Campus just outside Rome, Italy.

Matthew Wulff of Alexandria was named to the Dean's List at Bowling Green State University.

Linda McCargo, a junior German and economics major from Alexandria, was named to **Lycoming College's** dean's list for the fall semester.

William Donahoe of Alexandria has been named to the **University of Delaware's** Dean's List for Fall 2011. Donahoe is a Sophomore Arts and Sciences major.

The following local students were awarded Dean's List honors for the fall 2011 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

❖ **Danielle Thorne** of Alexandria;

❖ **Emily Laubach** of Alexandria;

Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the Dean's Commendation List. The following students have been placed on the Fall 2011 list:

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Linda Marie Morris (Age 52)

On August 12, 2012 surrounded by her family at her home in Stafford, VA, Linda Marie Morris lost her courageous battle with cancer. Born in Alexandria, VA, she graduated from Hayfield High School in 1978. She worked at Giant Foods for over 30 years; loved gardening, and will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, John C. "Beanie" Morris; sons, Chris (Dana), Brad (Deise), Jon (Amanda), and Matthew Morris; grandchildren, Gavin, Brandon, and Amber Morris; parents, John H. and Dorothy Barrett; brothers, Glen (the late Cathy) Barrett, Ed (Paula) Barrett, Rick Barrett, Michael (Karen) Barrett, and Roger (Angie) Barrett; mother in law, Patricia Morris; brothers in law, Joe (Maryellen) and Greg (Suzie) Morris; sisters in law, Susan (Richie) Donnelly, Melanie (Tim) Clark; numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302 where funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 11 AM. Interment will follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery. Flowers, gifts, and a guest register may be found at www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

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❖ **Kendall Akey**, from Alexandria;
❖ **Edward Graham**, from Alexandria;
❖ **Kelly McGrath**, from Alexandria;
❖ **Cheryl Olechnowicz**, from Alexandria;

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

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce **Jerome Mitchell** of Alexandria has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2011.

The following students were recognized as members of the dean's list for the fall semester at **Eastern Mennonite University**, Harrisonburg, Va.

❖ **Erin Rheinheimer**, a first-year student from Alexandria.
❖ **Stephanie Rheinheimer**, a junior student from Alexandria.

Sean Adam Flynn of Alexandria graduated from **Radford University** at the end of the fall semester. He earned a bachelor of science in sports, exercise and health education.

Issac Oliver Johnson of Alexandria graduated from **Radford University** at the end of the fall semester. He earned a master of occupational therapy degree in occupational therapy.

Clinton Williams of Alexandria graduated from **Indiana Wesleyan University** with an M.B.A. in accounting on Dec. 17.

The following local residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the **College of William and Mary** for the fall 2011 semester:

❖ **Rebecca Mitsch** from Alexandria;
❖ **Travis Hellman** from Alexandria;
❖ **Cameron Pelliconi** from Alexandria;
❖ **Austin Toner** from Alexandria;
❖ **Eva Baker** from Alexandria;

D'Lontae Sewell of Alexandria was named to the Dean's List at **Norwich University** for the Fall 2011 semester.

John Hetrick Yeingst of Alexan-

dria was among nearly 1,250 **Marshall University** students who were recognized at the university's Winter Commencement Dec. 10 in Huntington, W.Va. Yeingst earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Mary Ferrill of Alexandria made the Dean's List at **DePaul University** for the fall quarter of 2011.

The following local residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the **College of William and Mary** for the spring 2011 semester:

❖ **Rebecca Mitsch** from Alexandria;
❖ **Travis Hellman** from Alexandria;
❖ **Cameron Pelliconi** from Alexandria;
❖ **Austin Toner** from Alexandria;
❖ **Eva Baker** from Alexandria;

Michaela Reilly Balderston of Alexandria is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the 2011 fall term at **Colgate University**, where Balderston is a member of the Class of 2012. Balderston is the daughter of Mr. Kris M. Balderston and Mrs. Patricia M. Reilly.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Frederick and Catalina Voellm of Alexandria, has been named to **Randolph-Macon Academy's** President's List for the second quarter of the 2011-12 school year. Anastasia is a junior at Randolph-Macon.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Frederick and Catalina Voellm of Alexandria, was named to the President's List at **Randolph-Macon Academy**. Anastasia is a junior.

Maria Aleksandrova, the daughter of Michael and Yana Babson of Alexandria, was named to the Dean's List at **Randolph-Macon Academy**. Maria is a senior.

Kerry Flanagan of Alexandria performed in "Love in the Afternoon," an annual concert presented by the **Marist College Singers** organization. Flanagan is a Marist College Sophomore.

Catherine D. Kahl, a member of the Class of 2013 at **Colby College** in Waterville, Maine, was named to the dean's list for her outstanding academic

achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 year. Kahl, the daughter of James and Caroline Kahl of Alexandria, is majoring in global studies at Colby. She attended Potomac School.

Alexandria resident **Nolan Peters**, 9th grade, was named to the High Honors List for Trimester 2 at **Saint James School**.

The following local students were among the December 2011 graduates of **Longwood University**:

❖ **Alice Frances Noren** of Alexandria.

Longwood University has selected 672 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester. Among those who earned an academic average of 3.5 to 3.99 were:

❖ **Taylor Ashley Lincoln** of Alexandria;
❖ **Sarah Elaine Harden** of Alexandria;
❖ **Asia Noelle Stroud** of Alexandria;
❖ **Samuel Adam Bair** of Alexandria;

Amber D Love of Alexandria was named to the dean's list at **Columbia College** for the October and January sessions.

The following students enrolled at **Virginia Tech** were named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester.

❖ **Madeleine R. Byrnes** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in civil engineering in the **College of Engineering**.

❖ **Austin C. Gage** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in political science in the **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**.

❖ **Julian S. Van Giessen** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in chemistry in the **College of Science**.

❖ **Rachel A. Gartlan** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in international studies in the **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**.

❖ **Christopher J. Boucher** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in sociology in the **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**.

❖ **D'Elia M. Chandler** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in English in the **College of Liberal Arts and**

Human Sciences.

❖ **Samuel J. Ferrara** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the **College of Engineering**.

❖ **Claire S. Osborn** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in political science in the **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**.

❖ **Whui Su Shim** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in general engineering in the **College of Engineering**.

❖ **Renee C. Von Guggenberg** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry in the **College of Science**.

❖ **Shauna M. Erickson** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in business in the **Pamplin College of Business**.

❖ **Bryauna J. Clark** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in public and urban affairs in the **College of Architecture and Urban Studies**.

❖ **Kelsey E. Donley** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in business in the

Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Olivia N. Foroughi** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in sociology in the **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**.

❖ **Conor P. Goree** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in chemical engineering in the **College of Engineering**.

❖ **Sandy S. Janwatin** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in biological sciences in the **College of Science**.

❖ **Brian M. McGinty** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in finance in the **Pamplin College of Business**.

❖ **Marin A. Nolan** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in psychology in the **College of Science**.

❖ **Rebecca L. Stone** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in architecture in the **College of Architecture and Urban Studies**.

❖ **Molly E. Vaughan** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in interior design in the **College of Architecture and Urban Studies**.

Hurley Graduates From West Point

Matthew Brett "Matt" Hurley of Mount Vernon graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on May 26. He received his bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within his chosen branch: Infantry. He has already reported to Fort Benning, Ga. for a succession of training courses.

Hurley is a 2008 graduate of Episcopal High School in Alexandria where he was co-captain of football and lacrosse. He was a varsity Army lacrosse midfielder for 4 years. In June the Patriot League named Hurley to its lacrosse academic honor roll based on his last semester.



2nd Lt. Matthew Brett Hurley

Hurley played in the various sports program of the Fort Hunt Youth League while he was a student at Carl Sandburg Middle School. While at West Point, Hurley served at various bases in summer military training assignments and earned the Air Assault badge.

Time for School

Advice on how to transition from a laid-back summer to a hectic academic year.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When Ellen Feldman's 5-year-old son started school last fall, one of the biggest adjustments for the single mother of two was having to adhere to a schedule.

"All of a sudden we went from being able to do things on our own time frame to having to wake up and be at a certain place at a certain time," said Feldman. "Sending my son off to school for the first time was exciting, but also difficult."

From purchasing school supplies and new clothes to reuniting with friends and leaving home for the first time, the start of a new school year can bring about emotions that range from delight to anxiety.

"Back to school, which is a positive experience, has stress built into it," said Linda Gulyn, a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Any change is stressful, even a positive change. But kids will adapt quickly." The transition, said experts, is more manageable when parents develop a plan before the first day of classes.

"The more structure parents can give their kids before school starts, the better," said professional organizer Cecilia Anderson, a former teacher and the owner of Splendidly Organized, Inc. in Vienna. "If kids are given total free reign during the summer, they are not going to be in the right mindset for school."

Michele Claeys, associate head and middle school principal at the Norwood School in Potomac, believes that final days of summer break can be an ideal time for an academic brush-up: "There are often skills that aren't used throughout the summer, but are important



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Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University says that any change — including a return to school — can be stressful.

as school starts. Having children of all ages read as much as possible for pleasure throughout the summer, but also in the days leading up to the start of school, is a good idea because it is a sustained experience where they are focused on something for a long period time." Claeys also recommended giving children an opportunity to discuss their reading with friends.

EXPERTS ALSO SUGGEST establishing a sleep routine with a consistent bedtime. "If parents get started a full week ahead of time trying to get children into the routine of being awake and alert for the morning, it gives them a chance to get their bodies adjusted to the schedule that they will have to maintain for the whole year," said Claeys.

Reintroducing a back-to-school morning ritual can be an anxiety-inducing exercise for some, especially after two months without a rigid agenda. According to professional organizers, a tactical plan

can make the daybreak drill more pleasant.

"Do as much as you can the night before. For parents who pack their kids lunches, it is important to have things ready to go and put in bags," said Anderson. For children who want the freedom of packing their own lunches, Anderson recommended dividing lunch options into food group and allowing children to select one item from each group.

"You want to give your child a balanced meal," she said. "One day there might be tuna sandwiches, and turkey sandwiches on another day, and whatever snack goes along with it like cut-up vegetables. Have those ready to go and in bins and let children choose one thing from each bin. That way kids will have more ownership over their lunches and there will be few complaints."

Don't underestimate the importance of breakfast either: "A child won't have all faculties for learning if they haven't eaten well," said Anderson. "Some kids don't have lunch until 1 o'clock, so to go from

6 a.m. until 1 o'clock without food is tough. They need something that has protein. It doesn't have to be home-cooked eggs. It can be turkey sausages or lunchmeat, but a bag of chips and a monster drink is not a good breakfast."

TO AVOID a last-minute morning search for errant permission slips or stray report cards, Vienna-based professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS urges parents to create a command center, a central location where all papers that must be signed and returned to school are kept. She adds that a chart outlining the morning tasks is another useful tool: "If children have a check list to look at, they can ask themselves, 'Have I brushed my teeth?' or 'Have I combed my hair?' The night before, choose clothes and put the

backpack by the door."

Use a family calendar. "Another important thing is having a calendar that lists activities and sporting events and putting it in a place where everybody can see it and everybody knows the schedule," said Unger. "It also helps to color-code the calendar, so have one color for each child."

Before heading out to purchase new supplies or clothes for school, organizers suggest taking inventory. "You can see what you already have and what you need and make a shopping list from that,"

said Unger.

One of the most important components of creating a good start to a new school year is attitude, education experts agree. "Generally, it is helpful if parents help children see school as a fun, happy place where they can be stimulated and learn," said Claeys.

"The more structure parents can give their kids before school starts, the better."

— Cecilia Anderson

"But I Don't Want to Go to School"

Separation Anxiety and Other Resistances to School

"Separation anxiety is a natural and healthy emotion," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Developmental theory will say when children have separation anxiety, it is a sign that they are attached to the parent. That is good sign."

Understanding an older child's resistance to school: "From a psychological point of view, it is important for parents to acknowledge

the child's feelings," Gulyn said. "Even if you're looking at your 14-year-old and thinking she's being absolutely unreasonable, you have to say 'I understand how you feel. I get it.' Then the teen feels that they are being respected."

"For a lot of teens, there is a lot of pressure going into school mode, so that is legitimate anxiety. They might be saying, 'I now have three A.P. (Advanced Placement) classes. I have to play volleyball. I have to work part-time. I have all this stuff going on,' so the pressure is real," said Gulyn.

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MILITARY NOTES

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William and Mary, Williamsburg.

Army Pfc. Andrew M. Tionson has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Tionson is the son of Brenda Eiseman of Digby Green, Alexandria. The private is a 2008 graduate of the Word of Life Christian Academy, Springfield.

Army Pvt. Michael S. Annino has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Annino is the son of Michael F. Cranston of Lagrange St., Lorton, Va., and Gina M. Annino of Alexandria. His wife, Kiley, is the daughter of Megan L. Canady of Woodbridge. The private is a 2009 graduate of Woodbridge Senior High School.

Marine Corps Pfc. David M. Annan, son of Stephanie C. Annan of Kershaw, S.C., and Kevin M. Annan, of Alexandria, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Annan is a 2010 graduate of Andrew Jackson High School of Kershaw, S.C., and joined the Marine Corps in June 2010.

Air Force Airman Jason M. Frank graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Kenneth Frank of Blackalder Drive, Alexandria. Frank graduated in 2007 from Forest Park High School, Woodbridge.

Army National Guard Pvt. Breanda T. Hatfield has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Antquello Hatfield of Sycamore St., Alexandria. The private is a 2008 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Army National Guard Pfc. Bereket M. Gebremariam has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the brother of Wintana Gebremariam of S. Alfred St., Alexandria. Gebremariam graduated in 2010 from T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Michael J. Silva of Alexandria was elected President-elect of the Reserve Officers Association at its national convention Feb. 2. He will begin his 2-year term as president in 2013. During his 20 years in Army Reserve units, he has held operations, training, senior staff, and command positions in various assignments to include deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq and Qatar. He also served a tour in the Pentagon in the Iraq Interagency Support group resolving issues between the Department of Defense and the Department of State. Most recently, he deployed as the Commanding General of the 411th Engineer Brigade in Balad, Iraq supporting the Multi-National Corps Iraq.

Army Pfc. Brittany B. Jefferson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter

of Tonya D. Jefferson of Abbingdon Drive, Oxon Hill, Md., and granddaughter of Sharon Drinkard of Price St., Alexandria. Jefferson graduated in 2010 from Oxon Hill High School.

Army National Guard Pvt. Werner Van Der Heyde has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Van Der Heyde is the son of Leroy and Maria Van Der Heyde of Reading Ave., Alexandria.

Army Pvt. Keith A. Muschek has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Muschek is the son of Jill and stepson of Nick Chit of Wyndham Circle, Alexandria.

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Navy Seaman Victor Kpeyibor, son of Rose A. Adukpo of Alexandria, and John Y. Kpeyibor, of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Army Reserve Pfc. Cole S. Warner has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Roger Warner of Sage St., Cokeville, Wyo., and Tamara Stolpe of Broadmoore St., Alexandria. Warner graduated in 2007 from Cokeville High School.

Army National Guard Pvt. Bencyon P. Hines has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). He is the son of Judith F. Hines of Malone Ridge St., Alexandria. Hines graduated in 2010 from T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Air Force Airman Jessica Bradley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the niece of Jennifer Bradley-Farmer of Dogue Forest Court, Alexandria, and Jacque Bradley-Washington of Quitman Mountain Way, Round Rock, Texas. Bradley graduated in 2009 from Pflugerville High School, Texas.

Navy Seaman Samir N. Harris, son of Nathaniel H. Harris, of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Harris is a 2002 graduate of Woodrow Wilson Senior High School of Washington, D.C.

Navy Airman Recruit Daniel L. Pecora, son of Judith D. and Louis M. Pecora of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Pecora is a 2004 graduate of T. C. Williams High School of Alexandria.

Army Master Sgt. Stephen A. Burnley graduated from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Burnley is an air defense artillery senior sergeant and has served in the military for 18 years. He is the son of Stephen and Lucretia Burnley of Habersham Way, Alexandria. The master sergeant graduated in 1989 from Bishop Ireton High School.

PEOPLE



From left: Mauricio Carvalho and Joseph Weeks of ORS Interactive present Marcel Washington, Rashaud Westbrook, Eric Elder, Tamer Castle, and Eric Hawkins with their ServSafe Certifications.



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Education coordinator Krista Sofonia (far left) and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne (far right) congratulate (center, left to right) Richard White, Stephanie Schwab and Alvin Bell for passing their GED examinations.

Inmates' Educational Efforts Praised

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office hosted a graduation ceremony July 19 to honor the recent educational accomplishments of 14 inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne congratulated the inmates not only for their special achievements but for challenging themselves and investing in their future. Education coordinator Krista Sofonia presented Alvin Bell, 54, Stephanie Schwab, 27, and Richard White, 21, with Certificates of Achievement for passing their General Educational Development examinations. They wore caps and gowns and were cheered by visiting family members invited to attend the ceremony, as well as by fellow inmates and the Sheriff's staff. Four other inmates who were released before the ceremony also passed their GED exams. Sofonia acknowledged the work of GED volunteers, including Sarah Goshorn, a graduate student at Marymount University who is currently doing an internship at the Detention Center.

Seven other inmates were recognized for earning

their ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification, a locally and national recognized certification which will make them more competitive candidates for restaurant and food service employment opportunities. The eight-hour program, administered by ORS Interactive of Falls Church, covered food safety regulations and concepts, including time and temperature control, preventing cross-contamination, cleaning and sanitizing, safe food preparation, receiving and storing food, and methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food. This was the first time the Alexandria Sheriff's Office offered this type of training to its inmates.

Officials from ORS joined Lawhorne in congratulating Tamer Castle, 35, Eric Elder, 33, Eric Hawkins, 41, Marcel Washington, 24, Rashaud Westbrook, 20, and another inmate who did not want his identity publicized. Some of these inmates are already working in the Detention Center cafeteria. The seventh ServSafe graduate was released prior to the ceremony.

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In June 2012, 245 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,900,000-\$90,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$412,000-\$246,5150 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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2181 JAMIESON AVE #502	2	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314
1002 VAIL ST	3	.2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22304
413 CAMERON STATION BLVD #532	.2	1			ALEXANDRIA	\$403,000	Townhouse		22304
110 INGLE PL	3	.2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$399,900	Townhouse	0.05	22304
217 GORDON ST	3	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$398,000	Detached	0.23	22304
9 KENNEDY ST	3	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$395,593	Townhouse	0.05	22305
2931 DINWIDDIE ST #3381	2	.2	0		ARLINGTON	\$394,000	Townhouse		22206
2964 COLUMBUS ST #3252	2	.2	0		ARLINGTON	\$390,000	Townhouse		22206
23 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	.1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301
29 REED AVE E	3	.1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Detached	0.15	22305
5319 FILLMORE AVE	4	.1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Detached	0.27	22311
4689 LAWTON WAY #302	2	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$389,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311
208 TAYLOR RUN PKWY W	3	.1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314
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53 SKYHILL RD #103	3	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$296,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314
1427C VAN DORN ST #1427C	2	.1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$288,500	Townhouse		22304
3342 GUNSTON RD #734-33	2	.1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302
1909 QUAKER LN #219-19	2	.1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Townhouse		22302
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4850 EISENHOWER AVE #320	2	.2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$271,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304
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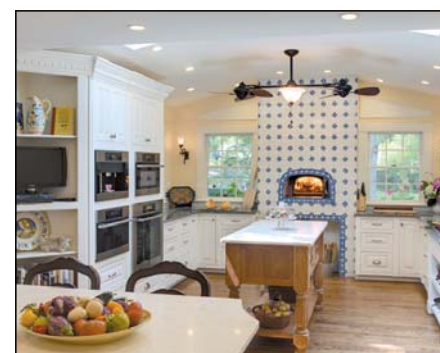
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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

Alexandria Hospital Lectures:

Minimally Invasive Techniques in Gyn Surgery, Presented by Natalya Danilyants, MD. Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium, 4320 Seminary Rd. 6 p.m. Register: 1-855-694-6682 or register online at inova.org/AskTheExpert

Alexandria City Council Candidate Forum.

Open to the public and takes place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Rd, Alexandria VA. The event is being sponsored by several West End civic associations.

ONGOING

StagePlay Summer Camp

registrations are now been taken for an assortment of camps for pre-schoolers through middle schoolers. Locations are at the Little Theatre of Alexandria and St. Aidans Episcopal Church. For a full camp listing, email bardsplay@gmail.com, or call 703-360-0233.

Plant Clinics. Wonder how to grow great tomatoes, which tree is best for your home landscape, or what strange insect you have found? VCE Master Gardeners can help find the answers at weekly Plant Clinics held in the following locations:

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King St., Saturdays, from 7 a.m. - noon, May 5 through Sept. 29.

Del Ray Farmers' Market,

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FIRST WEDNESDAYS

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria

meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 109, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome.

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium

needs volunteers to tutor kindergarteners and first-graders in literacy skills for 30 minutes once or twice a week through May in Alexandria public schools. Training and lesson plans provided. Call 703-549-6670, ext. 119, or visit www.alexandriatutors.org.

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needs dependable volunteers to tutor Alexandria City Public School kindergarteners and first graders who need help with literacy skills. Training and lesson plans targeted at the child's reading needs are provided. 85 percent of the 192 children tutored last year reached their spring grade level literacy benchmarks. Go to www.alexandriatutors.org for more information and to register.

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Residents are invited to become a part of history by serving as an election officer for the City of Alexandria during the Nov. 6, Presidential Election. The Alexandria Electoral Board is looking for civic-minded individuals with basic computer user skills who are interested in the election process and are available to help on Nov. 6. Election Officer Requirements:

- ❖ Registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia

- ❖ Basic computer user skills
- ❖ Willing to work from 4:45 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- ❖ Willing to adhere to the standards of Integrity, Neutrality, Transparency and Accuracy

Election Officers receive \$100 for their efforts. For more information or to apply choose one of the following options:

- ❖ Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections> and click "Be a Precinct Election Officer."

- ❖ Call 703-746-4050 and ask to speak with Election Staff.



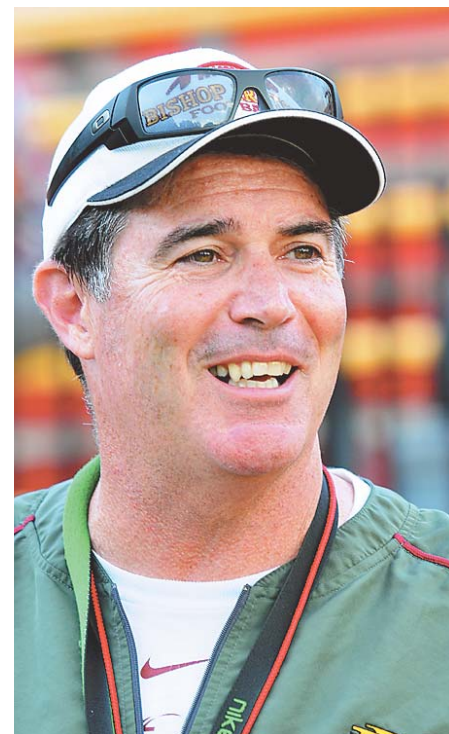
Senior P.J. Zingler returns for this third season as Bishop Ireton's starting quarterback.



Bishop Ireton running back Brandon Williams-Price rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.



Senior Geno Miller is a standout cornerback who transferred to Bishop Ireton from Bishop McNamara.



Tony Verducci enters his sixth season as Bishop Ireton head football coach.

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Ireton Looking To Match, Eclipse Last Year's Success

Cardinals' 2011 season ended in heartbreaking fashion.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Two days after Bishop Ireton's 2011 season had ended, Tony Verducci charted the win totals of his five seasons as the school's head football coach and noticed an "unfortunately cyclical" pattern.

The data read like this: nine wins in 2007, four in 2008, seven in 2009, three in 2010 and eight in the recently completed 2011 campaign. After experiencing drop-offs in 2008 and 2010, Verducci wanted the Cardinals focused and motivated toward maintaining success in 2012.

"The point that I wanted to make was that eight goes in whatever direction we earn," said Verducci, referencing last season's win total. "There's nothing that says eight has to go down, there's nothing that says eight can't go up."

Facing the challenge of maintaining success from one season to the next, the Bishop Ireton football team doesn't have to look far for motivation. In fact, the Cardinals can't seem to get away from it.

Ireton's 2011 season ended in agonizing fashion. Leading 34-31 late in their first round playoff game against St. Christopher's, the Cardinals had the Saints facing fourth-and-16 from their own 1-yard line. With their season on the line, the Saints executed a hook-and-ladder play, which turned into an improbable 99-yard touchdown and led to a 38-34 St. Christopher's victory. Video evidence of the play is available on YouTube — it's the first video that shows up when you search "99 yard hook and ladder," said junior outside linebacker

Hudson Sullivan, who said he feels "horrible" when he watches it. Sullivan isn't the only one who has seen it.

Senior quarterback P.J. Sullivan said he's seen the replay "1,000 times," in different places.

"You're always reminded of it," he said. "It doesn't go away."

Zingler's performance in 2012 will have a major impact on whether Ireton can match — or eclipse — last season's win total. Zingler enters his third year as the team's starting signal caller. With the loss of game-changing receiving threats Moses Webb and Malcolm Westbrook to graduation, Zingler will have to rely more on his ability to read a defense and find an open receiver, rather than simply relying on Webb or Westbrook to make a play. "It's tremendously important," Verducci said about having a third-year starter at quarterback. "No. 1, he's bigger, he's stronger and he just looks more mature than he did a year ago. Having a guy who understands the offense, who can now go from looking for people to just reading the defense, that's what we're looking for from him this year. Last year, he knew if he got in trouble, he could find Moses and Malcolm and things were generally going to be fine. This year, we have a good group of talented, albeit inexperienced receivers, and I think it emphasizes for PJ the need to trust his reads, as compared to trusting in a couple of really gifted receivers."

"You're always reminded of it. It doesn't go away."

— Bishop Ireton quarterback P.J. Zingler about the 99-yard hook-and-ladder play that beat the Cardinals in last year's playoffs.

Seniors Justin Page and Austin Carter, junior Sullivan and sophomores Drew Smith, Jaidan Walker and Brenden Peifer could see time at receiver.

Leading the way on the ground is senior running back Brandon Williams-Price, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.

Verducci said Williams-Price will likely be the focal point of opposing defenses.

"I think Brandon will be a marked man this year," Verducci said. "Last year when I spoke to my fellow coaches at the independent

school, they all acknowledged that their primary concern was Moses. I think coming in this year, a lot of the primary concern is going to be for people to have to account for Brandon Williams-Price. He's got that gear to make a bad play a great play." Senior Geno Williams, a transfer from Bishop McNamara, could also see time at running

back. Williams is primarily a defensive back, and said he has received interest from colleges such as Old Dominion, Stanford and Richmond.

Senior Jimmy Keegan, a three-year starter and all-state selection, returns at left tackle. Josh Reed, Jacob Bisnett, Kieran Grogan and Cullen Pointon will also see time on the offensive line.

Defensively, Williams is a standout cornerback. When asked if playing at a new school makes him feel as if he has something to prove, Williams said he always feels that way.

"That's how I play — I play with a chip on my shoulder," he said. "I don't like going out here and thinking anything is going to be handed to me. I just go out here and do what I've got to do to get my spot."

Sullivan is a standout at outside linebacker. Mike Sampson moved from defensive line to outside linebacker in the Cardinals' 3-4 scheme. Jack Beer and Christian Frazier return on the defensive line.

Ireton will open its season on the road at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 against Bishop O'Connell.

Westminster Awards \$20,155 in Grants

Westminster Presbyterian Church, a North Ridge landmark church founded in 1940 with a commitment to local mission work, announced the awarding of \$20,155 in new grants to five Alexandria charitable organizations: Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services (ANHSI), the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, United Community Ministries (UCM),

Computer CORE, and Space of Her Own (SOHO).

Westminster's local grants program received 32 grant applications from a myriad of need-based organizations requesting a total of \$131,374.16 in funds.

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