



# Mayor Euille Elected to Fourth Term

**Democratic incumbent wins handily against independent challenger.**

By Michael Lee Pope  
Gazette Packet

Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille hasn't been in a competitive election since 2003, when he was first elected mayor against Republican Bill Cleveland and independent Townsend Van Fleet. And perhaps his lopsided victory Tuesday night shows why — Euille is clearly popular with voters in Alexandria, especially the record number of Democrats who turned out this week to support the reelection of incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama.

"I respect Andrew Macdonald. We have been friends for many years, and we grew up together," said Euille. "And I'm glad that Andrew decided to step forward to challenge me because it afforded me an opportunity to be able to get my message out to demonstrate to the voters what my vision is for the city and my success."

Over the course of the last year, Macdonald has become a leading



Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille celebrates victory with a traditional Ethiopian breaking-of-the-bread ceremony.

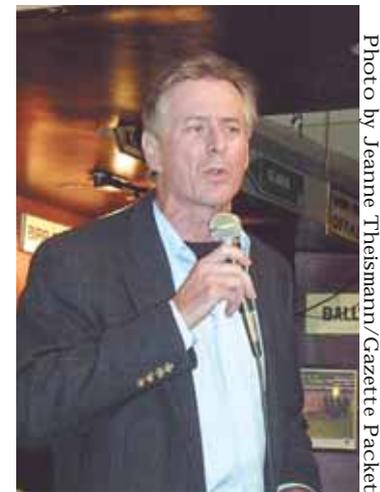
force of opposition in the city, marshalling people to work against the waterfront plan. Euille, on the other hand, has been one of the chief advocates of the waterfront plan. That division was represented in the vote totals Tuesday night, as Macdonald won the

two Old Town precincts that are at issue in the waterfront plan. Euille won every other precinct in the city.

"Well, I think we showed there are an awful lot of people in Alexandria that are really concerned about the direction that the city is

taking," Macdonald said at Ireland's Own Restaurant and Pub Tuesday night. "And that's something the next city government is going to have to take into account."

Euille pledged to be mayor for all Alexandrians, even those who



Independent challenger Andrew Macdonald concedes the 2012 Alexandria mayoral race to Democratic incumbent Bill Euille.

## Mayoral Election

Candidate	Votes
Bill Euille	39,145 votes
Andrew Macdonald	26,038 votes

opposed him in this election.

"I will make certain that everyone will be inclusive as part of our decision-making process moving forward," Euille said at the Democrats victory part on the West End. "And I will make certain that Andrew, someone that I have a lot of respect for, will be part of that process."



City Councilman Frank Fannon thanks his supporters after losing his bid for reelection.

# Democrats Sweep City Election

**Moving local elections from May to November helped solidify one-party rule.**

By Michael Lee Pope  
Gazette Packet

Three years ago, "Plunkee the Elephant" helped an independent and a Republican unseat two incumbent Democrats on the Alexandria City Council. Plunkee was the mascot of the Republican campaign in 2009, a strategy that asked voters to "plunk" or "bullet vote" for a

slate of candidates challenging the Democratic establishment.

It worked, and Democrats lost two seats.

Now, the pendulum has swung in the other direction. After the stunning loss in May 2009, the all-Democratic members of the lame-duck City Council ended the long tradition of having separate election for local races — a tradition that dates back to the earliest days

of city politics. Instead, they abandoned tradition and moved the election for mayor and City Council to November 2012, when record number of Democrats were expected at the polls to vote for incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama.

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"Unfortunately, we got caught up in a numbers game tonight," said Fannon, who won eight precincts. "The good news is that I had almost three times as many

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## Metro Dilemma

Here's a dilemma that will soon be facing the next City Council: Where to place the new Metro station at Potomac Yard.

If council members choose Alternative B, construction of the station will take place in a scenic easement. If they don't choose Alternative B, the project will lose \$49 million. That's because city officials entered into a memorandum of understanding in 2010 that the developers would only kick in money if Alternative B is selected. The owner of North Potomac Yard, CPYR, saw little economic value in paying for Alternative A, which is a longer walk from the property.

Back in 2010, the rezoning process identified Alternative B as the desired site. City officials say this helps define the purpose and need for the station, which would serve as a starting point of an environmental impact statement. That process is currently underway, and members of the new City Council will be making a final recommendation after its concluded this spring. City officials say they are looking at a number of mitigating factors, including funding, scenic easement, wetland degradation and noise.

"It's premature to say there's financial motivation, or wetlands motivation or constructability motivation," said **Rich Baier**, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "Right now, we're collecting data, and we are going to let the process play out." Does that mean that Alternative B is a done deal? Certainly not, say city leaders.

"That fact that the developer will only pay for Alternative B does not mean that Alternative A is not possible," said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**. "Alternative A is cheaper, even without the developer contribution."

Alternative A is expected to cost \$195 million, while Alternative B has a price tag of \$250 million. That means that Alternative B will be more expensive, even with the developer money. Alternative C, which is similar to the stations currently under construction in Tysons Corner would cost \$462 million.

## Hunting Housing

Hundreds of residents in Hunting Towers are worried about the future. Will they be evicted after the Virginia Department of Transportation sells the two high-rise buildings to a developer? Or will the city find a way to preserve affordable housing?

That's an open question, one that has yet to be answered.

A few weeks ago, residents of Hunting Towers received word that VDOT had identified a potential buyer and that the apartments would be inspected as part of a due-diligence process. That opened a new line of worry at the towers, which are some of the last market-rate affordable housing units in the city. Ever since VDOT purchased the buildings in 2002 as part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction project, people knew that a sale was imminent. Hunting Towers resident **Maurice Barboza** says he would like to see city officials pursue a process that would let the state agency sell the property at a price that's below real market value, with the agreement that the purchaser would preserve affordable housing.

"That would be an uphill battle, certainly," said Barboza. "It would seem to me that it would be in the interest of the city to take every possible precaution and every possible avenue to preserve the property."

Mayor **Bill Euille** says the city government approached VDOT about that, and senior officials rebuffed the idea. Now that the property is for sale, Euille says, state officials aren't sharing much with City Hall. "VDOT won't talk to us. They won't even tell us who the interested party is," said Euille. "We can't do anything because it's private property. It's not like we can go in with eminent domain and take it."

## Hidden Crime

This week, members of the Alexandria Planning Commission will consider a plan for the new Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. But neighborhood resident **Bea Porter** is not happy. She does not like how the plan moves the basketball court behind the Durant Center, which could obscure it from view.

"It's not safe," said Porter. "If you can't see it from the street, you never know what kind of stuff will happen there."

— Michael Lee Pope

# Election 2012

## Democrats Sweep City Election

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people vote for me today as they did in 2009."

**WINNING ELECTION** in May 2009 required about 7,000 votes. Winning this year meant City Council candidates had to amass more than 31,000 votes. First-time candidate Allison Silberberg received more votes than any other candidate, setting her up to become the next vice mayor when the new council is sworn into office next year. Silberberg took the prize by amassing a total of almost 37,000 votes — a coalition of Democrats and independent voters who oppose the controversial waterfront plan as well as other recent decisions of the city government. She received the most votes in 12 precincts. "It's a time that I really want the city to come together, and I hope I can be part of that," said Silberberg, who won in 27 precincts. "I'm really dedicated to ensuring that Alexandria remains historic and remarkable for generations to come."

Silberberg is the only candidate to oppose the waterfront plan and win election to the council, setting up a potential six-to-one vote for changing the zoning in a way that would almost triple the allowable density at three sites compared to what's there now. That will undercut a lawsuit currently on its way to the Virginia Supreme Court in which Old Town homeowners were trying to force a supermajority vote in order stop the upzone of three sites slated for redevelopment in the near future.

"Some candidates tried to paint all of our Democrats as the same — they were the same party, they thought the same, they looked the same, they acted the same," said Hardwick. "Even though they are all Democrats, I can almost guarantee you that the debates that will take place about to move the city for-

ward over the next three years will be spirited. And that's the essence of the Democratic Party."

**THE ELECTION** draws a close on one of the most contentious City Councils in recent years, an elected body that fought bitterly at times and clashed fre-

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Photo by Michael Lee Pope/Gazette Packet

**Alexandria resident Rediet Melesse celebrates the Democratic sweep at the Alley Cat Restaurant and Lounge in the city's West End.**

### City Council Election

Candidate	Votes
* Allison Silberberg	36,720 votes
* Del Pepper	35,145 votes
* John Taylor Chapman	33,676 votes
* Justin Wilson	31,511 votes
* Tim Lovain	31,410 votes
* Paul Smedberg	29,980 votes
Alicia Hughes	25,514 votes
Frank Fannon	25,454 votes
Bob Wood	23,711 votes
Glenda Davis	10,439 votes
Robert Kraus	7,888 votes
Jermaine Mincey	5,732 votes
* winning candidates	



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**Bob Wood, left, and City Council members Alicia Hughes and Frank Fannon acknowledge the cheers of supporters at Ireland's Own Restaurant after failing in their bid for seats on Alexandria's City Council.**



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T.C. Williams High School student Sibghat Saeed puts a "Stop" sticker on the door of an Alexandria store.

### Sticker Shock

During the Oct. 27 Sticker Shock activity, teams of youth and adults visited 60 retailers in Alexandria to place "Stop" stickers on alcohol products. The stickers contain warnings about the penalties for furnishing alcohol to minors. Saturday's Sticker Shock event was organized by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria and its partners: Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Virginia ABC.

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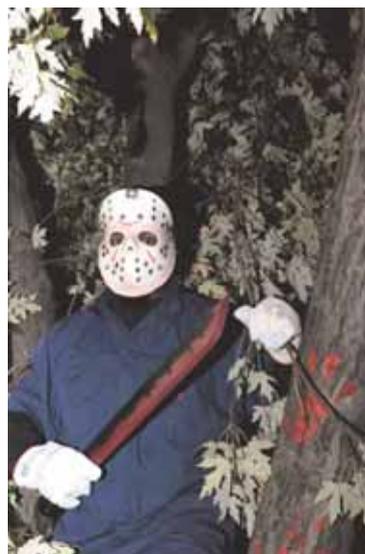
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## Halloween



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A scarecrow comes to life as children wait their turn to enter the haunted alleyway.



Leasing and occupancy specialist at ARHA, Charles Poulson, waits in the limbs of a tree for young trick-or-treaters to appear.



Jermaine Poulson appeared as Freddy Kruger.

### Nightmare on Alfred Street

The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority hosted a Halloween haunting in the greens and alleyway in the 800 block of N. Alfred Street on Oct. 31. ARHA staff members and volunteers from area fire stations dressed up as spooks and treated the visitors to a frightful evening.



City of Alexandria urban planner Brandi Collins invites visitors to join her in the graveyard.



Creatures pop out in the darkened alleyway filling the air with fright for many of the young visitors.

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# People



**Volunteer Alexandria honorees Lyles Carr and Patty Moran are congratulated by Mayor Bill Euille.**



**Janet Barnett, Deborah Warren and Susanne Kratzok**



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**State Del. Rob Krupicka and his daughter Janelle sign a card for Patty Moran.**

## 18th Annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria

**V**olunteer Alexandria honored Patty Moran and Lyles Carr at the annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria reception and live auction on Friday evening, Nov. 2, at Gadsby's Tavern.

This year's event co-chairs were Vice Mayor Kerry Donley and Councilman David Speck. Patty Moran was the recipient of the Joan White Grassroots Volunteer Award. Lyles Carr was awarded the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Service Award. Music was provided by students in the T.C. Williams orchestra program.

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**Councilman David Speck introduces the recipient of the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Service Award, Lyles Carr.**



**Patty Moran is congratulated by her daughter Kate.**



**Kate Moran, Jen Walker, Joan White Grassroots Volunteer Award recipient Patty Moran, Carol Bailey and Gayle Reuter.**



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# Hometown Title & Escrow Opens

## Clarke joins firm as branch manager.

By Jeanne Theismann  
Gazette Packet

**H**ometown Title and Escrow, LLC celebrated the opening of its new offices in Courthouse Square Sept. 21 with a reception that also marked the announcement that Kellye Curtis Clarke has joined the company as partner and branch manager of the Alexandria office.

"It's exciting for me to join HT&E," said Clarke, a George Mason University School of Law graduate with more than 15 years of experience in real estate law and the title and settlement industry.

"I am excited about the opportunity to provide stellar customer service in a boutique office setting that provides a personal commitment throughout each transaction." Clarke has worked in various aspects of the real estate industry for the last 15 years, including the last 12 as branch manager of a regional title company. She also served as a law clerk to the Hon. Lee F. Satterfield, Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court.

A graduate of Leadership Fairfax and a volunteer for Inova Fairfax/Alexandria Chapter of Mended Hearts, Clarke has held leadership positions in the mandatory bar and in various specialty bars in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

She currently serves as the vice-chair of



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**Vince Keegan, Sharon Keegan, branch manager Kellye Curtis Clarke and Tony DeVol celebrate the Sept. 21 opening of Hometown Title & Escrow's new offices at Courthouse Square in Old Town.**

the Residential, Multi-Family and Special Use Group for the American Bar Association, Real Property Trust and Estate Section. Clarke also serves on the Diversity Committee and the Task Force for Government Submissions.

Hometown Title and Escrow's Alexandria offices are located at 526 King St., Suite 311 with additional offices in Tyson's Corner and Arlington.

For more information, visit [www.hometowntitle.net](http://www.hometowntitle.net).

## Trigiani Joins 2012 Leaders in Law

Lucia Anna Trigiani, a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm, has been named "Leader of the Year" by the 2012 class of "Leaders in the



Law," a group of distinguished Virginia attorneys who have made significant contributions to the practice of law.

Virginia Lawyers Media, publisher of Virginia Lawyers Weekly, honored Trigiani and the 27 other honorees during an Oct. 25 reception at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

Since 2006, the professional awards program has recognized lawyers across the Commonwealth of Virginia for changing the law, serving the community, changing practice or improving Virginia's justice system.

Immediate past president of the Virginia Bar Association, Trigiani is a nationally recognized attorney who practices community association law. She has been appointed by Virginia governors to serve twice on the Virginia Common Interest Community Board and has chaired the board since its creation in 2008. She also serves on the boards of directors of the Virginia Law Foundation, Library of Virginia Foundation, Lead Virginia, Virginia Free and the Advisory Board of Little Sisters of the Poor. Also, Trigiani is the recipient of several industry awards from the Community Associations Institute.

## Mercer Honored for Volunteer Work

David S. Mercer, a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm in Alexandria, has been selected by the Caron Foundation to receive the 2012 Caron Legal



Professional Award for his contributions in combating chemical dependency in the legal profession through prevention, education or due process of the law.

Mercer has a longtime history with counseling attorneys who are experiencing substance abuse and mental illness. He is a past president and current board member with Virginia Lawyers Helping Lawyers, a statewide volunteer organization that offers free counseling to attorneys, judges and law students who have alcohol, drug or mental illness problems. In 2010, his law firm funded and produced the award-winning educational video for LHL titled, "Lawyers Helping Lawyers - A Confidential Road to Recovery."

# Foundation Supports Small Business Center

**T**he Virginia Commerce Bank Foundation awarded \$3,000 on Oct. 26 to the Alexandria Small Business Development Center as part of a 2012 Platinum sponsorship.

The Alexandria SBDC, a non-profit organization hosted by the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the City of Alexandria, provides counseling, training and information in all aspects of small business management.

Virginia Commerce Bank has been a longtime supporter of the Alexandria SBDC, providing more than \$165,000 in financial support since 2001.

This donation will help the SBDC hire a business analyst, who will work one-on-one with businesses to provide guidance, including help with financial statements and company plans, at no cost to the business.

This enables new businesses to get launched as well as help existing businesses to grow.

For more about the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, please visit [www.alexandriasbdc.org](http://www.alexandriasbdc.org).



**From left: Kerry J. Donley, senior vice president, Community Banking, Virginia Commerce Bank; Elizabeth Moon, President & CEO Focus Data Solutions Inc. and Chairman of the Board, Alexandria Small Business Development Center; Bill Reagan, executive director, Alexandria Small Business Development Center.**

# People



**Sharon Young accompanies the Young Family singers DeVaunte Ogden and Kim Young.**



**The Young Family singers DeVaunte Ogden and Kim Young perform a few musical selections.**



**Letha Jones welcomes all to the annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Elks Lodge.**

## Thanksgiving at the Alexandria Elks Lodge

**F**or the 30th year, members of the Alexandria Lodge #48 of The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World and the Israel Temple #138 prepared and served Thanksgiving dinner to senior citizens on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3.

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Louise Krafft  
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**John Taylor watches as his wife Bea pins a corsage on her mother-in-law, 98-year-old Dorothy Taylor. Senior Carmelita Collier was also honored at the dinner.**



**John Gray joins Kim Young in a musical selection.**



**Orlando Berry and Roz Jones wait for the guests to all take their seats before serving.**

**Donald L. Taylor and Lawrence P. Robinson**



**Lillian Harris and Connie Davis**



**Connie Davis and Karen T. Chandler start distributing beverages.**

# Opinion



Barack Obama came to Northern Virginia on Saturday, Nov. 3 with Bill Clinton and Dave Matthews.



Mitt Romney packed the Patriot Center at George Mason University on Monday, Nov. 5. Anne Romney asked: "Will we be neighbors soon?"

Photos by Deb Cobb/The Connection

## Feeling Important Northern Virginia on last days, mark the importance of every vote.

The images from the last weeks of the presidential Election of 2012 make it clear that it would be hard to overstate the importance of voting, especially in Virginia, especially in Northern Virginia.

Every vote will be important. What I wish for today from Northern Virginia, is record turnout and smooth sailing for voters casting their votes.

Writing this the morning of Election Day, it's still fair to say that the race for president and for U.S. Senate in Virginia is too close to call. It's hard to overstate the difference it will make when the election results are final.

Mitt Romney came to the George Mason

University Patriot Center on Monday, also bestowing attention on Republican Senate candidate George Allen. It was one of several trips to the area.

President Barack Obama came to Prince William County on Saturday, along with Bill Clinton. On Monday, Vice President Joe Biden came to Claude Moore Park. Both visits gave a boost to Democratic Senate candidate Tim Kaine.

The money that has been spent—and raised—here in Virginia is daunting. At the end of October, in 2012, Romney had raised \$10.1 million and Obama \$8.2 million in checks of \$200 or more from Virginians, according to the Virginia Public Access Project. Inside the

Beltway, donors (different from Northern Virginia in VPAP's categories) gave \$3,193,148 to Obama and \$3,104,160 to Romney. Northern Virginia outside the Beltway gave \$2,694,030 to Obama and \$3,525,796 to Romney.

While either way, about half of voters will be disappointed by the outcomes here, no one will be sorry that this campaign season is over. It's been fun to be a favorite child in some ways, but it will be OK to go back to addressing local issues without the magnification of such an important election.

— Mary Kimm, [mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com)

### Editorial

### Letters to the Editor

## Sermonizing At Poll Site?

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my outrage at the voting atmosphere this morning [Nov. 6] at my polling place in Alexandria at the Blessed Sacrament Church on 1427 W. Braddock Road. I understand the use of houses of worship as voting places as they are often centrally located with room for a large number of people to gather. What I did not understand this morning, and what offended me and should offend all Americans, was why a Catholic sermon was permitted to play over the intercom system of the polling place while we waited in line to cast our ballots. This is a violation of the basic Constitutional right of separation of Church and State.

There are lines outside of the polling place that supporters of candidates cannot pass so that voters are not harassed while they cast their ballots. I do not know

why this same rule did not apply to the priest of Blessed Sacrament. I complained at the polling site and was told something along the lines of, "the church let us line everyone up inside so you don't have to be out in the cold, and the intercom is their right." I do not know why the church felt that opening their doors was an excuse to preach to voters, but, as I told the staff at the polling center, I would rather freeze to death than have my rights and the Constitutional right of separation of Church and State violated in this way.

I have since complained to the City of Alexandria and the State Board of Election. I write now to the Alexandria Gazette in an effort to enlighten your readership of this gross offense in the hope that the Virginia State Board of Elections will work to ensure that no voter has to listen to a religious sermon while they cast a secular ballot.

**Abby Downs**  
Alexandria

## Virginia First in Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

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

On Dec. 4, 1619, when the Margaret, sailing from Bristol, England, reached her destination 20 miles upstream from Jamestown at Berkeley Hundred, now Berkeley Plantation, Captain John Woodliffe opened the sealed orders given him in London. They

directed that the first act of those 38 settlers and eight crewmen aboard should be to have a service of thanksgiving to God for their safe arrival, and the settlers and crew did so. Indians, familiar with the settlers and religious services at Jamestown, probably watched and may have joined them for the feast that followed. Furthermore, Woodliffe's orders provided that the day of the ship's arrival was to be "yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God."

In 1622 the Indians massacred almost everyone at the Berkeley settlement. Thus the custom of thanksgiving was observed there for only a few years. After the tragedy, the area was abandoned, and the settlers at Jamestown did not feel like celebrating. After many years colonists returned to the site, and the Harrison family built a beautiful home there, Berkeley Plantation. Benjamin Harrison IV signed the Declaration of Independence

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# Opinion

## Hit or Myth: Is There a Post-Election Real Estate Boom?

By David Howell  
EVP and CIO  
McEneaney Associates, Inc. Realtors

**W**e hear it all the time: the real estate market in the metro area really picks up after national elections, especially in Presidential election years. But is that really true?

Here are the basics. There are 3,000 presidentially appointed jobs and 24,000 jobs on the Hill. On the surface, the possibility of a change in 27,000 jobs should have an enormous impact on the real estate market, but let's break it down.

Look at the White House. If there is a change in the Oval office, let's assume that every one of those 3,000 appointed jobs changes and that there are a considerable number of lower level staff position that change along with them. Being generous, that could be as many 8,000 jobs — but let's also talk about the reality of Washington. Lots of the people who will fill those jobs already live here — call it the Potomac Revolving Door. Folks currently "out" in the private sector revolve "in" and those that are currently "in" revolve to think tanks and other jobs. That phenomenon — so reviled by folk elsewhere in this country — is part

of what keeps our economy strong. People who come here tend to stay here, particularly if it was politics that brought them here in the first place. (I'm a good example. I came here to work for a Presidential campaign in 1976. My guy lost — and I never left.) But let's be generous and say that fully half of all of those jobs get filled by folks who move here from parts beyond. So we're looking at 4,000 out-of-towners getting new jobs — and let's finally assume that half of those buy homes in their first year. Based on our experience, these are very generous assumptions. That would be about 2,000 home purchases in the event of a change in the occupant of the Oval Office.

On the Hill, 8,600 of those 24,000 jobs are "non-partisan" and don't typically change when new members arrive in town, so there are roughly 15,400 jobs subject to change — if every member of Congress was replaced. And despite Congress' low approval rating, the reality of our system is that typical turnover runs about 5 percent to 7 percent. The electoral tsunami of 2010 saw a 13 percent change in new members, so let's use that historically aberrational level of change for our calculations. A 13 percent turnover of the 15,400 "partisan" jobs is 2,000 people, and let's further assume half of the new hires come here from out of town. Staff pay on the Hill is such that only about half could afford to buy a

home in this area, so let's further assume that every single one of 1,000 out-of-towners who can afford to buy does, and that they buy right away. So, that could mean 500 home sales if we see another major electoral shift in Congress.

So, if there is a change in the White House and another historically major change in Congress, we could see as many as 2,500 homes changes hands in 2013 because of the elections. And that's being very generous — based on our experience, we think that number will be considerably less. In a "typical" year there are roughly 45,000 home sales in Washington, D.C. and the contiguous counties in Virginia and Maryland. 2,500 purchasers would increase demand by about 5.5 percent. To be sure, that's a positive impact, but it's more of a "blip" than a "boom."

Remember that there are other significant factors here. Individuals do not make a decision to purchase a home in a vacuum. Just moving to the area to take a new job — even a new job on the Hill or in the Executive Branch — does not cause an individual to ignore overall market conditions. There are market-related reasons that potential purchasers today are cautious. Also remember that while there may be new occupants of these jobs, these are not "new" jobs like we see created when a company moves here. This is simply turnover, so there's no

other major impact on the economy.

What has actually happened in the past? On the heels of the major changes in the makeup of Congress in 2010, the number of sales in the immediate D.C. area rose less than 1 percent.

The election of 2008 brought a change in the White House and a change of 29 seats in Congress. There was an increase of almost 20 percent in the number of sales in 2009 compared to 2008 — so on the surface one might be tempted to say these elections had a major impact on the region's real estate market.

However, in February of 2009 Congress passed and the new President signed into law the first round of the Homebuyer's Tax Credit, and the number of sales jumped nationally, too. In 2006, there was a change of 35 seats in Congress — and sales activity declined 23 percent in 2007. One would be hard-pressed to find a correlation between changes on the Hill and the White House and home sales.

From our perspective, the post-election "boom" is a myth, and one should not base one's housing decisions on the supposed impact of the election. As we have always maintained, sell when it is the right time for you to sell; buy when it is the right time for you to buy. Market timing is a pretty risky endeavor — particularly if one's timing is based on politics.

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# Election 2012

## GOP Loses Council Seats

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 quently. Democrats were particularly harsh on Councilwoman Alicia Hughes, an independent who later became a Republican. A trio of Democrats unsuccessfully challenged her ability to vote in Alexandria, and former Democratic Committee Chairman Clark Mercer gave a lengthy speech criticizing Hughes during his meeting as chairman. Even in defeat, though, Hughes remained defiant.

“By no stretch of the imagination is there a mandate on Democratic rule in Alexandria,” said Hughes, who won seven precincts. “While we may be a little sullen, do not lose heart. Pay attention, and let’s make sure we engineer the best comeback anybody has ever seen.”

The next council will feature

some familiar faces. Incumbents Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg will be returning. And the two former members who lost in 2009 — Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson — are now returning to City Hall. The new council will also feature two new faces, Silberberg in the vice mayor’s chair and first-time candidate John Taylor Chapman — a protégé of Mayor Bill Euille who was active in the Alexandria Democratic Committee before leading the Alexandria branch of the NAACP.

“I’m relieved,” said Chapman, who won in 24 precincts. “The issues that I ran on, while basic issues, are very important issues to our city — affordable housing, quality education and re-engaging citizens in our local government and its processes.”



Photo by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet

**Alicia Hughes, left, addresses the crowd at Ireland’s Own Restaurant after losing her bid for reelection to City Council.**

## Precinct Returns

- ❖ Absentee Ballots: 64,082 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 7,729 votes  
 Del Pepper: 7,728 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 7,180 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 6,759 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 6,690 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 6,522 votes
- ❖ Mount Vernon Recreation Center: 12,122 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,568 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,525 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,456 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,446 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,394 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,384 votes
- ❖ Samuel Tucker School: 11,680 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,558 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,454 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,436 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,328 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,244 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,183 votes
- ❖ Cora Kelly Center: 11,211 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,462 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,413 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,353 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,248 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,230 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,123 votes
- ❖ James K. Polk School: 10,964 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,447 votes

- Del Pepper: 1,279 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,265 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,187 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,173 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,062 votes
- ❖ William Ramsay School: 10,593 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,377 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,365 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,359 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,213 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,203 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,093 votes
- ❖ George Washington Middle School: 10,555 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,370 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,345 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,266 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,247 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,160 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,189 votes
- ❖ John Adams School: 10,469 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,340 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,334 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,312 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,206 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,191 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 1,087 votes
- ❖ Nova Arts Center: 10,062 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,244  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,243 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,189 votes

- Justin Wilson: 1,074 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 1,052 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 983 votes
- ❖ Temple Beth El Synagogue: 10,011 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,187 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,164 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,086 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 1,003 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 960 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 952 votes
- ❖ Douglas MacArthur School: 9,785 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,171 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,129 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,022 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 1,011 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 952 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 952 votes
- ❖ Fire Department Headquarters: 9,670 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,150 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,048 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,031 votes  
 Bob Wood: 1,006 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 982 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 969 votes
- ❖ Lyles Crouch: 9,553 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,113 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 1,082 votes  
 Bob Wood: 1,047 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,004 votes

- Alicia Hughes: 973 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 933 votes
- ❖ Durant Center: 9,533  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,144 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,083 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,025 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 1,000 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 968 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 940 votes
- ❖ Lee Center: 9,311 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,091 votes  
 Del Pepper: 998 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 983 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 886 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 884 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 875 votes
- ❖ Cameron Station: 8,945 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,049 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,031 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 925 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 912 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 900 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 846 votes
- ❖ Agudas Achim Synagogue: 8,406 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,262 votes  
 Del Pepper: 989 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 954 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 941 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 906 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 865 votes
- ❖ Charles Beatley Library: 8,329 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,099 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,125 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,058 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 956 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 916 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 898 votes
- ❖ Patrick Henry Recreation Center: 8,272 votes  
 Del Pepper: 1,163 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 1,029 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,029 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 931 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 882 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 835 votes
- ❖ Chinquapin Park: 8,141 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 1,018 votes  
 Del Pepper: 973 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 958 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 843 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 837 votes

- Paul Smedberg: 785 votes
- ❖ Maury School: 8,097 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 970 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 934 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 903 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 893 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 885 votes  
 Del Pepper: 884 votes
- ❖ George Mason School: 7,825 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 994 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 941 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 878 votes  
 Bob Wood: 827 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 781 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 758 votes
- ❖ South Port: 7,531 votes  
 Del Pepper: 982 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 940 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 904 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 761 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 757 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 698 votes
- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Church: 7,537 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 973 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 867 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 855 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 776 votes  
 Del Pepper: 760 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 752 votes
- ❖ City Hall: 6,025 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 871 votes  
 Bob Wood: 820 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 715 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 712 votes  
 Del Pepper: 534 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 500 votes
- ❖ Ladrey Senior Building: 5,338 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 611 votes  
 Frank Fannon: 588 votes  
 Del Pepper: 587 votes  
 Bob Wood: 548 votes  
 Alicia Hughes: 544 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 502 votes
- ❖ St. James Church: 4,546 votes  
 Allison Silberberg: 548 votes  
 Del Pepper: 504 votes  
 John Taylor Chapman: 501 votes  
 Justin Wilson: 488 votes  
 Tim Lovain: 462 votes  
 Paul Smedberg: 447 votes



By Louise Krafft/Gazette packet

**Nelson Greene, Sr., 98, arrives at Lyles-Crouch Traditional School to cast his vote in the 2012 election on Tuesday afternoon. With Nelson are his granddaughter Nina and Michele Taylor Chapman.**

# Election 2012

## Seven New Members One School Board incumbent ousted as voters select new direction for school system.

By Michael Lee Pope  
Gazette Packet

The past few years have been some of the most turbulent in the history of Alexandria City Public Schools, which was blasted in a recent audit as having a budget office with a “dysfunctional environment.” Vice Mayor Kerry Donley even called for Superintendent Morton Sherman to step down, although the school chief stuck around and remains defiant in the face of criticism.

So perhaps it's no surprise that six incumbents decided against seeking reelection. Only three incumbents decided to seek another term, and one of those — Helen Morris — failed to gain enough support from voters.

“The votes didn't turn out for me this time,” Morris said in a written statement. “So I will proudly support our children, families and schools as a citizen and mom.”

When the new School Board convenes next year, it will have only two returning members and seven new members.

### School Board Election, District A

candidate	votes
* Stephanie Amann Kapsis	11,261 votes
* Karen Graf	9,336 votes
* Bill Campbell	8,265 votes
Helen Morris	7,607 votes
Joyce Rawlings	5,176 votes
Heath Wells	3,795 votes

### School Board Election, District B

candidate	votes
* Kelly Carmichael Booz	10,288 votes
* Justin Keating	8,204 votes
* Marc Williams	8,116 votes
Michael Brookbank	6,680 votes
Chyrell Bucksell	5,930 votes

### School Board Election, District C

candidate	votes
* Pat Hennig	10,203 votes
* Christopher Lewis	9,921 votes
* Ronnie Campbell	9,248 votes

\* winning candidates

## Eminent Domain Enshrined Some lawmakers predict amendment will cost taxpayers millions down the road.

By Victoria Ross  
Gazette Packet

Local lawmakers said they were not surprised that nearly two and half million voters (74.6 percent) approved a state constitutional amendment last night further restricting Virginia's power of eminent domain.

But they do predict the unintended consequences of enshrining those restrictions in the state constitution — which some call an act of “corporate welfare” — will cost state and local governments and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in added compensation to businesses and private landowners.

“The same people who voted for it will express outrage at how much more expensive it is to make road improvements or extend sewer to properties with failing septic systems a year from now,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large.)

At issue was not if the government could use the power of eminent domain, but how much corporations, business owners and landowners could be compensated when — in the course of building roads, power lines and many other public projects — the government takes their property through eminent domain.

### Proposed Constitutional Amendment Question 1

Precincts reporting: 2588/2588  
Votes:  
Yes—2,408,032 (74.64 percent)  
No—818,314 (25.36 percent)  
Total Votes—3,226,346

\*Information provided by  
The Virginia State Board of Elections

Many local lawmakers argued the amendment goes too far, requiring taxpayers to compensate landowners not only for the value of condemned property, but for lost access to their property and lost benefits.

In 2007, responding to a populist backlash against a Supreme Court decision allowing the government to use the power of eminent domain to aid private development, Virginia legislators passed a law restricting that power.

“The language in this amendment is completely unnecessary — it bans actions currently illegal in Virginia,” said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

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Photos by Deb Cobb/Gazette Packet

Reaction to the announcement that President Barack Obama has been reelected at the Fairfax County Democrats Victory Party on Nov. 6.

## Voters Back Obama, Kaine

President Barack Obama wins second term, Kaine wins Senate seat, Moran, Wolf, Connolly re-elected.

By Victoria Ross  
Gazette Packet

According to the Fairfax County Board of Elections, Obama won the county with nearly 60 percent of the vote.

In a bitter and historically expensive battle, President Barack Obama defeated Gov. Mitt Romney, winning a second term Tuesday after grabbing the key swing state of Virginia after midnight.

With the addition of the Commonwealth's 13 electoral votes — as well as those of Colorado, Iowa, New Hampshire and Wisconsin — Obama sailed over the electoral cliff with the critical 270 electoral votes he needed for victory.

More than 200 Democrats gathered at the Tysons Sheraton Tuesday evening — some cautiously optimistic, some nervous — about the Democrats' chances of another four years for Obama in The White House.

Mondana Nicksolat, an Obama volunteer from McLean, said she was so nervous about Obama's chances for victory, “I feel like I'm getting ready to take a final exam. ... I'm nervous.”

“I'm not sure he will win,” Nicksolat said. But as the evening wore on, Nicksolat became more optimistic.

“Obama shouldn't be called a politician,” she said. “He is a human being. He has a lot in common with the American people. We are not all rich; we all did not go to elite schools; some of us are immigrants and we're Americans. Obama is with us.”

Close to midnight, the Sheraton crowd erupted in cheers, hugs and tears when news networks projected the win for Obama. “The country and women are safe for four more years,” one guest shouted.

**State Del. Mark Keam (D-35) tweets election results from a Democratic victory party at the Tysons Sheraton Tuesday night.**

## Kaine Wins Senate Seat

It was one of the most competitive and closely-watched Senate races in the nation, but after 17 months of brutal campaigning, former Virginian Governor and DNC Chair Timothy M. Kaine grabbed the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Jim Webb from former Governor George Allen. Kaine won 51.85 percent of the vote over Allen's 47.97 percent with 100 percent of the state's 2588 precincts reporting, according to the Virginia

See Voters Back Obama, Page 28



# People



Photo contributed

## Lyles-Crouch Lions Raise \$4,000

Lyles-Crouch Elementary School Lions were honored by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on Oct. 21. The Lions were the top fundraisers for the league's dog walk.

## 'Celebrate the Arts'

Maurice Mckisset, Bob's Discount Furniture store manager, presented representatives from St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School — Lana Shea, Bob Weiman and Rebecca Gehlhoff — with a \$5,000 donation check on Oct. 24 from Bob's Outreach Program as part of its "Celebrate the Arts" contest. This contest, now in its seventh year, awards a total of \$45,000 in cultural grants to nine deserving schools across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic in order to support and maintain dance, music and the arts in schools.



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## Officially Sworn In

Alexandria Country Day School celebrated the start of the new school year by swearing in its Student Council members in September. Alexandria's Mayor William Euille joined Head of School Scott Baytosh to perform the swearing in ceremony and discuss the importance of education and the responsibility of leadership. The following students were sworn in as the 2012-2013 Alexandria Country Day School Student Council: President Lauren Ashkenazi, Vice President Temple Palacio, Secretary Oliver Shackley, Treasurer Abby Stephenson, 8th Grade Rep Ikea Grigsby, 7th Grade Reps Mabry Griffin, Alex Mathews and Ellie Smeallie, 6th Grade Reps Camille Ashkenazi and Rachel Suleymanov, and 5th Grade Reps Isabela Dunlap and Tenny Ros.

## Wilson Honored

Alexandria's Chief Animal Control Officer Joy Wilson, left, receives the Public Service Award from Virginia Animal Control Association president Michael Quesenberry in

recognition of her significant contributions to improving the image of the animal control profession. Wilson was nominated for her efforts in pushing two ordinances through City Council that made changes to the existing leash regulations.

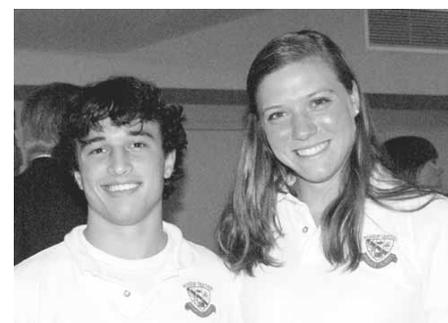


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## Casino Royale

Nearly 200 revelers came to An Evening at Casino Royale last month to raise funds for Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that preserves affordable housing and revitalizes communities throughout the city. The event raised nearly \$60,000, which will be used to provide free home repairs and renovations to low-income homeowners. Above, players roll dice and use Monopoly money. The event also honored Katherine Shiplett of CBRE as Volunteer of the Year; Mark Kohler of Kohlmark Group as Philanthropist of the Year; and First Baptist Church of Alexandria as Philanthropic Organization of the Year. All of these honorees have greatly helped Rebuilding Together fulfill its mission over the years.



## Catholic Athletes for Christ

Bishop Ireton seniors Catherine Babiec and Tommy Kelly were awarded the Catholic Athletes for Christ High School Award. Two student athletes from each of Arlington

Diocese's four Catholic High Schools were awarded this honor at a ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 9 in Arlington. They received the award because of their commitment to their teams, to sportsmanship and to their faith. At the same ceremony, NHL referee Kerry Fraser received the Courage Award.

# Military

**Army Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph L. Legra** has returned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., after being deployed to Iraq serving in support of Operation New Dawn. Legra, the command sergeant major with the 275th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Fort Lee, has served 27 years in the military. He is a resident of Ashby Lane, Alexandria.

**Air Force Capt. Jason R. Jarecke** has arrived for duty at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Linda Dewey of Woodland Hills Drive, Eagle, Neb., and Robert Jarecke of Ambassador Way, Alexandria. Jarecke graduated in 1988 from

Pius X High School, Lincoln, Neb., and received a bachelor of arts in 1992 from St. Johns University, Collegeville, Minn. He also earned a master of arts in 2005 from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Air Force Airman Cedrica A. Edwards** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Edwards is the daughter of Concetra Chase of Pophill Drive, Woodbridge, and granddaughter of Deloris Chase of Jackies Lane, Alexandria. She is a 2011 graduate of Forest Park Senior High School, Woodbridge.

**Marine Corps Pfc. Trevion J.**

**Bowers**, son of Rebecca Bowers of Hawthorne, Nev., and Allan Burrell, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

**Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian P. Krivonak**, son of Leanne Krivonak of Alexandria, is currently deployed. Krivonak along with fellow Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) are taking full advantage of the Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program offered on board the ship.

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In September 2012, 161 Alexandria homes sold between \$1,500,000-\$81,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$562,000-\$145,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code
4915 GARDNER DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$562,500	Townhouse	0.03	22304	
308 MASON AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.06	22301	
28 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	
511 HENRY ST N	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.06	22314	
303 WEST ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$542,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	
910 POWHATAN ST #301N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$541,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
910 POWHATAN ST #203N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$541,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
214 WINDSOR AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	
3298 MOUNT VERNON AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Townhouse	0.05	22305	
4643 KEARNEY CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$537,500	Townhouse	0.04	22311	
426 NELSON AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,800	Townhouse	0.07	22301	
111 FLOYD ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Detached	0.19	22304	
16 ARELL CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22304	
3191/2 FAYETTE ST N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.05	22314	
1231 PORTNER RD	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$514,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	
31 HERBERT ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	
1214 QUAKER HILL DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	
828 SLATERS LN #202	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
2802 RUSSELL RD	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,000	Detached	0.22	22305	
1103 POWHATAN ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$497,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	
5107 WOODMIRE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	
5121 HERITAGE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	
3811 WOODLAWN CT	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	
400 BELLEFONTE AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.13	22301	
804 JANNEYS LN	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.21	22302	
705 MASSEY LN #124	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse		22314	
2404 RANDOLPH AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,900	Detached	0.08	22301	
224 TENNESSEE AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	
675 COLUMBUS ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$466,000	Townhouse		22314	
3000 HICKORY ST	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.06	22305	
5820 PEARSON LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	
1607 POTOMAC GREENS DR #85	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$462,000	Townhouse		22314	
914 HARRISON CIR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1607	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	
1208 POWHATAN ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	
237 CAMERON STATION BLVD	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,000	Townhouse		22304	
407 BELLEFONTE AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.07	22301	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #607	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	
1711 CLIFF ST N #1711	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$449,900	Townhouse		22301	
309 HOWELL AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	22301	
1703 CLIFF ST #1703	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$437,000	Townhouse		22301	
309 HOLLAND LN #216	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #220	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
309 HOLLAND LN #304	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
19 ANCELL ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.06	22305	
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1402	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	
525 BELLEFONTE AVE E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$417,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	
3802 USHER CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$412,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	
1040 HARRISON CIR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$408,500	Townhouse	0.03	22304	
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #212	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$406,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
708 COLUMBUS ST N	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	
2221 DEARING ST N #103	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,900	Townhouse		22302	
303 RAYMOND AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	
525 N. FAYETTE ST N #303	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$389,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	
181 REED AVE E #103	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22305	
3462 GUNSTON RD #725-34	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
204 GORDON ST N	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Detached	0.12	22304	
309 HOLLAND LN #301	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
1303 HILLSIDE TER	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Detached	0.16	22302	
5120 DONOVAN DR #208	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #324	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$347,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
1420 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #539-14	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$322,500	Townhouse		22302	
53 GARDEN DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$316,000	Duplex	0.07	22304	
4326 DUKE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.07	22304	
261 PICKETT ST S #202	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$312,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
1565A VAN DORN ST N #1565	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
1507A VAN DORN ST #1507A	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Townhouse		22304	
1489A VAN DORN ST #1489A	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,500	Townhouse		22304	
3728 EDISON ST	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22305	
1100 QUAKER HILL DR #322	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$289,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
307 YOAKUM PKWY #426	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$289,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
4550 STRUTFIELD LN #2221	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311	
1100 QUAKER HILL DR #409	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$284,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
3313 WYNDHAM CL #3204	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$282,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
4560 STRUTFIELD LN #1414	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311	
3914 DUKE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Duplex	0.28	22304	
3102 WELLINGTON RD #113-31	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$277,000	Townhouse		22302	
3101 HAMPTON DR N #1217	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$272,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	
1526 MOUNT EAGLE PL	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Townhouse		22302	
4854 EISENHOWER AVE #246	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
3313 WYNDHAM CL #4204	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$261,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
1225 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #1117	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	
5300 HOLMES RUN PKWY #PH-13	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$249,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
200 PICKETT ST #813	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$240,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
143 JASPER PL	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$240,000	Duplex	0.12	22304	
205 YOAKUM PKWY #925	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
803 HOWARD ST N #456	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$232,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	
3586 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #305-35	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$227,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
1411 ABINGDON DR E #2	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$226,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	
131 GRAYSON ST N	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$222,500	Detached	0.11	22304	
3313 WYNDHAM CL #1215	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22302	
3614 GUNSTON RD #928-36	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$209,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
3712 GUNSTON RD #920-37	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$206,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
5500 HOLMES RUN PKWY #112	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$199,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
244 REYNOLDS ST S #412	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$198,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
501 SLATERS LN #220	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$194,730	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	
3203 GUNSTON RD #110-32	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	
250 REYNOLDS ST S #305	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
6101 EDSALL RD #1201	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
203 YOAKUM PKWY #1103	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$182,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	
3313 COMMONWEALTH #1-3313	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$180,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22305	
803 HOWARD ST N #341	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$180,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
6155 EDSALL RD #6155	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$174,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	
5250 VALLEY FORGE DR #405	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$170,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22304	
801 PITT ST N #614	0	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$152,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	
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## Letters

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dence. His grandson, William Henry Harrison, was elected President, and two generations later, Benjamin Harrison, his grandson, also was elected President. Both wrote their Inaugural Addresses at Berkeley. Today Berkeley is open to the public, and there is a marker at the site on the James River shore where the 1619 Thanksgiving was held. There is also an annual historical reenactment of the first thanksgiving at the original site.

For those who might have forgotten, the Pilgrims did not even land on the rocky coast up north until December 1620. They had intended to come to Virginia, but

were blown off course by heavy winds. They starved for the first year, so they were most grateful for their bountiful harvest in 1621. According to the Pilgrim Hall website, "In ... 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest, as was the English custom.... The Pilgrims did not call this harvest festival a 'Thanksgiving,' although they did give thanks to God. To them, a Day of Thanksgiving was purely religious."

Their first recorded religious Day of Thanksgiving was held in 1623 in response to a providential rainfall."

Virginians have another tie to our modern Thanksgiving celebration. Alexandria's famous son George Washington issued his first Presidential proclamation on Oct. 3, 1789, by calling for day of public thanksgiving, fasting (not feasting) and prayer on Thursday, Nov. 2, for the many blessings God had bestowed on our country, asking pardon for our national transgressions, and seeking His aid in our future endeavors. Later governors and presidents continued this tradition of setting aside a day for thanksgiving.

It is appropriate for us to celebrate today, like our predecessors, with attendance at a thanksgiving service to God as well as

feasting and fun with family and friends.

Let us Virginians tell our story and reclaim our heritage as the first English-speaking people to celebrate a public thanksgiving for our personal blessings as well as those to our community and nation.

**Ellen Latane Tabb**  
Alexandria

## Consider Ward Format

To the Editor:

The City Council election affirmed that most Alexandria voters are far and away Democrats; not Republicans. To ensure the democratic process remains vibrant, the Democratic Party should allow future elections to be conducted by a ward vote. A ward vote format will at least allow neighbors to select neighbors to represent their interests on City Council. Wonder of wonders, it would also allow voters to select a representative to City Council because their views and vigor were the most compelling; not because they were pre-selected by the Democratic Party in its primary.

**Jim Roberts**

## Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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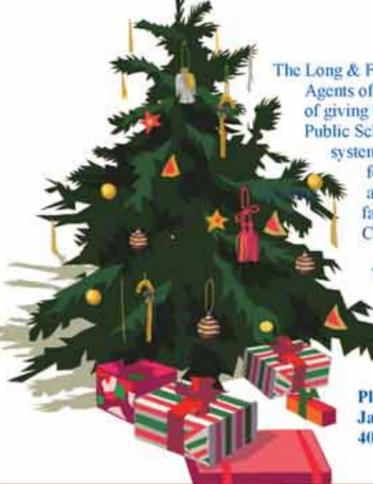
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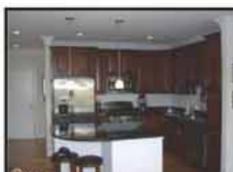


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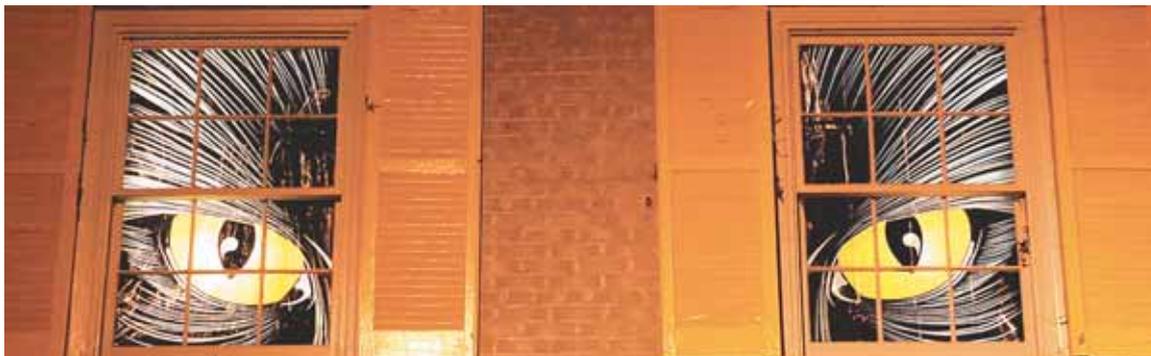
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## Snapshots



8:07 p.m., Oct. 31: Corner of Wolfe and S. Pitt streets.

### Haunted Halloween



7:27 p.m.,  
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# Entertainment

## Soul Survivors

### Port City stages "The Soul Collector."

By Jeanne Theismann  
Gazette Packet

In a throwback to 1970s television hits like "Sanford and Son," "Chico and the Man" and "All in the Family," Port City Playhouse's latest production of "The Soul Collector" tells the story of two African-American sanitation workers living in a cramped apartment in Cleveland. Hilarity ensues when they collect items along their sanitation route to sell and finance their dreams of a better life.

Director Deidra Starnes has assembled a talented cast, with Chaz Pando as Darnell, DeJeannette Horne as Cedric, Cris Dinwiddie as Wisher, Donnell Boykin as Mr. Coleman, Kecia Campbell as Mrs. Coleman and Lolita-Marie Clayton as Claire.

"I was attracted to the idea of directing 'The Soul Collector' because of its underlying theme of the power of an indomitable spirit," Starnes said. "The unconditional love and loyalty that tie families together, dreams of success and the determination to achieve those dreams are all powerful motives for the characters in this play - both the characters the audience can see and the ones they can't."

Written by D.C.-area actor and Helen Hayes award-winning playwright David Emerson Toney, "The Soul Collector" is an entertaining and thought-provoking play that follows Cedric and his nephew Darnell as they collect junk during their jobs as garbage men to finance their dreams of opening a chicken joint and becoming a singer. Their plans are derailed when one of their neighbors, Claire, turns up in their apartment possessed by the spirits of both an old talent manager named Saul Kaufman and a Japanese girl named Mimi.

Enter Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, neighbors from across the hall, who decide to help Cedric and Darnell free Claire of her unwelcome spirits.

"It's no wonder Mr. Toney set his play in the early 70s," Starnes said. "It was a time of war and social revolution and posed challenges to the American dream and the American family."

A talkback session with Toney and fellow director, actor and choreographer Michael Bobbitt will take place following the 8 p.m. show on Nov. 10.

"The Soul Collector," making its regional community theatre premiere, will be performed through Nov. 17 at Port City Playhouse at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-838-2880 or visit [www.portcityplayhouse.org](http://www.portcityplayhouse.org).



Chaz Pando as Darnell and DeJeannette Horne as Cedric in "The Soul Collector," now playing at Port City Playhouse through Nov. 17.



Cris Dinwiddie as Wisher and Donnell Boykin as Mr. Coleman.



Lolita-Marie Clayton as Claire and Chaz Pando as Darnell in "The Soul Collector" at Port City Playhouse.

### Calendar

E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

#### THROUGH JAN. 24

**Watercolors and Collagraph Prints: African Encounters: Coast to Coast.** The Alexandria Black History Museum will open an exhibition of watercolors and collagraph prints entitled African Encounters: Coast to Coast. Free and open to the public. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe St. and is open from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 8

**War at the Birchmere.** \$49.50. Visit <http://war.com>. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

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

**Slavery Discussion.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. The National Park Service and the Office of Historic Alexandria co-sponsor a program called Refugees from Slavery: Contrabands in Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Prof. Chandra Manning of Georgetown University will explain the history of

the Contrabands, men and women who escaped slavery during the Civil War. Free and open to the public. Seating may be limited. RSVP by calling 703-746-4356.

**Art Focus Group.** 7:30-9 p.m. Making Marks and Making Meaning: Drawing and Early Literacy Connections. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

#### NOV. 8 THROUGH DEC. 3

**Free Photography Exhibition.** Andrew Zimmermann: Cold River. This solo exhibition of large-format black and white photographs captures the "character of blankness." The opening reception takes place on Nov. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m., during 2nd Thursday Art Night. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

#### NOV. 8-25

**Free Exhibition: Blurring the Line.** To complement the FotoWeek panel discussion on Nov. 15 surrounding the issues of fine art vs. commercial photography, this exhibition features artwork by the photographers serving on the panel. Site 2 & 3 Galleries, 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565, x 4 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 9

**Fashion Show.** 10:30 a.m. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate its 140th anniversary at their Annual Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction at the Hilton Alexandria

Mark Center. Physicians, nurses and staff from the hospital will model fashions from Lord & Taylor. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital surgical services. Tickets are \$45-\$140. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 9-10

**Play.** 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School will perform the drama, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." The play is based on the works of art and poetry by Jewish children who lived in the World War II concentration camp of Theresienstadt, and centers around Raja, a child who survived to tell her story. Matinee performance is on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Rd. Tickets are \$5. Visit [www.sssas.org/arts](http://www.sssas.org/arts) or 703-212-2950.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-11

**Alexandria Antiques Show & Sale.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission is \$12, \$10 with ad. The Alexandria Antiques Show will feature 31 selected National and International prominent antiques dealers who will offer an extensive assortment of 18th- and 19th-century furniture from around the world, objects d'art, and worldly treasures including fine art, decorative art, accessories, silver, antique jewelry much more, from the exceptional to the extraordinary. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Call 973-927-2794.

#### NOV. 9-18

**Oklahoma!** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre, now in its 32nd season, presents Oklahoma, featuring

a cast of 43 children and teenagers, ages 8-18. Performances will be held at Bryant Alternative School, 2709 Popkins Ln. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. To purchase online visit [www.mvct.org](http://www.mvct.org).

**FotoWeekDC at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.** Free. In conjunction with the 5th annual FotoWeekDC Festival, celebrating photographic excellence in the DC metro area, the Torpedo Factory Art Center is offering a series of free, photography-themed exhibitions and special programming throughout the month of November. The complete schedule is online at [www.torpedofactory.org/fotoweek](http://www.torpedofactory.org/fotoweek). Torpedo Factory Art Center is located at 105 North Union St.

#### SATURDAY/NOV.10

**Vegan Beauty Workshop.** 2-3 p.m. Learn about making cuticle cream, a purse-size winter relief pod, a jar gloss and a lip stick at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1743 to sign up.

**Fort Hunt Preschool Play EXPO and Family Fall Festival.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Family Play EXPO and Family Fall Festival will feature lego engineering, yo-yo experts, an obstacle course, nature games, storytelling, and live music. Free. At Fort Hunt Preschool grounds, 1909 Windmill Ln. Email [alumni@forthuntpreschool.com](mailto:alumni@forthuntpreschool.com), or visit [www.forthuntpreschool.com](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com).

**Fundraiser.** 4 p.m. Poetry and tea are on the menu at the annual fundraiser for Project Discovery at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Donations are welcome at the event or can be mailed to the Office of Youth

Services, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Make checks or money orders payable to Project Discovery Alexandria. All donations are tax deductible. Donations of \$500 or more should be made by Nov. 1 to ensure inclusion in the Annual Special Recognition Legacy Program. Contact Ron Frazier at 703-746-5967 or [ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov](mailto:ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov).

**Photography Lecture.** 1 p.m. Free. Photographer Andrew Zimmermann reveals his inspiration and techniques for creating the black and white imagery appearing concurrently in his solo show, Cold River. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. National Men's Chorus will begin its 14th season with a concert of music appropriate for Veterans Day at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. The program will be conducted by Founder and Artistic Director, Thomas Beveridge, and will feature the renowned pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. Tickets are at the door for \$20 and free for students and children. Visit [www.nationalmenschorus.org](http://www.nationalmenschorus.org) or call 202-244-7191.

**Historic Preservation Conference.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A conference focusing on historic preservation in Del Ray will be held at George Washington Middle School cafeteria (1005 Mount Vernon Ave.). This free event is for the general public and aimed at educating residents about Del Ray history and exploring ways to preserve the neighborhood's historic fabric. Visit [www.delraycitizen.org/](http://www.delraycitizen.org/)

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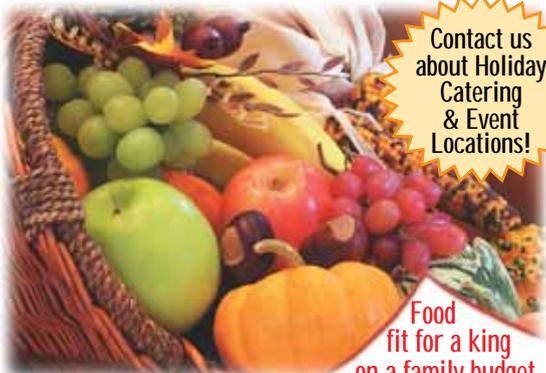
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## The Music of Inspiration: Yefim Bronfman joins the ASO for Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1 'Emperor'

Pianist Yefim Bronfman will perform with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra on Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major ("Emperor") to continue the celebration of Music Director Kim Allen Kluge's 25th year.

A 1997 GRAMMY Award Winner and 2009 GRAMMY® Award Nominee, Bronfman was born in Tashkent in the Soviet Union in April 1958 and immigrated to Israel with his family in 1973, where he studied with pianist Arie Vardi, head of the Rubin Academy of Music at Tel Aviv University. In the United States, he studied at The Juilliard School, Marlboro and the Curtis Institute, and with Rudolf Firkusny, Leon Fleisher and Rudolf Serkin. Bronfman became an American citizen in July 1989.

Music Director Kim Allen Kluge said Yefim Bronfman immediately came to mind when programming Beethoven's Emperor Piano Concerto as he, like Beethoven, is a force of nature, saying in a statement, "Bronfman not only inspires with the music of past composers but also makes a powerful connection between living performers and living composers through his commissioning of new music for piano and orchestra. Bronfman's playing and passions perfectly embody the season's theme — 'Be the Music.'"

In addition to Beethoven, Music Director Kim Allen Kluge and the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will also perform Hovhaness's



Photo by Dario Acosta

**Yefim Bronfman**

Symphony No. 2 ("Mysterious Mountain"), Mussorgsky/Ravel's Pictures at an Exhibition and selections from Newman's score to Little Women (1994).

The 2012-2013 Season is the 25th Anniversary for Kluge. The ASO plans to make this a season-long celebration in honoring his commitment to the Orchestra and arts in

Northern Virginia.

He can be credited with establishing the Children's Arts Festival in 2001 as well as initiating family-friendly Sunday matinee concerts. This season he will continue his efforts to promote music education in Alexandria schools, working closely with local music students in conducting youth ensembles, giving master classes, and mentoring students in performance and music composition.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra welcomes WETA Classical Host Marilyn Cooley as host of this season's Pre-concert Chats.

ASO Pre-concert Chats begin one hour prior to each performance.

### Details

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 3 p.m.**

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

Tickets start at \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students and \$5 for all youth (18 & under). Purchase online at alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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**SUNDAY/NOV. 11**

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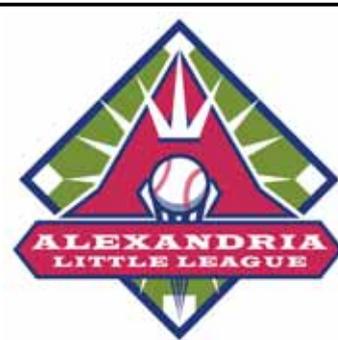
**Museum.** 2-3:30 p.m. Visitors touring Gadsby's Tavern Museum will meet 18th century characters, planned by a team of 5th through 7th grade volunteers as part of the Museum's Kids Take Over the Museum challenge. In honor of Veteran's Day and the American Legion Post # 24's support of the Museum, the students invite all veterans and active duty military and their families to attend for free. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child (ages 5 through 12). Visit [www.gadsbystavernrestaurant.com](http://www.gadsbystavernrestaurant.com).

**Symposium: "A Lifetime of Learning through Play."** 3-5 p.m. Fort Hunt Preschool is celebrating 50 years of learning through play with a symposium on learning through play across a lifetime. Engage with a panel of experts to examine the critical places of play and discovery in the journey of learning. A panel discussion on the importance of play for all ages. Free. Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place. Email [alumni@forhuntschool.com](mailto:alumni@forhuntschool.com) or visit [www.forhuntschool.com](http://www.forhuntschool.com).

**Birchmere Show.** 7:30 p.m. London-based singer/songwriter Lianne La Havas, who recently was nominated for the UK's Mercury Prize, will be performing at the Birchmere Theatre located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Concert.** 3 p.m. Featuring Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; Yefim Bronfman,

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piano; Hovhaness: Symphony No. 2, "Mysterious Mountain;" I. Andante con moto Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition; Newman: Little Women (1994); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, "Emperor," Op. 73." At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets start at \$40 adult, \$35 senior, \$15 students and \$5 for all youth (18 & under). Purchase online at [alexsym.org](http://alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885. Free pre-concert chat one hour prior to each performance.

**Jazz at Meade.** 4 p.m. The Committee for Jazz at Meade will feature Will Smith and the W.E.S Group. 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. Visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

### THROUGH NOV. 11

**Wax Works.** The exhibition will feature six artists whose work begins at the definition of 'encaustic' and explores the application, functionality and versatility of wax as a medium. Free. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Birchmere Show: Lianne La Havas.** \$20. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### MONDAY/NOV. 12

**Free School Concert.** 7 p.m. The Mount Vernon Area Honors chorus began this year for selected 6th grade students from the Mount Vernon High School pyramid elementary

schools. Their original concert date was canceled by Frankstorm Sandy. People now have a chance to hear them and the singers from Walt Whitman Middle School and Mount Vernon High School as well at Little Theater at Mount Vernon High School.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 13

**Fundraising.** 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited will hold its annual fundraising event to support its educational projects. Completed quilts, wall hangings, table covers, totes, fabric, quilting projects and gift items will be sold at Silent, Live, and Other Auctions, as well as a fixed-price table. The event also features a bake sale. A lunch will be available for \$5. Admission free. Everyone welcome. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

**Swing Dance Lesson.** 8:30-10:30 p.m. A drop-in beginners' swing dance lesson with America's top instructors, Tom & Debra. \$10. Clarinetist Halley Shoenberg will be featured all night on the music of Benny Goodman. The swank setting includes tiered seating for a great view, large dance floor, classic deco bar, and fantastic light fare. The Carlyle Club is at 411 John Carlyle St. Call 703-548-8899.

**Free Photoshop for Artists.** 1-4 p.m. Photographer John Burgess lectures and demonstrates how to create CDs for digital entries and size images for digital submissions. Call 703-683-1780 or email [gallery@theartleague.org](mailto:gallery@theartleague.org) to register. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

**History Presentation.** 7:30 p.m. Join

the Friends of Dyke Marsh to hear Matthew Virta, cultural resources program manager at the U.S. National Park Service, examine Dyke Marsh's colorful history, from Native American Indian times to the present. The presentation will be held at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

### Free Workshop: Exhibition

**Prints.** 1-4 p.m. Join photographer John Burgess for his popular workshop on how to calibrate monitors and printers to create accurate color photographic prints. Call 703-683-1780 or email [gallery@theartleague.org](mailto:gallery@theartleague.org) to register. The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St.

### WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/NOV 14-15

**Birchmere Show.** 7:30 p.m. Striking Matches to open for John Hiatt & The Combo. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 15

**Annual NOVA Jazz Night.** 7:30 p.m. Featuring the NOVA Alexandria Jazz Ensemble and NOVA Jazz Combo at the Carlyle Club located at 411 John Carlyle St. Call 703-548-8899. No cover charge, donations requested.  
**Blurring the Line: Fine Art vs. Commercial Photography.** 7pm. Free. The Art League and Target Gallery present a panel discussion examining the similarities and differences between fine art and commercial

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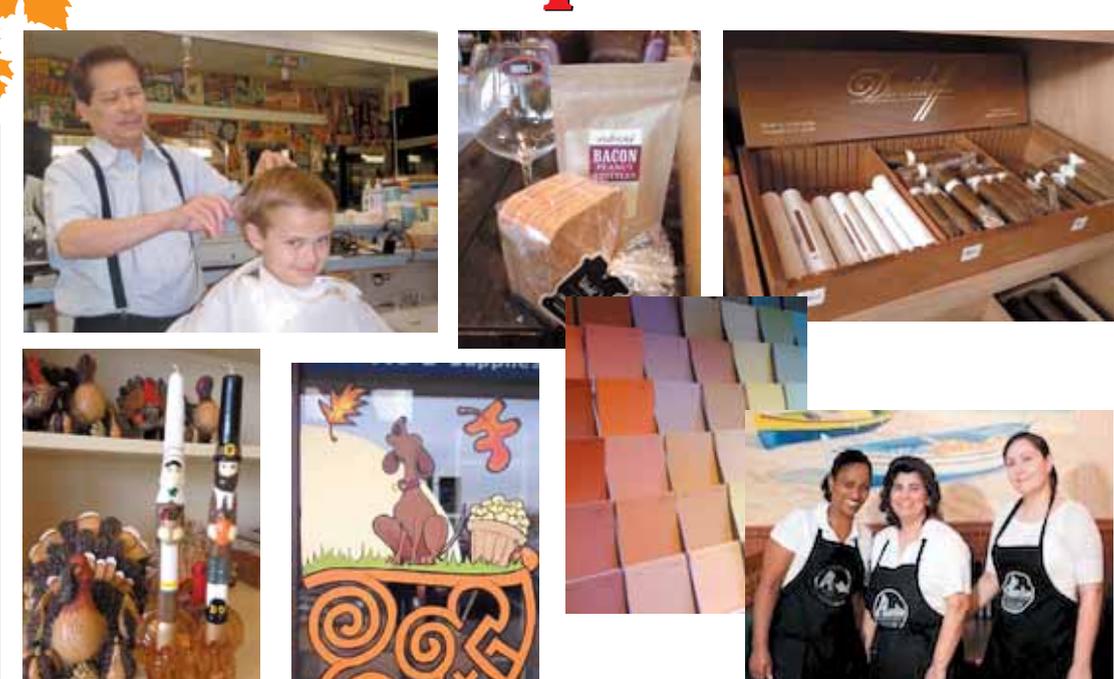



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## Living Legends 2012 Exhibition

By Trudi Van Dyke  
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I have a digital camera...it's easy to take pictures... I set it on "idiot proof" and shoot portraits to capture special people in my life. Some end up in "the cloud;" lots still live on my camera.

But, somewhere along the line I've missed the talent gene and its even more obvious that years of study and hard work marks the huge difference between what I produce and true photographic art.

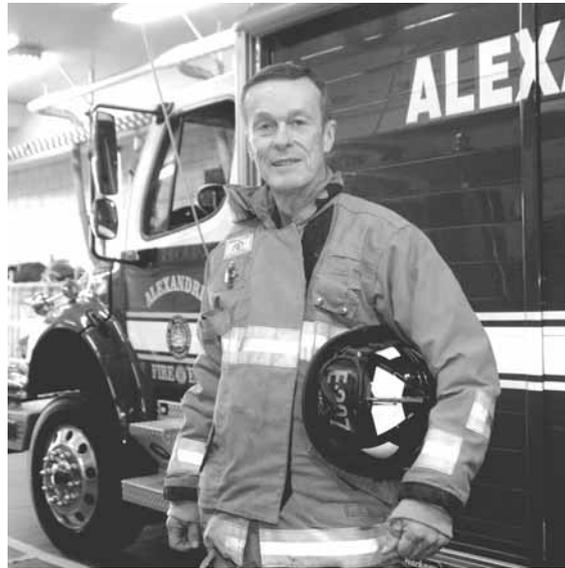
There is a timely opportunity to visit the Alexandria City Town Hall to view the photographic portraits of the 2012 Living Legends. The foyer space is aligned now with the exceptional black and white portraits of the honorees. Choosing the format of black and white challenges the photographer to find ways to bring forth the personality of the subject without relying on color. Professional art photographer Nina Tisara, whose poignant portrait work is well known and widely exhibited and collected, has shot the majority of the work.

The continuing concept of Living Legends is to photograph each awardee in their own environment. Tisara feels that finding a comfortable place for her subjects will enhance their relaxation and help provide the natural quality and personality that she wants to evoke. Indeed her hours of planning, shooting, and choreographing each shoot has again created a panoply of artistic excellence.

There are no happy accidents when the Living Legends are photographed. Among the most moving is Bill Kehoe as he stands in front of the fire department that has so influenced his "give back" to his community. It is carefully composed so that the flawless composition swirls around the subject and the viewer is inadvertently drawn into the pride and genuine quality of the subject.

Bud Hart's portrait is more casual. A man in the midst of his sharing what he loves. His hands-on work in the community is taken at face value as his hands are reflected in the hands reaching out to him.

Steven Halperson, also a talented artist, provided back up to Tisara as he has done in previous years and photographed Joe Shumard. In addition it needs to be noted that Halperson's contribution of flawless matting and framing lends a flow to the exhibition. Individual remarks about each legend are placed



Nina Tisara's Living Legends portrait of Bill Kehoe.

within the double mat and artfully manages to enhance the work without distraction for those who take the time to read them. However, the quality of the beautiful art stands on its own without need of verbiage.

Always giving back to the community itself, founder Nina Tisara and Steven Halperson worked closely to incorporate the opportunity for NOVA student Joe Bleach to be mentored in the project. Bleach's work on two of the 13 legends is included in the well-lit and -presented exhibition.

Alexandria citizens should take the opportunity to go to town hall for more than paying their taxes. Plan on spending a few extra minutes perusing this art exhibition. You don't have to know the subjects when you arrive but the artistic quality of the photographs will make you feel like they are old friends when you leave.

Note: The 2012 Legend portraits may be seen in the Market Square Lobby of City Hall through February. Photograph portraits of 10 past year's Legends are on view at Barnes & Nobles Booksellers, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway.

Nominations for the Legends of 2013 will be accepted through midnight, Nov. 15. For information, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

the Sea of Stories," a mythological fantasy that combines an exciting adventure story with hilarious physical theatre. The performance is family-friendly. Tickets are \$5 at the door. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road.

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### NOV. 15 THROUGH JAN. 6, 2013

Net Worked: Horjus, Lister, and Pearson. Opening reception is on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. Free. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

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photography. Moderated by Torpedo Factory artist Craig Sterling, panels include Allen Beland, Jesse Cohen, Lindsay Harris, Greg Knott, and Pamela Viola. Torpedo Factory Art Center's Main Hall, 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**History of Trains.** 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents "History of the Pullman Experience in the Golden Age of Rail Travel" including AMTRAK's version of the Pullman Experience today, the Auto Train version of luxury travel today, and a film clip of riding on the Dover Harbor Pullman Car. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat.

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY/NOV 15 & 16

**School Theatre.** 7:30 p.m. The 7th-graders of Burgundy Farm Country Day School will perform "Haroun and

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 16-17

**St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar.** Bazaar begins with the Quite the Stir! Preview Party on Friday from 7-9 p.m., in the school's gym. Attendees will get an early peek at vendors' merchandise as they enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and a special signature libation. Tickets are \$30 in advance, or \$35 at the door. The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's School. At St. Mary's School at 400 Green St.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Cider Assembly Ball** 8-11 p.m. Reservations required. Period costume optional, "after-five" attire encouraged. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Call 703-746-4242

**Run for Shelter 5K/10K + Fun Run.** 8 a.m. Carpenter's Shelter and Pacers are hosting their second

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# Election 2012

## Voters Back Obama, Kaine

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State Board of Elections.

### The 11th District: Connolly

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) knows how close a race can be on election night, beating challenger Keith Fimian in 2010 by a razor-thin margin, but Connolly handily defeated Republican challenger Chris Perkins Tuesday night along with four other candidates: Chris DeCarlo (Independent), Mark Gibson (Independent), Joe Galdo (Green Party) and Peter Marchetti (Independent Green Party). Connolly received 60.05 percent of the vote, or 163,212 votes, compared to Perkins's 36.22 percent of the vote with 98,456 votes.

"Tonight our voters also sent a message about our politics. They want more functional government," Connolly said, standing with his daughter and wife at the Sheraton. "They don't want more rabid, partisan rhetoric as a substitute for real solutions to real problems."

Connolly said he was honored "to have been reelected, by my widest margin ever, and to have received the thrust of our voters to represent them for the next two years. On their behalf I will fight for the values we share while seeking common ground to move our country forward."

Connolly also displayed his trademark wit when he told the crowd he had another announcement: "CBS News just called it for Tim Kaine. ... Not so fast, Tea Party!"

### The 10th District: Wolf

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), the most

senior of the 11 members of the House of Representatives from Virginia, won his 17th consecutive term on Tuesday. This year, Wolf faced a challenge on two fronts: Democrat Kristin Cabral and Independent Kevin Chisholm fought hard to take his seat.

Wolf won 58.71 percent of the vote (194,817 votes) compared to Cabral's 38.38 percent of the vote (127,355 votes) with 192 of 195 precincts reporting at 1 a.m.

Wolf sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he is the chairman on the Commerce-Justice-Science subcommittee.

In addition, he is the co-chairman of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, a bipartisan organization made up of more than 200 members of Congress who work together to raise awareness about international human rights issues.

### The 8th District: Moran

U.S. Rep. James P. Moran won a 12th term in Congress, easily beating his Republican opponent J. Patrick Murray with 63.42 percent (174,974 votes) of the vote over Murray's 31.5 percent of the vote (86,910 votes). A senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Moran serves as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on the Interior and Environment and also serves on the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees.

Throughout his two decades of service in the House of Representatives, Moran has championed regional transportation solutions, the environment, women's issues, technology, fair and open trade, and fiscal discipline. He is also well known for his efforts to protect federal employees and military retirees.



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

**Ron Wiersma of Springfield and Caroline Smith of Reston celebrated with other Democrats at the Sheraton on Tuesday. "Look around you. This is America," Smith said. "Black, white, Asian, Latinos, men and women, young and old. . . . This is our America."**

## Eminent Domain Amendment Prevails by Wide Margin

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"I don't think anyone's arguing that private property owner's rights are not important," said City of Fairfax Councilman Dan Drummond. "But this is a solution in search of a problem."

He said the fear is that the amendment will have a "chilling effect" on economic progress and projects that benefit the public.

"Nobody really knows from a local government perspective how this will be used, but the fear is that it could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation that would leave taxpayers footing the bill."

Bulova said business-owners could construe the amendment as "taking away or diminishing" their profits when streets are closed and their shops are shut down during popular parades and festivals, such as Viva Vienna or the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, events that attract up to 40,000 people during one weekend.

"These are community-building events, and we're concerned the language in the amendment can be read by individuals as

way to seek compensation for lost profits," Bulova said.

"A shop owner could complain they lost revenue, that festival vendors are taking their business away," Bulova added. "What if someone decided to make that an issue and seek compensation for lost profits under [the amendment]? The Town of Vienna can't afford to reimburse every shop owner ..."

Del. Dave Albo (R-41), who co-sponsored one of the versions of the law, acknowledged that "lost profits and lost access" could end up making roads more expensive to build.

"But it's fair," Albo said. "If they run a road and cut off your driveway to the point that no one can get into your restaurant and ruin your business, you should be compensated."

"Basically, we don't want the government taking private property for something that is not a bona fide government use, for example taking old houses in the name of economic development and then transferring the land to a private hotel," Albo added.

At the crux of the debate is the Supreme

**"Basically, we don't want the government taking private property for something that is not a bona fide government use."**

— Del. Dave Albo

Court's landmark 2005 decision known as the "Kelo decision," widely considered by scholars, land-use attorneys and local government to be one of the most controversial rulings in recent U.S. history. "Kelo v. City of New London" came before the Supreme Court in 2005. In a 5-4 decision, the court held that the general benefits a community enjoyed from economic growth qualified private redevelopment plans as a permissible "public use" under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

"I think all of this is an overreaction to

Kelo," said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics." "Historically, property owners have always been favored under Virginia law,"

Prior to Kelo, only seven states specifically restricted the use of eminent domain for private development.

As of June 2012, 44 states had enacted some type of reform legislation in response to the Kelo decision, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Of those states, 22 passed laws that severely inhibited the takings allowed by the Kelo decision, while the rest enacted laws that place some limits on the power of municipalities to invoke eminent domain for economic development.

Bulova said local officials take the power of eminent domain seriously:

"Eminent domain is a very heavy power and absolutely needed only for the greater good. We haven't used it to force people off their property. That just doesn't happen in Fairfax County and it never has," Bulova said.

# People



**Christ House director Kevin Mondloch stands in the newly painted narthex.**



**Greg Mondloch finishes up the painting of the dining room in time for the 5 p.m. dinner.**

Photo by Louise Krafft/Gazette Packet

## Christ House Gets Face Lift

**C**hrist House, a transitional shelter for homeless men, received a long overdue face lift last month. Volunteers from Catholic Charities USA prepared the house for painting and crews of volunteers, fathers and

sons from Bishop Ireton spent a weekend painting the hallways, dining room, bedrooms and bathrooms of the 200-year-old building. Sherwin Williams donated the paint. The white walls were painted in red, green, gold, white, purple

and rose. Christ House director Kevin Mondloch said, "I want this event to align with our everyday mission of building community in the light of Christ."

Founded in 1973, Christ House provides food, shelter and clothing

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**Young Christian tries on a cheeseburger costume at the community center.**



**Junior Escobar outfits himself as a pirate.**

## Del Ray Delivers on Halloween

Costumes filled the racks in the community room at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27. As the doors opened, dozens of children with their parents browsed and selected outfits for the upcoming evening haunt.

Volunteers helped with sizes and accessories. More than 130 Halloween costumes were given away. The program is sponsored by the members of the Del Ray Business Association.

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**Kia, Megan and Jasmine Terry look through the costume selection.**



**Volunteer Diana Espinel helps find a pirate costume for a youngster.**



**Nyla Robertson looks over her pink costume.**



**Volunteer Cailleigh Pattisall finds a baby bunting in the shape of an exotic fish.**

# People



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## 'Kids for Obama'

On Saturday, Oct. 20, Chandra and Derek Manning hosted an event inspired by their 6-year-old son, Aidan, called "Kids for Obama." Eighteen Alexandria kids, ranging in age from nine months to 11 years old, supported the event by making Barack Obama campaign signs and paraded them to the corner of King Street and Russell Road, where passers by showed their support by honking. The children held their signs while singing an Obama-themed song, co-written by Aidan and his mother to the tune of President Lincoln's 1860 campaign song called "Lincoln and Liberty" by Jesse Hutchinson Jr. The Kids for Obama included (alphabetically): Bridget Baron, 6; Campbell Boggess, 11; Mara Boggess, 8; Julia Cooper, 8; Sophie Dechant, 7; Ella Dechant, 5; Lilly Eckert, 8; Nyla Elder, 5; Rebecca Espach, 3; Sam Espach, 6; Mia Frangello, 6; Abby Gerstein, 6; Julia Knott, 4; Steven Knott, 9 months; Katie Ludke, 5; Aidan Manning, 6; Kieran Manning, 2, and McKechnie McCaslin, 7.



Volunteers gather in front of the Dee Campbell Boathouse at the conclusion of the waterfront clean-up



Crew Booster Mary Beth Porter pulls a large white burlap sack from the shoreline of the Potomac.

## Rowers Help Clean Up Shore

A group of nearly 40 rowers, parents and other volunteers gathered at Oronoco Park in Old Town last month for the Alexandria Crew Boosters' 2nd Annual Waterfront Clean-Up Day. Held as part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup campaign and the Clean Virginia Waterways initiative, the clean-up was undertaken in conjunction with the City of Alexandria's Office of Environmental Quality, which provided the volunteers with garbage bags, gloves and litter tongs for the effort.

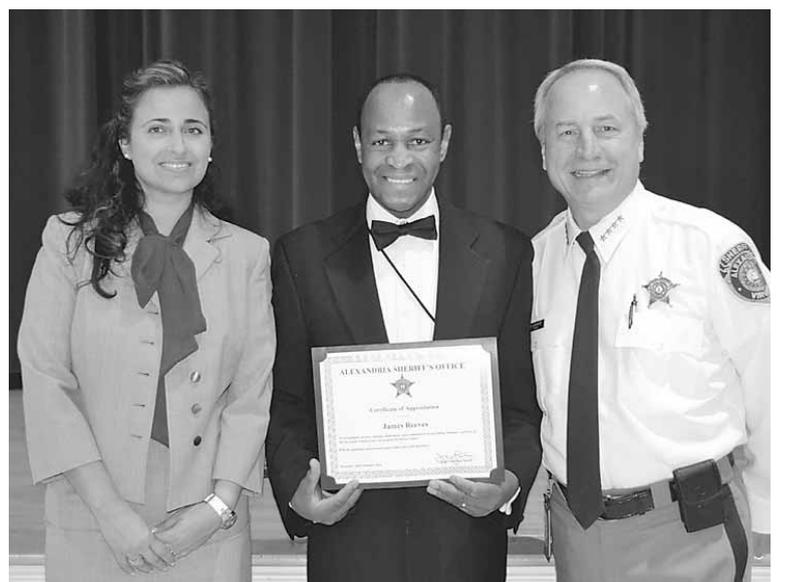
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## Respect for Law Award

Optimist Club president Sue Wilson (center) and Chief Deputy Tim Gleeson (right) congratulate Deputy Mark Jessup (left) on receiving the Respect for Law award. The Optimist Club of Alexandria honored three Alexandria law enforcement officers with the Respect for Law Award at a luncheon on Oct. 24, at the Belle Haven Country Club. Officer Marcus Downey of the Alexandria Police Department and Deputy Mark Jessup and Deputy Brian Bell of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office were recognized for their service and in particular for their efforts for young people.



Bettina Deynes and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne thank volunteer James Reeves for his dedication. Reeves is one of several volunteers from Alfred Street Baptist Church who provide services to inmates.

## Sheriff's Office Honors Volunteers

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office paid tribute to its volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 25. More than 200 volunteers provide assistance and outreach to inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center, offering religious services, Bible study, substance abuse recovery programs, tutoring, yoga and even musical

instruction.

Approximately 60 volunteers attended the luncheon inside the Faith Activities Center at First Baptist Church. Bettina Deynes, the new human resources director for the City of Alexandria, gave the keynote speech and then joined Sheriff Dana Lawhorne in presenting each volunteer with a certificate of appreciation and a gift.

# Obituaries

## William V. Baldwin

William V. Baldwin, born July 3, 1922 in Hopewell, Va. died Nov. 4, 2012. Bill served in the 8th Air Corp, during WWII and won a Distinguished Flying Cross for more than 35 missions over Germany, but perhaps his bravest accomplishment in life was raising five daughters.

He was a well known businessman in Alexandria where he owned two dry cleaning businesses. He was also a long time member of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. He and his wife raised five daughters in Waynewood.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Dorothy C. Baldwin; daughters, Mary E. Baldwin of Durham, N.C., Barbara L. Doucet (Adam) of Church Point, La., Ellen V. Dragsten (Roger) of Rainbow City, Ala., Billie F Howell (Glen) of Chesapeake, Va. and Dorothy A Engle (Scott) of Cincinnati, Ohio; sisters, Virginia Newton of Richmond, and Myrtle Carelock of Southern Pines, N.C.

Bill had 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The family received friends on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 at Memorial Funeral Home, Gould Chapel, Hopewell, Va., a funeral service were held on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012 at the funeral home chapel. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park Chester, Va. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or the Wounded Warrior Project. Friends if they wish may register condolences at [www.memorialfh.com](http://www.memorialfh.com).

## Madeline Lindsey Green

Madeline Lindsey Green, 69, of Alexandria, died on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Madeline was the daughter of the late Josephine Taylor Lindsey and William Lindsey. Madeline grew up at 718 Gibbon St. with her parents and her grandparents Ethel and Pernell Taylor. Madeline was christened at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church and accepted Christ at an early age. Madeline attended Parker-Gray High School. On Aug. 8, 1959 she married Donald Green of Alexandria. This 25-year union was blessed with four children. The family lived in Alexandria on Princess Street and later on Fayette Street. Family life was very busy for the young couple, and raising their children well, was their first priority. Madeline was a great mother, and grandmother, always loving, doting and supportive. In 1970 Madeline started a career with the federal government, serving 24 years with the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water Monitoring.

Madeline's love of family and history led her to the hobby of genealogy. Madeline frequented the Library of Congress, the Orange County Virginia African-American Historical Society, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York. However, Madeline's favorite resources were right here at home; the Alexandria Li-

brary Lloyd House, and the Alexandria Black History Resource Center, both of which featured her work in their newsletters. Madeline's work has also been featured in The Alexandria Gazette, The Alexandria Journal and the Washington Post newspapers.

Madeline's research led to her ancestors' names being included and engraved on the Spirit of Freedom, African-American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C. She was also responsible for her ancestor's names being included and read off at the annual Slave Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Madeline enjoyed her genealogy work immensely and was very proud of her accomplishments. However, the pinnacle of that pride and joy came on the day she met Alex Haley, the late author of the book "Roots." Mr. Haley reviewed Madeline's family tree documentation and signed it, "Job well done!"

Madeline leaves to cherish her loving memory, her children: Debra Mackall, Sharon Green, Donald Green, and David Green, her former husband and lifelong friend, Donald Green, her grandchildren:



Vanessa Mackall, Jasmine Mackall, Melissa Green, Thaddeus Langston Green, Anthony Leigh, and Indigo Green, her son in law: Roland Mackall, her daughter in law: Morna' Green, her sisters: Mary Lindsey, Alice Dye, and Denise Lindsey, her sisters in law: Irene Macklin and Loretta Lindsey, her brothers: Johnny Lindsey and William Lindsey Jr., her aunts: Jean Sims, and Ethel Smith, dear friends: Sarah and Rich-

ard Cross, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Madeline was preceded in death by one son-in-law: Thaddeus Langston and one brother-in-law: Walker Dye, and dear cousin and friend, Delores Williams.

A wake was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 7, 2012 at Greene Funeral Home.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, Nov 8, 2012 at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606 So. Washington St. Alexandria, VA 22314.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in the memory of Madeline Lindsey Green to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

## School Notes

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged.

**Ellie Barton** (12th grade) was on the Honors List at Saint James School, Md. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Barton.

**Jasmine Bagley** of Alexandria, a junior fashion design major at Moore College of Art & Design, was awarded the first Penny Fox Internship Fellowship at Honors Convocation on April 13. Bagley is completing her summer internship at Diane Von Furstenberg at the company's headquarters in New York.

**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/>.

Two **Bishop Ireton** rising seniors, **Tommy Kelly**, of Alexandria, and **Camille Weber**, of Springfield, have been named Finalists for the 2012 Positive Coaching Alliance Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship Award. Awards

are based on essays by students explaining how their actions represent the ideal of the Triple-Impact Competitor.

Alexandria Renew Enterprises welcomed two interns: **Bradley Cooper** is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and plans to graduate from DeVry University with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. While in the Navy, he worked as a Systems Analyst stationed in San Diego and Yokosuka, Japan. **Jeffrey Alvarado** is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School and plans to spend two years at Northern Virginia Community College starting in the fall before transferring to a four-year college and majoring in electronic engineering.

The following students from Alexandria enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

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

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

♦ **D'Elia M. Chandler** is a junior majoring in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

♦ **Samuel J. Ferrara** is a freshman majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

♦ **Andrew K. Kicinski** is a sophomore majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

♦ **Sarah E. Tianti** is a senior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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

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

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**ASO maestro Kim Allen Kluge will debut his original score for the National Gallery of Art tribute to Alice Guy Blanche films, including "The Ocean Waif," on Nov. 10.**

## Kluge Composes Film Festival Score

An original score composed by Alexandria Symphony Orchestra maestro Kim Allen Kluge and his wife Kathryn Vassar Kluge will debut Nov. 10 as The National Gallery of Art presents a ciné-concert of films by Alice Guy Blanche.

Inspired by Guy's images, the Kluges have complemented the aesthetic of the films by developing a unique approach to their musical score. Films on the program include: Alice Guy tourne une phonoscène (1905), early Gaumont films from the Sieurin Collection (1899-1900), Five O'Clock Tea (1905), Greater Love Hath No Man (1911), Mixed Pets (1911), Falling Leaves (1912), The Ocean Waif (1916), and Parson Sue (1912). The total running time is approximately 100 minutes and will be followed by a discussion.

The program, with Kim Allen Kluge conducting the live performance, will be presented at 2 p.m. in the National Gallery of Art East Building Auditorium at 4th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and is free of charge. Seating is first come, first

## Calendar

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annual Run for Shelter 5K/10K + Fun Run. 5K/10K registration is \$35 and Fun Run registration is \$30. On-site registration will be available for \$40 beginning at 7 a.m. Visit [www.runforshelter10k.com](http://www.runforshelter10k.com) or tweet @Run4Shelter10k.

**Candlelight Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Presented by The Suspicious Cheese Lords, this concert will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Admissions are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342.

**Holiday Shop.** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The event features a day-long bazaar of 50 artisans from the metro area as well as the popular Country Kitchen. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. A quilt will be raffled off. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds are used to fund church projects. Call 703-765-5950 or visit [www.mvuc.org](http://www.mvuc.org).

**Belle Masquerade.** 8 p.m. J Weeks Entertainment presents "Belle Masquerade: A Beautiful Disguise," a play that captures the faces of women and their struggles in the dark. At Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center at 1108 Jefferson St. Tickets are \$12. Call 202-642-4227 or visit [www.JWeeksEntertainment.com](http://www.JWeeksEntertainment.com).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 18

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## TC Football Ends Season with 4-Game Winning Streak

**Titans beat West Potomac in OT in regular season finale.**

By Jon Roetman  
Gazette Packet

**T**he T.C. Williams football team trailed 10-7 in overtime and faced second-and-goal at the West Potomac 8 when quarterback Alec Grosser threw a pass to receiver Landon Moss near the line of scrimmage. Moss made the catch, kept his footing on a slippery field and battled his way into the end zone.

Grosser's touchdown toss to Moss was a microcosm of T.C. Williams' final four games of the 2012 season. After starting 1-5, the Titans continued to fight. They won their next three games before traveling to West Potomac High School on Nov. 2 to close the regular season against the rival Wolverines, who just last year celebrated winning a share of the Patriot District title on the Titans' home field.

After a 48-minute defensive struggle on a muddy field led to overtime, Moss, a 6-foot-3 playmaker who had yet to catch a pass, willed his way across the goal line for a Titan victory.

"Coach told me fight for those last few yards if [I] get by the end zone," Moss said, "so that's what I did."

T.C. Williams defeated West Potomac, 13-10, on Friday night. The Titans, who stormed the field in celebration, finished the regular season with a four-game winning streak and a 5-5 record, but neither was enough to keep the program's playoff drought from reaching 22 seasons.

### Sports Briefs

## TC Volleyball Reaches Region Tournament

The T.C. Williams volleyball team ended its season with a 3-2 loss to Liberty District champion Langley on Nov. 5 in the opening round of the Northern Region Tournament. The Titans defeated Annandale in the opening round of the Patriot District Tournament on Oct. 31 to secure a berth in regionals.

Senior outside hitter Kate Whitmire was named first team All-Northern Region and was selected as the Patriot District Most Valuable Player. According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Whitmire had an area-leading 547 kills and led the Titans to a 16-8 record. The 6-foot-1 senior is committed to James Madison University.



**T.C. Williams running back Dealo Robertson rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown against West Potomac on Nov. 2.**

"It's kind of bittersweet because there's at least two or three of the teams that we should have beaten," TC Head Coach Dennis Randolph said. "We should be 6-4, 7-3 and we should be playing next week, but we're not and we didn't."

The TC defense kept the Titans in the

**"We were a team that was [1-5]. Nobody believed in us. For us to come back and get better every week and now we're here 5-5, we made it happen."**

— T.C. Williams running back Dealo Robertson

game against a West Potomac team playing without standout running back Demornay Pierson-El, who sat out for precautionary reasons after suffering a leg injury two weeks prior. The Titans limited the Wolverines to seven points during regulation.

"Our defense played great," Randolph said. "They won the game for us today. ... The defensive coaches and the defensive players, they stuck together when things

TC senior outside hitter Sydney Trout was named second team all-district and junior libero Savannah Devereux garnered honorable mention.

## TC Football Players Honored

Senior receiver Landon Moss and junior defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke were named first team All-Patriot District for the 2012 season.

Junior center RJ Thorne, senior quarterback Alec Grosser, senior running back Dealo Robertson, senior offensive tackle Marcus Streeter, senior receiver Julius Cooper and senior linebacker Ed Kargbo each made the second team.

Linebacker Malik Carney and offensive tackle Mike Gray garnered honorable mention.



**T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser, left, looks down field while Malik Carney (28) and Dealo Robertson look for West Potomac defenders to block on Nov. 2.**

were really tough for them [this season]. It was tough for all of us to lose five straight."

After winning their season opener, the Titans surrendered an average of 40 points per contest during a five-game losing streak. TC responded by limiting opponents to six points per game during its final four contests.

Against West Potomac, TC junior linebacker Kyreem Walton said the Titans wanted to avenge last year's loss to the Wolverines. "It meant something this week," Walton said. "It was

more than just going .500. We're trying to go to the playoffs. That's what we're hoping for. It was just about pride. Last year, they came on our field and celebrated so we wanted a little bit of payback."

Walton had a sack and a forced fumble for TC. Defensive back Tyrice Henry had 11 tackles, including 10 solos. Linebackers Ed Kargbo and Malik Carney had 11 and 10 tackles, respectively.

The Titans struggled on offense against West Potomac, but finally got on the scoreboard when Dealo Robertson reached the end zone on a 26-yard run in the fourth quarter. Zach Eisenhour's PAT tied the score at 7-7 with 3:49 remaining in the fourth quarter. Linebacker Kevin Perry set up Robertson's touchdown run with a fumble recovery. TC limited West Potomac to a 31-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime, and the Titans won it two plays later with Moss' touchdown.

Robertson finished with 131 yards on 24 carries, including 123 yards on 16 carries in the second half.

"The terrain out here today was crazy," Robertson said. "On both sides of the ball ... you put your foot in the ground, you fall. It was basically an uphill battle. Coach told us early on, we're going to run it, that's what we're going to do. He believed in me. He stuck with the run game and it opened up. ... We were a team that was [1-5]. Nobody believed in us. For us to come back and get better every week and now we're here 5-5, we made it happen."



**Kate Whitmire and the T.C. Williams volleyball team lost to Langley, 3-2, in the opening round of the Northern Region Tournament.**

# Racing for Superheroes Event benefits local nonprofit organizations.

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Gazette

**F**rom children wearing superhero capes to costume-clad adults to tots in strollers, participants took to the streets of Arlington last month to raise money for charity as part of the fourth annual Acumen Solutions Race for a Cause 8K and 1-Mile Fun Run.

"This year's Race for a Cause was a shining example of the power of community. Our goal is to not only raise awareness and much needed funds for our 10 nonprofit partners, but to engage the community in a way that enables us all to feel the impact," David Joubran, Acumen's president and CEO, said in a statement.

Acumen Solutions identifies 10 local nonprofit organizations that they dub "superheroes." Through race registration, more than 3,000 people selected and secured funds for one of the 10 organizations. The nonprofit organizations also help raise money. The Fairfax County Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington came in first place.

"Our teamwork made it possible. We recruited runners and donors and sponsors," said Wonhee Kang, the regional director of Fairfax County Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.

**Rachel Porter of Arlington and M Fitzgerald of Alexandria joined the fourth annual Acumen Solutions Race for a Cause 8K and 1-Mile Fun Run on behalf of the Women's Center in Vienna.**



Photo courtesy of The Women's Center

The Women's Center in Vienna placed second, followed by Greenbrier Learning Center in Arlington. "We are thrilled and delighted to have won second place thanks to the efforts of our board, our staff, our therapists and all of our community supporters. We had a wonderful showing of support," said Carol Loftur-Thun, executive director of the Women's Center in Vienna.

"We offer counseling services to more than 2,500 people from D.C., Maryland and also right next door in McLean and Great Falls," she continued. "About 60 percent received counseling services at a reduced

fee or less. The race and the funds that will be awarded will go to help support our services."

Even those who were not among the top winners saw the race as an opportunity to increase their visibility in the community. "What I love about this event is that all kinds of people sign up to race. They learn about the nonprofits in their community who are doing good work and they can sign up to volunteer," said Patti Donnelly, Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia in Falls Church. "We tutor adults who are learning to read, write and

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Council of Northern Virginia**

speak English all throughout the Northern Virginia region, from Alexandria to Herndon to downtown Fairfax to Arlington County. We need to reach a lot of people in Northern Virginia."

Other participating nonprofits that will also receive funding include Our Daily Bread in Fairfax, The Reading Connection in Arlington, and Washington, D.C.-based Education Pioneers, Young Playwright's Theater, United for D.C., and For Love of Children. Funding will be announced and distributed at a Nov. 28 celebration event.

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## Wellbeing

# Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

**Mental Health professionals highlight potential health benefits of gratitude.**

By Marilyn Campbell  
Gazette Packet



Marilyn Campbell / Gazette Packet

**F**or many, November ushers in a season of giving thanks, an opportunity to express gratitude, but it can mean even more: some researchers say that Thanksgiving might actually be good for your health.

"When people view what they have as what they need, they are happier," said Linda Gulyn, a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Logically, if you don't view what you have as adequate, then it is going to lead to unhappiness. The value system of the community can distract you from seeing what you have."

Robert Emmons, Ph.D., editor of The Journal of Positive Psychology and a pioneer in gratitude research, conducted a study of adults with neuromuscular disease. After a 21-day gratitude intervention, he found that the gratitude group was more optimistic, had higher levels of energy, more positive moods and slept better than the control group.

In another study, Emmons found that those who kept weekly gratitude journals exercised regularly and reported fewer physical ailments and a better sense of well-being than those who wrote about negative or neutral events. Dr. Michael Siegel of Fairfax County Health Network and Molina Health Care, points to a 2010 study published in Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association, that looked at more 90,000 women and found that the more cynical study participants had higher rates of both coronary heart disease and cancer. "Those with a positive outlook fared better," he said.

"If all you write down is that your boss yelled at you or you couldn't get all your work done, you're probably not going to feel better," said Karen Prince, a licensed clinical social worker and a Kensington,

**Mental health experts say keeping a gratitude journal can improve one's mental and physical .**

Md., based psychotherapist.

Linda Berg-Cross of Potomac, Md., a researcher and professor of psychology at Howard University in Washington, D.C., said, "Being optimistic improves your immune system and improves your cognitive functioning."

Prince says that gratitude may not come easily to some. "It is harder for adults to establish gratitude because most of those characteristics are started as children. Parents can model gratitude for your children."

**"Being optimistic improves your immune system and improves your cognitive functioning and your cardiac functioning."**

— Linda Berg-Cross, Ph.D.

**SO HOW DOES ONE** cultivate a sense of gratitude? "It is like a self-fulfilling prophecy: if you look for things to be wrong you're going to find things wrong," said Arlington resident Dr. Lisa Calusic, a psychiatrist at Inova Behavioral Health Service and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria.

"When you're a hammer, everything is going to look like a nail. Remind yourself that just because a couple of things are negative or one thing is negative, doesn't mean that everything is negative."

"One way to develop gratitude is to engage in community service and help people who are less fortunate," said Prince. "For example, go into a soup kitchen and serve meals once a week."

Prince also encourages others to notice their surroundings. "Stop and smell the proverbial roses," she said. "When you slow down, you can see the forest for the trees more easily."

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**Volunteers Needed.** AARP Tax-Aide, a national volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service for low to moderate income and elderly citizens, needs volunteers to electronically complete and file federal and state income tax forms for the 2013 tax season. Volunteers of all ages and background are welcome. The program offers free five-day training using IRS computers and software. Volunteers become IRS Certified Tax Counselors after completing and passing the IRS examination. Trainings sessions will be held in Annandale, Centerville and Alexandria in December 2012 and January 2013. Visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide). Email will be sent in Dec. announcing specific dates and times.

**Poet Laureate Needed.** The City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts is in search of individuals to serve on the Poet Laureate Selection Panel. Individuals with experience in arts education, business, or who are civic leaders, arts patrons and artists are encouraged to apply. All volunteers will serve three-year terms. Individuals who are interested in serving should send a letter of interest and vita to the Office of the Arts/Alexandria Commission for the Arts, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or send to [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov). Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/arts) or call 703-746-5588 for more information.

**Volunteers Needed.** Alexandria Archaeology is seeking one or two highly motivated volunteers to assist in the cataloging of these archaeological finds. Prior database and/or cataloging

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**Volunteers.** Applications now being accepted for the 2013 Class of TreeStewards. The TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are volunteers dedicated to improving the health of our urban trees through educational programs, tree planting and care, demonstrations and tree maintenance throughout the community. New volunteer training will be held on Wednesday evenings, starting Feb. 13 through April 2013, with some Saturday mornings. Fun and interactive training is provided

by recognized experts in tree care and citizen advocates. For more information and to complete an application, visit [www.TreeStewards.org](http://www.TreeStewards.org) or call 703-527-2349.

**Training Courses.** The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification. Classes range from \$70-\$110 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays, dependent upon the participant's choice. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcross.org/takeaclass](http://redcross.org/takeaclass).

## THROUGH NOV. 17

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## THROUGH NOV. 30

**Training Courses.** The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria  
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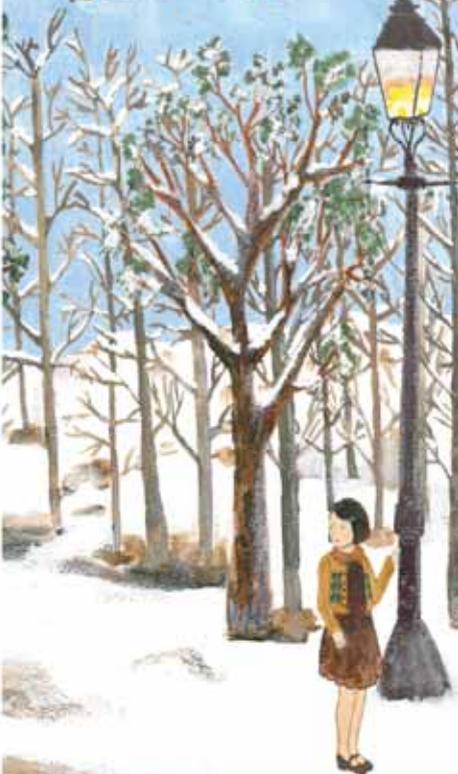
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### THROUGH DEC. 24

**Food Drive: Harvest Mondays.** Every Monday during the holiday season, shoppers at Ten Thousand Villages will receive 15 percent off an item of their choice for every non-perishable food item they bring in. Benefiting organizations include Christ House and ALIVE!. Signs are posted inside the store advising customers of the food banks' "most wanted" items, such as peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese boxes, canned vegetables, etc. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 915 King St. Call 703-684-1435 or visit [alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com](http://alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 8

**Planning the Edible Landscape: Food Production Made Beautiful.** 7-8:30 p.m. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, will hold a workshop, presenting design techniques for incorporating vegetables, fruits, and herbs in gardens that are both ornamental and edible. At the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 905 Wythe St. The workshop is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To register, visit <http://mgnv.org/events/november>

**Seminary Hill Association Meeting.** 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Deputy City Manager Tom Gates on the City's new initiative "What's Next, Alexandria?" Open to the public. In the Addison Auditorium of the Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Rd. Visit [www.seminaryhillassn.org](http://www.seminaryhillassn.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 10

**History & Architecture Symposium.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Del Ray Citizens Association, the Office of Historic Alexandria, the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, and the Alexandria Historical Society will jointly sponsor a free conference highlighting the unusual history and architecture of the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria. Free event and open to the public and advance registration is unnecessary. The event will be held at the George Washington Middle School cafeteria, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Coffee and refreshments will be served one half hour before the conference begins. Visit [www.historicalexandria.org](http://www.historicalexandria.org) or call 703-746-4554.

**Free Caregiver Session.** 9:30 a.m.-noon. Senior Services of Alexandria's November Speaker Series will focus on Caregiver Support. At Old Presbyterian Meeting House at 323 South Fairfax St. Local experts will be talking about Adult Day Care, AARP's online caregiver resources, caregiver management, companion care services and more. Following a panel presentation, attendees can speak directly with the experts about their specific needs. Call 703-836-4414, ext 10 or visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) to register.

### THROUGH NOV. 10

**Help Homeless Animals.** Becky's Pet Care teamed with the Presents for Pets Campaign sponsored by the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) to collect supplies and monetary donations for rescuing pets. Drop off supplies at donation locations. Becky's Pet Care will reward everyone providing a donation with a good bag of treats, Becky's Bucks Gift Certificates and other fun items. Purchase a t-shirt from [www.Zazzle.com/furrballs](http://www.Zazzle.com/furrballs) and Becky's will donate \$1 per t-shirt sold from Oct. 5-Nov. 10. For details regarding the event dates, drop-off locations, supply Wish List and other opportunities to help homeless pets visit [www.BeckysPetCare.com/presents-for-pets](http://www.BeckysPetCare.com/presents-for-pets).

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Group Tours.** 8:30-11 a.m. This is an opportunity to tour our Lower School campus, meet administrators, and see our outstanding faculty in action. Reservations necessary. Call 703-212-2705, or email [KCarbo@ssas.org](mailto:KCarbo@ssas.org). Visit [www.sssas.org/admission](http://www.sssas.org/admission) Lower School, 400 Fontaine St.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 15

**Colonial Republican Women Meeting.** 6:30-9 p.m. At the Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Ln. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or email her at [colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com](mailto:colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com)

**Community Dialogue.** 7 p.m. More than 1,500 Alexandrians have already participated in the first step of the "What's Next, Alexandria?" initiative by taking a community poll on the future of civic engagement in Alexandria. Plan to participate in the next step - a Community Dialogue on civic engagement at the First Baptist Church Activity Center, 2932 King St. At the Community Dialogue residents will work together on the issue of civic engagement and learn the results of the community poll. Residents will also hear from Dr. Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer, founder and former President of America Speaks. Visit [www.alexandriaviv.org/WhatsNext](http://www.alexandriaviv.org/WhatsNext) or call Carrie Beach, project manager, at 703-746-3853.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 16

**Free Dental Services.** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dr. Qais Musmar, Dr. Mohammed Almzayyen and team at Reflection Dental will be improving the oral health of needy citizens as part of Free Dentistry Day. Patients can choose from one free cleaning, extraction or filling. At 6546 Little River Turnpike. Visit [www.freedentistryday.org](http://www.freedentistryday.org). Patients will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

### NOV. 16-17

**Anniversary Celebration.** Beth El Hebrew Congregation (3830 Seminary Rd.) is hosting a weekend celebration that will include Friday evening religious services and a Gala to honor Rabbi Brett Isserow's 10th anniversary as Rabbi for the congregation. The Gala, which includes a reception and catered dinner with dancing is scheduled for Saturday evening, Nov. 17, and will be held at Beth El. On Friday, Nov. 16, the Shabbat service will include a congregational dinner and an Oneg Shabbat gathering after services with special desserts provided by the Women of Reform Judaism Beth El Sisterhood. Services begin at 7:30 p.m., and as always, all are welcome to services who wish to come.

### MONDAY/NOV. 26

**"New Pathways to Health: What Options Do We Have Beyond Traditional Medicine?"** Featuring Eleonora Gafton, faculty member, professional chef, nutrition and integrative health. At the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Reception starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. \$28 for members with reservations by Tuesday, Nov. 20; \$33 for those with no reservations after deadline; \$33 for non-members with reservations by Nov. 20; \$38 after deadline; \$43 without reservations. Dinner reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 28

**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Curriculum Night.** 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about our challenging academic program in grades junior kindergarten through fifth grade. Reservations necessary. Call 703-212-2705, or email [KCarbo@ssas.org](mailto:KCarbo@ssas.org). Visit [www.sssas.org/admission](http://www.sssas.org/admission) Lower School, 400 Fontaine St.

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