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Fall Fun

The 20th Annual Pumpkin Sale at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, begins Oct. 6 and runs through October, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. The nonprofit fundraiser benefits many of Alexandria's charities such as ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. International charities include the Heifer Project and the Haiti Micah Project. The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico and are distributed and consigned to Immanuel and more than 1,300 other churches of various denominations throughout the country. These partnerships support over 300 jobs on the reservation and the programs of participating churches nationwide. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available. More Fall Fun, pages 22-28.

ACPS Rent To Double

School system to have a new lease on a larger central administration office.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Right now, the Alexandria City Public School system pays about \$1 million in rent every year at three locations across the city — one central administration headquarters on Beauregard Street and two satellite locations across the city. Under terms of a new agreement approved by School Board members earlier this month, all 220 employees of central administration will consolidate at one location.

And the rent will more than double.

According to a deal approved by School Board members earlier this month, city taxpayers will be on

the hook for more than \$2 million every year. School officials say the consolidation will make the central administration more efficient and free up 17 of the 25 full-size classrooms on the third floor of George Washington Middle School.

"There's not a lease that's associated with the fact that we are occupying all those rooms on the third floor, but there certainly is a cost," said William Finn, director of educational facilities. "So we will be able to pull all those people into this new location on Braddock Place for use as classrooms because our enrollment is really rapidly increasing in the city."

The deal has been in the works for more than a year as school of

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Don't Read These Athenaeum Read Out marks Banned Books Week.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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The Athenaeum hosted a Read Out Sept. 23 as part of Banned Books Week 2013, an annual event designed to celebrate the freedom to read.

"This is one of my all-time favorite books," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg as she began reading from "To Kill a Mockingbird," a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee that still ranks as one of the most challenged

books of all time. "I'm excited to be able to read from it here today as part of the celebration of every American's right to read."

Sponsored by the American Library Association, Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. Works by Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, John Steinbeck, J.D. Salinger, Ernest Hemingway, Toni Morrison and Ralph Ellison are

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First Prize: Silver Bowl, Watercolor, Kaye Jones



Second Prize: Solitude, Watercolor, Gretchen Thompson



Third Prize: The Fishers, Watercolor, Katherine Holzer

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Young At Art

Senior art exhibit celebrates 27 years.

Young At Art, a juried art show for artists age 55 years or older, launched its 27th year with a reception and awards ceremony Sept. 17 at the Durant Arts Center.

"We are proud to be the organizers of this major art show in the greater Washington Area," said Jeanne Jacob, executive director

of the Goodwin House Foundation, co-

Honorable Mention: Timothy McTabby, Oil, Patricia Uchello



sponsor of the event with Senior Services of Alexandria. "We are grateful to our generous sponsors for helping to make this event happen." Financial supporters for Young At Art include David Martin and GoldWorks,; Sue and Marty Goodhart; Honest Aire; Living Legends of Alexandria; Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP; Renner and Company; Seniors Living Well, and Donnan C. Wintermute. Chris Haggerty, professor of Fine and Applied Arts at Marymount University, served as juror for the exhibit that included more than 200 pieces of submitted art. Winners of the 2013 Young At Art show are: First Place: Kaye Jones - "Silver Bowl" - Watercolor; Second Place: Gretchen Thompson - "Solitude" - Watercolor; Third Place: Katherine Holzer - "The Fishers" - Watercolor.

The Young At Art exhibit will remain at the Durant Arts Center through Jan. 22, 2014 and many pieces of art are for sale by the artists.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Artist Lillian Moraski, left, gets a hug from Fran Redmon at the Young At Art reception Sept. 17 at the Durant Arts Center.



Photographer Marlin Lord, right, discusses his work with John Bordner.



Honorable Mention: 26 Miles Across the Sea, Oil, Michele Reday Cook



Honorable Mention: Muriqui Year of the Monkey, Acrylic, Nilo Santiago



Honorable Mention: Siberian in Cervlean, Oil, Donna Robinson



Councilwoman Del Pepper and Dorathea Peters admire the artwork.



Honorable Mention: Reflections, Watercolor, Olene Albertson



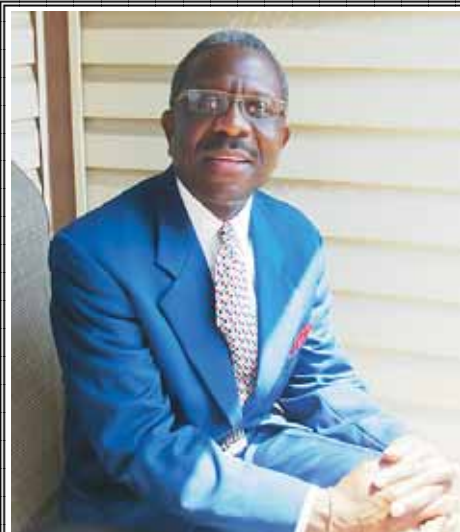
Honorable Mention: Closed For the Night Portuguese Riverside Village, Digital Photo, Barbara Morris



Artist Wilda Gazik with her acrylic First Communion Innocence.



Acrylic collage artist Lisa Gillispie with her work titled School's Out.



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A volunteer makes home repairs earlier this year as part of Rebuilding Together Alexandria. RTA is currently accepting applications for services.

Helping Hands

Rebuilding Together accepting applications for home repairs.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
 GAZETTE PACKET

Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a nonprofit providing critical repairs and renovations for low-income homeowners, is currently seeking applications for home repairs and weatherization services.

"We'll have nearly 100 volunteers out on Oct. 26 making energy efficient improvements to homeowners across the city," said RTA Executive Director Katharine Dixon. "If your home is drafty and you would like weatherization repairs, we need you to apply by Oct. 10."

Founded in 1986, Rebuilding Together Alexandria provides home repair services to homeowners in need. Common repairs include door and window locks, smoke detectors, grab bars and handrails, weatherization and yard work.

"Teams of volunteers work on many houses throughout Alexan-

dria, repairing and renovating homes so that homeowners may continue to live in a safe and healthy environment," Dixon said. "And all repairs are made at no expense to the homeowner."

RTA is especially looking to identify military veteran homeowners who may be in need of critical repairs or accessibility modifications.

"RTA's Veterans Housing program is funded with grants earmarked solely for veterans," Dixon said. "Any veteran or spouse and children of a deceased veteran is eligible for our services."

While RTA services are available year round, a city-wide volunteer project day is held each April as part of National Rebuilding Together Day. Applications are due by Dec. 31 to be considered for improvements during next year's project day, scheduled for April 26, 2014.

For more information, call 703-836-1021 or visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org.

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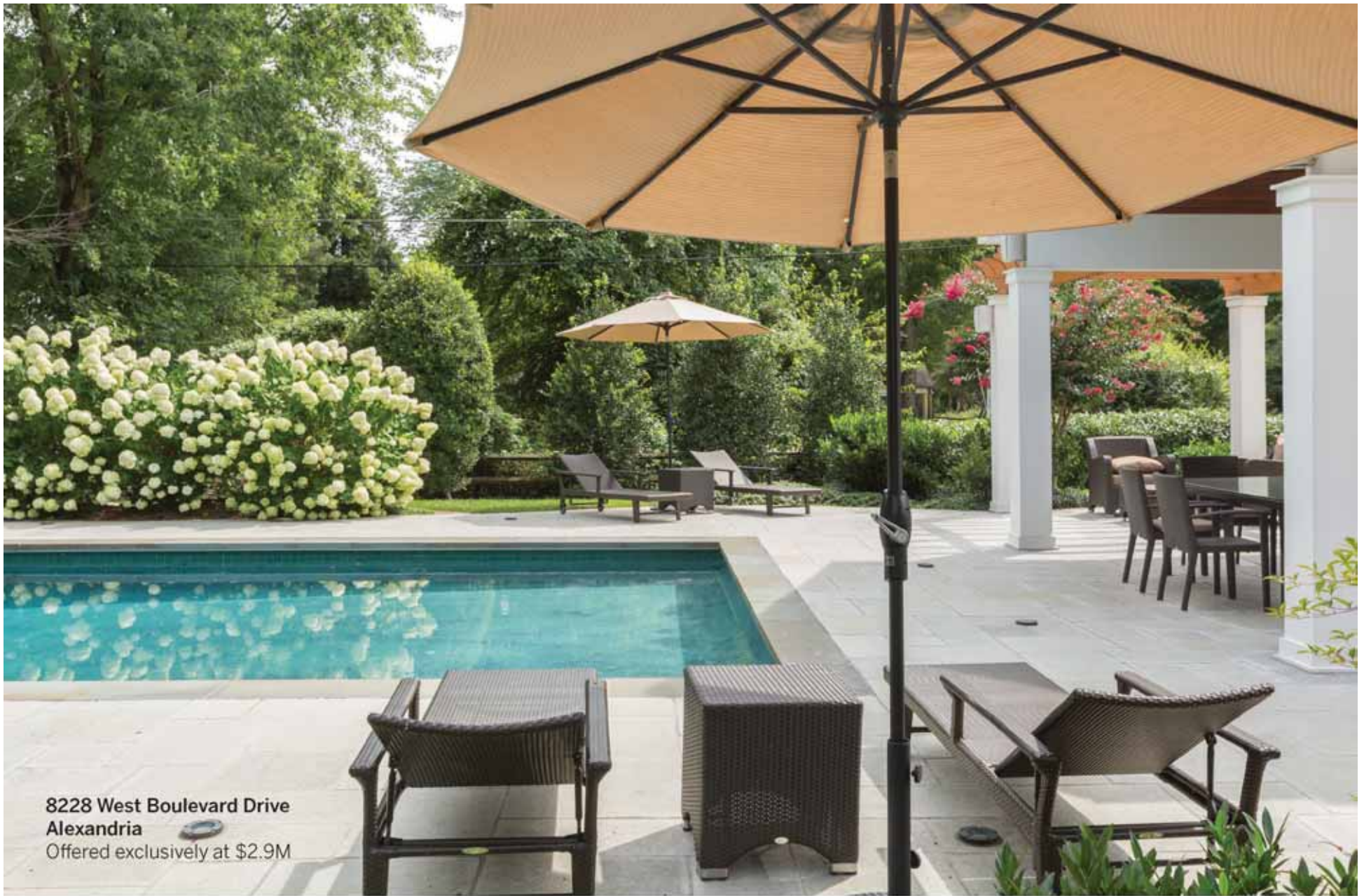
Navy Seaman Recruit **Christopher G. Glenn** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Air Force Airman **Vincent E. Jeter II** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio,

Texas.

Air Force Airman **Daniel A. Mahan** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Gerald McCall, from Alexandria, serving with the Intelligence and Sustainment Company, 42nd Infantry Division of the Army National Guard is promoted to the rank of major.



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Republican E.W. Jackson speaks as Democrat Ralph Northam listens Tuesday night at the Arlington campus of George Mason University.

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Battling for Lieutenancy

Improbable race for lieutenant governor comes to Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Standing in line for a quick dinner before the debate Tuesday, Sept. 24, between candidates for lieutenant governor, former Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Davis and his wife Jeannemarie Devolite Davis said they were looking forward to the event as a form of political theater. Jeannemarie Devolite Davis, who once represented Fairfax County in the State Senate, was one of the unprecedented seven candidates vying to be the Republican standard-bearer at the Republican convention in Richmond earlier this year. But despite her Tea Party campaign materials, convention goers selected the fire-brand preacher E.W. Jackson after he gave a rousing speech that had delegates on their feet waving electric candles.

"It will be entertaining," observed the former congressman as he sat down to a sandwich. "The only thing missing is the popcorn."

This year's campaign for lieutenant governor has provided a political show unlike any other in recent memory.

The Democrat in the race, state Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6), is a standard candidate of the Democratic establishment. It's the Republican who has hogged the spotlight in the race after his improbable victory at the convention in May, when he delivered his speech that outlined a conservative vision for Virginia's future in a hellfire-and-brimstone delivery honed by years in the pulpit. When asked about his controversial statements comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and suggesting yoga allowed for Satanic possession, Jackson whipped out his iPad and read aloud from a section of the Virginia Constitution that provides for free speech.

"We've got to watch this because what this really amounts to is a religious test," said Jackson, eliciting laughter from some in the audience. "It's the same thing they tried to do to John Kennedy, the same thing they tried to do with Mitt Romney."

Candidates who are trailing in the polls are usually the ones on the attack. But this race is different, and Northam remained on the attack during the entire debate — criticizing Jackson for not paying taxes and castigating the Republican for what he called "divisive" rhetoric. Again and again, Northam portrayed Jackson as a candidate who would be dangerous for Virginia's economy and reputation.

"Making statements against the LGBT community saying that they are sick individuals," said Northam. "Making statements against Democrats saying that they are anti-God, that they are anti-family and that they are anti-life, they are offensive."

THE CANDIDATES took opposing views on several positions. The Democrat supports Medicaid expansion because he says Virginia tax dollars would go elsewhere if the program is not expanded, adding that the cost of leaving people uninsured would remain a burden. The Republican opposed Medicaid expansion as a government overreach, arguing that it was a program that was sure to fail and bring Virginia's economy down with it. Perhaps the most surprising exchange of the evening came over the issue of mental health.

"Look, I don't want to scare you but I've got some mentally ill people in my family," said Jackson. "They need help. They need treatment."

The Republican said the 1975 movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" created a dangerous change in how people feel about treating people with mental illness, moving away from a model of institutionalizing people. Jackson said the recent mass shootings have shown that some people should be in institutions, where they can receive treatment without being a menace to society. Once again, Northam went

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"The only thing missing is the popcorn."

— former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis

WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA

Hensley Redux

Before City Council members headed into their summer recess, they received an unsolicited proposal to lease a public park to a developer for private gain. The deal flopped when Alexandria Historical Society chairman **Bill Dickinson** uncovered documents showing that federal money was used to develop the land into a public park, which placed restrictions on future development. Seminary Hill resident **Jack Sullivan** took the podium Saturday morning to thank Dickinson for his work and Parks and Recreation Commission chairwoman **Judy Guse-Noritake** for her strong opposition to the proposal.

"Just by agreeing to put Hensley Park up to bidders for request for proposals following an unsolicited proposal," said Sullivan. "The council gave a signal to the world at large that Alexandria is willing to bargain its parkland." Sullivan praised Dickinson and Guse-Noritake for fighting the proposal even when members of the community said it was a done deal after the city attorney **James Banks** gave the green light.

"This was the first time that the city had any experience dealing with an unsolicited proposal request," responded Mayor **Bill Euille**. "To make any assertion that this body was ready to just give land away is totally 1,000 percent incorrect."

Then Dickinson recounted how he dug through the archive to find documents the city attorney missed. That prompted Vice Mayor **Allison Silberberg** to wonder why he was asked to file a Freedom of Information Act request just to get documents about the history of the park. Then **Del Pepper** jumped in followed by **Paul Smedberg**, who reminded his colleagues he was the only person to vote against proceeding with consideration because the process seemed vague to him. More council members wanted to join in, but the mayor ended the discussion. "That's enough," said Euille, pounding the gavel. "We are going to proceed."

Congressional Scruff

U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) came back from his summer vacation with more than stories about his time at a bucolic cottage near Woodstock, Maine. The 12-term congressman returned to Virginia with a silver beard, kind of a cross between closely cropped **Kenny Rogers** and a scruffy **Richard Gere**. Moran says he always grows a beard for the August recess, but had a hard time shaving it off this year because he enjoyed his vacation so much. "I love it out there," said the congressman. "When I shave it off, it will be a departure point from the long walks in the woods and the sound of the loons."

Yes, he said, the congressman will be shaving it off but has not yet decided when or in what context. He says it will probably be some kind of fundraising opportunity, raising money for charity by offering bids from people interested in seeing a fresh-faced congressman. Moran is no stranger to facial hair, though. During his time as mayor, he sported a trademark bushy red mustache.

"I'm keeping it for now because it's like bringing a little piece of my time in the woods back with me," he said.

The Marathon Continues

Gary Carr will not take no for an answer. The dogged champion of tracks has been coming to the Alexandria City Council for more than a dozen years to advocate for public tracks. Yet despite his tireless crusade, there is no running track at a public park and none are currently planned. One of the city's two middle schools does not have what he calls a "quality running facility."

"This is about equity, parity and fairness," Carr told members of the Alexandria City Council during Saturday's public hearing. "It is wrong for half our middle school students to have a quality running facility when half do not."

Carr said if the debate were about computers or books, parents might be up in arms. Instead, he said, they simply accept the disparity as a fact of life. But it's a problem Carr says needs to be fixed. Even though development is happening all across the city, he said, none of the developers have contributed money for running tracks at the schools or in the city. "I don't want to be told to go to another board or commission," he told council members. "As city leaders, it's your problem and your legacy."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

PEOPLE



Gin Kinneman, the brainchild behind Heels and Wheels, takes time for a photo with Robert Gay, Eric Kinneman and Chris Burton at the Sept. 17 event at Cameron Run Park.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Heels and Wheels

Event highlights car safety, maintenance, purchasing.

More than 150 people gathered Sept. 17 in Cameron Run Park for the second annual Heels and Wheels, an automotive educational event featuring information, games and a NASCAR simulator and racecar.

"That was awesome," said Susan Kerr as she exited the NASCAR simulator. "I didn't know I was supposed to use my brake though. But it was good practice for the parkway."

Sponsored by the Alexandria Chamber of Com-

merce Professional Women's Network, Heels and Wheels was the brainchild of Gin Kinneman of Kinneman Insurance as a way to educate and connect women and men, while learning about car safety, maintenance and purchasing.

"What a great evening," Kinneman said. "It's exciting to see everyone having so much fun and learning about car safety at the same time. I'm already looking forward to next year."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Willie Taylor gets a helping of BBQ from Donna Anderson of Sweet Fire Donna's, a new restaurant scheduled to open in November in the Carlyle neighborhood.



Susan Kerr tests her driving skills in the NASCAR simulator.

PEOPLE NOTES

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

The Parent Leadership Training Institute appointed **Adrienne Fikes** to executive director. Fikes served as a board member for more than eight years and helped build the organization and mission the institute represents today.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute works to equip parents with civics and advocacy skills to improve parental involvement in their child's health,

safety and learning.

City of Alexandria Councilwoman **Redella S. "Del" Pepper** has been re-elected as treasurer of Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

Pepper has represented Alexandria on the commission since 1991. She was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in 1985.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy announced that **Sandra Marra** and **Marcia Fairweather** will serve on the

board of directors. The board of directors is made up of 15 elected volunteers who are elected to serve two-year terms. The board is responsible for communicating the mission and the purpose of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. They establish and maintain relationships with the stewardship council, clubs, partners, members, and other stakeholders.

While enhancing the public standing of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, they also ensure legal and ethical integrity and fiscal accountability.

Anderson To Lead Senior Services Agency

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Mary Lee Anderson, a longtime advocate for seniors and recent appointee to the Commission on Aging, has been named as executive director for Senior Services of Alexandria.

"We are excited that Mary Lee has accepted the position of executive director,"

said SSA board chairman Gregory L. Murphy. "She has an unrelenting compassion for the senior population in our city and has proven to be an accomplished advocate for, and a valuable asset to, our organization."

Anderson replaces Janet Barnett, who left SSA in June after five years as executive director. "Mary Lee is a strong leader and knowledgeable about issues facing the elderly," Barnett said. "She has compassion for those needing assistance with daily life. I am happy that Mary Lee was selected as the new executive direc-



Mary Lee Anderson has been named Executive Director of Senior Services of Alexandria.

tor of Senior Services."

Anderson started with SSA in 2010, serving as the director of the Resource Center, which oversees the popular Senior Speaker Series and Friendly Visitor Program. She has served the Alexandria nonprofit community for over 30 years, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, the Bag Lunch Program, the Virginia State Bar Associa-

tion, Old Presbyterian Meeting House and Burgundy Farm Country Day School. Anderson's corporate management experience includes more than 20 years in marketing and international relations in the international telecommunications industry.

"We are confident that Mary Lee is the best suited person to take SSA to the next level in carrying out our mission through the variety of programs and services we offer for Alexandria's seniors and their caregivers," Murphy said.

For more information, visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Barnett Joins Synergy

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Janet Barnett, who for five years was at the helm of Senior Services of Alexandria, has taken a position with Synergy HomeCare, where she will serve as community relations manager.

"I am thrilled that Janet is joining our team," said Mitch Opalski, owner of Synergy HomeCare of Arlington/Alexandria. "I have worked closely with her over the past five years, both as a senior services provider in Alexandria and as a member of the Senior Services of Alexandria board of directors, and have been continually impressed with the energy, compassion and enthusiasm she brings to her work with area seniors."

In the newly created role, Barnett will be responsible for marketing and communicating the role of Synergy HomeCare to the community and clients, and to



Janet Barnett, seen earlier this year receiving the 2013 Influential Women of Virginia award.

help grow the business.

"I am happy to be joining the Synergy HomeCare family," Barnett. "It is an extension of my work at Senior Services and I look forward to helping people enjoy life through the services we offer."

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Hometown Crowd Greet's Run for Veterans

O'Toole and friends to return for Oct. 4 fundraiser.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

A hometown crowd greeted T.C. Williams High School graduate and former Marine Brendan O'Toole at the Old Town Farmers Market Sept. 21, one of many stops in his 3,600-mile trek across the U.S. to raise money for veterans.

"I'm tired but excited," said O'Toole, founder of the nonprofit Run For Veterans. "I didn't know what to expect when I began this journey but the support people have shown us has been overwhelming."

Joined by high school friends and brothers Joey and Tim Dwyer, O'Toole began his 21-state journey in Oceanside, Calif. last November and expects to finish his run on Veterans Day in Portland, Maine.

"It's been a long 320 days, but it's definitely been the best year of my life," said Joey Dwyer, a filmmaker who is producing a documentary of the journey. "This has opened my eyes to so many new things."

Led by a truck donated by Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, O'Toole was accompanied by several friends on his hometown run through Alexandria.

"It's been awesome to be a part of this," said Jack Taylor's son John, a high school friend of O'Toole's. "From the time he called me from Afghanistan and said 'I'm going to do this,' I never doubted he would get it done."

O'Toole used the Market Square stop to present a check for \$2,500 to Dr. Cheyanne Pease-Carter of the Give an Hour Foundation. Following a round of fundraising stops on Capitol Hill, O'Toole hit the pavement again to finish the remaining 644 miles of his journey.

"I don't know how he is doing it," said O'Toole's mother Joan, who spent a few weeks on the road with Brendan in New Mexico. "I have been worried about his knees and ankles holding up but this has been a mission for him. He has seen too many veterans struggle and is committed to doing something to help."

Run For Veterans, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, will donate all monies raised to three veteran-focused charities: The USO, Team Red, White and Blue and the Give An Hour foundation. A local fundraising event will be held Oct. 4 at Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, where O'Toole will talk more about his goals for the organization.

"I know first-hand the struggles returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans face," said O'Toole, who served two overseas tours during his four years in the Marines. "I wanted to do something to help and am thankful for all the support the community has given me and my team. None of us are professional runners or marketers. We're just trying to do our best."

For more information or to attend the Oct. 4 fundraiser, visit www.therunforveterans.org.



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Run For Veterans supporters join founder Brendan O'Toole, second from left, as he runs through the streets of Old Town Sept. 21. O'Toole is running 3,600 miles across the U.S. to raise money for veteran's organizations. He will return to Alexandria Oct. 4 for a fundraiser at Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota.



PHOTO BY JAY PALERMINO

Supporters gather around Brendan O'Toole, second from right, as he presents a check for \$2,500 to the Give An Hour Foundation.



Run For Veterans founder Brendan O'Toole is flanked by his parents Joan and Denis O'Toole following his arrival at the Old Town Farmers Market Sept. 21.

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Audrey Dunn, 5, and Mary Dunn, 3, await the arrival of Brendan O'Toole and the Run For Veterans at Market Square Sept. 21.



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Tim, Joey and Leigh Dwyer pose for a photo following the Run For Veterans' return to Alexandria Sept. 21. Inspired by their mother, Joey and Tim are documenting the 3,600-mile run across the country through photographs and film.

OPINION

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It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person. <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>

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communities supported the legislation because they have seen this disparity in educational opportunity firsthand, and they know every child deserves the same opportunity to attend a great school. We cannot allow some students, on the basis of nothing more than their zip code, to receive an education that is lesser than their peers in other communities. It is a moral imperative that we take every action available to improve all of our public schools.

It's not just a moral issue; it's a legal one as well. Section 1 of the Virginia Constitution states, "The General Assembly shall provide for a system of free public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the Commonwealth, and shall seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually maintained." And the Constitution goes further, establishing that Virginians will be able to take action to ensure every child gets that quality education by noting, in Section 9, "The General Assembly may provide for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of any educational institutions which are desirable for the intellectual, cultural, and occupational development of the people of this Commonwealth." We are constitutionally obligated to ensure that all of Virginia's students get a quality education, no matter where they live.

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State Must Act When Schools Fail

By BOB McDONNELL
GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Few statements meet with as much agreement as this one: Every child in every community deserves the basic opportunity to attend a great school. It is common sense. Unfortunately though, even in a Commonwealth as prosperous as ours, there are still students who are being sent, everyday, to chronically failing schools. This year, we've taken action to challenge the status quo, and end this tragedy.

This past session of the General Assembly, lawmakers came together to pass legislation creating the Opportunity Educational Institution. Based on successful efforts in Louisiana and Tennessee, the Institution allows the Commonwealth, in extreme cases in which a school repeatedly fails to gain accreditation, to step in and take action. The Commonwealth will become responsible for that failing school, turn it around, and when that is achieved turn the school back to the locality. In short, no longer will we sit and watch as schools fail, year after year, and not provide greater assistance to improve student achievement.

Right now there are six schools that are candidates for inclusion in the Opportunity Educational Institution. Three are in Norfolk, two are in Petersburg, and another is in Alexandria. It is instructive to note that when this bill came up in the House of Delegates, it was supported by Democratic Delegate Algie Howell of Norfolk and Democratic Delegate Rosalyn Dance of Petersburg. Leaders in the impacted

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In this administration we've worked to bring people together to find solutions to strengthen our public education system. That work is getting results. We've put more funding into our public education system, and ensured it is used wisely. We have increased the percentage of K-

12 funding going into the classroom from 62 percent to 64 percent. We've raised teacher salaries, and the average Virginia teacher salary is now greater than the national average. Over the last five years the statewide dropout rate has fallen by more than 25 percent. We provided more resources so students will no longer leave 3rd grade if they are not reading on grade level. We've accomplished all of this by seeking out common ground and ensuring that our focus is on students, teachers, and parents, not bureaucracy and the status quo.

Now, disappointingly, some have decided to sue the Commonwealth to prevent the Opportunity Educational Institution from operating. That is unfortunate. We know we have several schools in this state that have been failing for years. We know the children forced to attend those schools are not getting the same level of education as their peers in other localities. Why anyone would want to sue to keep students trapped in failing schools is a question only they can answer. What I can make clear is this: If it takes going to court to ensure that every child gets to attend a high quality school, then that is what we will do.

In supporting the Opportunity Educational Institution, Delegate Algie Howell noted, "The next great civil rights battle is in educational opportunity, and today I challenge leaders across the Commonwealth to join me in this fight." He's right. Every child in Virginia deserves the opportunity to attend a great school. This is a fight worth having. For Virginia's students, parents and teachers, it's a fight we must win.

Bob McDonnell is the 71st Governor of Virginia

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OPINION

Yardarms and Nautical Pursuits

BY HARRY M. COVERT

There's no prettier site anywhere than the scenic view from the Old Dominion Boat Club overlooking the Potomac River at the end of King Street.

Particularly pleasing is enjoying a nice lunch of tomato soup and grilled cheese watching the watercraft, large and small, cruising up and down the river. Primarily the Potomac is property of Maryland.

Those who decide to jump off the Woodrow Wilson Bridge will find themselves the responsibility of the District of Columbia. The bridge is named for the 28th president, a

COVERT MATTERS

Stanton, Va., native. Dr. Wilson distinguished himself as president of Princeton University. He was the nation's chief executive from 1913-1921. As an aside, his grandfather was an Ohio newspaper publisher. His father defended slavery, owned slaves and set up a Sunday school for them. The president was a Presbyterian.

The subject at hand though is the boat club which has been a fixture in Alexandria since 1880. The boats, sail and power, surely enhance the ambience. They are docked in proper yacht club order and offer members a pleasant spot to enjoy maritime pursuits.

For several years now, Alexandria's city fathers and mothers along with the planning people in municipal government, apparently have never enjoyed any repasts or contemplated the joys of boats or yachting camaraderie.

In a lingering fight, not a squabble, but a full blown battle of wills, government is attempting



to usurp the property by the feared words eminent domain.

The city wants to enlarge and develop the area,

bringing in bigger hotels, more dining establishments and other amenities. Supposedly, they want to include an ice skating rink smack dab at the end of King Street, on boat club property. Eminent domain is government's last step to get its way. Normally in such deals, the owners are hogtied by the law and take less money than if they sold on the regular market.

The city has spent lots of taxpayer monies to force its critics to stand down. Hard feelings are rampant among the longtime residents and newcomers. Even the city's Circuit Court and the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals have been heavily involved.

Sure seems that some new tact could be sensibly used. Where's diplomacy when you need it? Will Rogers, the famed humorist, described diplomacy as "the art of saying nice doggie until you can find a rock." Eminent domain, no matter how it's used, is that rock.

The city's waterfront is a treasured asset. A joy to visit. A great place to unwind, shop and make idle time worthwhile. Even when rains and highwater are the order of the day and fixtures on television news, there's no more attractive and alluring spot than a river view. So at this point, put down the rocks and slingshots. No improper uses of yardarms. Time for lunch overlooking the "Potomack" as the colonials named it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Role for Building Management

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Townsend A. Van Fleet's letter to the editor of Sept. 19 concerning his request to the City Council to amend the city's building code ordinance "to direct that all office buildings in the city have a security plan in place that insures [sic] that their tenants can be safe" if their buildings should be involved in an active-shooter event such as the one that occurred at the Navy Yard.

Mr. Van Fleet specifically requested, as a minimum, to know how the elevators in his office building "could be shut down and the stairwells closed so that the chances of survival would be greatly increased."

Locking a floor full of building occupants in with an active shooter, or shooters, (which would also hinder first responders from reaching them without impediment), does not sound like actions that would greatly increase anyone's chance of survival. I would strongly discourage our City Council from requiring such practices.

No emergency plan can ensure that a building's tenants will be safe in an active-shooter situation. However, due to the times in which we currently live, it is only prudent that the managements of Alexandria's office buildings establish and routinely exercise response plans for such events, even if they have no better reason than to mitigate their liability for failing to do so if the worst scenario should ever occur.

Alexandria's tenants should also insist on it.

Robin Fennessy
Alexandria

What About Main Post Office?

To the Editor:

Steve Hibbard's article on page 3 of the Sept. 19-25 Alexandria Gazette Packet, "Planners Explore Retail Options" (best use of Ken Moll property in the block bounded by N. Henry, Pendleton, N. Fayette, and Wythe Streets) was comprehensive, with detailed info. He wrote early on that "... two-thirds of the site is the Post Office and one third is owned by the City of Alexandria."

A reader might conclude that the Alexandria Main Post Office, a busy Post Office, by the way, and the only Post Office in Old Town Alexandria with parking, will be there even when the site is reworked. But, take a look at the plan for the park. If that were enacted, the Post Office parking lot would be gone, as would the current Post Office building.

It seems that city planners are talking about shops, restaurants, even a movie, all compelling concepts, but with very little consideration for the Alexandria Main Post Office and the people who use it. And increasingly more people with the developments in North Old Town. Restaurants and shops are nice but the Post Office, with some parking for customers bringing packages, etc., provides a core service to the community. Even some of the experts who spoke at the Sept. 16 meeting stated that with any retail, and I would call the Post Office retail, a parking lot is essential.

We are all aware of the financial struggles of the Post Office and the predictions for less and less "snail mail." I want and need a Post Office with parking in that block and personally make every effort to continually use the Post

Office versus other forms of shipping so that it remains a viable service. I'm not concerned about the size of the building, and I'm not concerned about a smaller parking lot, but I think the citizens of Old Town Alexandria need and want this Post Office — a nearby place where residents can park their cars for a few minutes, carry in packages and letters to be mailed. I urge city leaders and the planning commission and staff to not sacrifice this core service of our community, the Main Post Office, to a block-long park.

Ivy Whitlatch
Alexandria

Consider Real Culprit

To the Editor:

At Saturday's city council "public comment period," the city attorney came under the public's criticism for going ahead with the ill-fated "public-private partnership" to build a mega-sports center on Hensley Field before he had fully investigated its legal propriety. Another speaker pointed out how easily staff could have determined Hensley Field was purchased with federal funds, putting it off-limits to the kind of "public-private partnership" proposed. Studies have shown substantially lower obesity among children who live closer to parks (www.sciencenewsforkids.org/2012/05/obesity-linked-to-location/, www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21075670, www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1353829210001528), so the public's concern about Hensley Field is well founded. I believe, though, criticizing the city attorney is not well founded when it appears he was merely doing what his client wanted. His client

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OPINION

50 Years Later, A Long Way To Go

BY MARY ANNE WEBER
CHAIR ANTI-STIGMA HOPE CAMPAIGN OF
THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A
HEALTHIER ALEXANDRIA

The last piece of legislation President John F. Kennedy signed before his assassination in Dallas was about mental health. It was one of two he signed in October 1963 that were to begin the revolution in mental health care both for those with mental illness and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. One was the Maternal and Child Health and Mental Retardation Planning Amendment to the Social Security Act, the second and better known, the Community Mental Health Act.

Mental Health Care, particularly the care of children, had been a priority of Kennedy's short administration. One of his first acts in office was to establish the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development which is charged with conducting and supporting research on all aspects of maternal and child health and human development. He probably inherited his interest from his parents who in 1946, established a foundation "to seek the prevention of intellectual disabilities by identifying its causes and to improve the means by which society deals with citizens who have intellectual disabilities." This was at a time when newborns were taken from their mothers and placed in institutions and when being sent to a mental hospital often meant a life sentence.

Kennedy's legislation, coupled with improvements in medication began to change all that. Laws were passed protecting the civil rights of people by creating rules for involuntary commitment which could no longer happen at the whim of one doctor or the wishes of a family. Institutions began to close, although the money that was supposed to follow the closings back to the individual communities never materialized. So the establishment of community mental



health systems was haphazard and chances for care often depended on geography. Here in Virginia, community service boards were established about 45 years ago, Alexandria's

in 1969. Their mission is to oversee mental health services in the community. Budgets varied with wealthier communities able to pay for more services or hold onto services in recent years as the state began to cut funding. Kennedy's belief that all children were entitled to an education was finally protected by law in 1976 when President Ford signed legislation ordering an "appropriate education" for all children.

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Despite the federal law, it took a long time, stormy public hearings and many court suits by parents before school districts began to do what they were supposed to do. Again the law, later bolstered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, might have been in place, but the will to fund it was a lot weaker.

Still, beginning in the 1960s it became more common for parents of children with mental disabilities, even severe disabilities, to raise their children at home and to expect services in their home communities including education, recreation, gainful employment and job training. While it was more likely for children with severe mental illnesses to be sent to residential schools, they remained connected to their families and eventually returned home. Institutions that once housed up to 2,000 clients shrank and closed. But even now, the reality is not what those who worked for reform expected. Those who are fortunate enough to have private mental health insurance can find themselves quickly reaching their yearly maximum or even lifetime maximum. Public services are limited and not enough to handle the needs. The only thing abundant is stigma. Forward looking businesses do offer counseling or other forms of mental health care but few may take advantage for fear it will affect their job or chances for promotion. Those with diagnosed mental illnesses find it difficult to get a job despite education, talent and the fact that they are in recovery and managing their illness. When the recession hit, those with disabilities, mental and physical, were often among the first to be laid off and unable to replace their jobs. Enrollment in Social Security disability soared with complaints from federal representatives that the rolls must be cut implying fraud or laziness with little proof.

Because there has been no sustained financial commitment, jails have become the new psychiatric hospitals. Large institutions have closed and community hospitals have cut their psychiatric beds, even though they would probably be the most useful. Federal funding is slashed. There is less inpatient

Community Conversations on Mental Health

Beginning Oct. 6 through 10, there will be a series of free events covering mental health issues at the Beatley Central Library opening with a community conversation on creating partnerships to support recovery.

The conversation is part of a national effort to get communities talking about mental health, their perceptions, what they think the community needs and what is already in place. The conversation will be led by Michael Gilmore, director of Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Services. The event will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6

Other events will include:

- ❖ A box lunch and talk on mental health in the workplace on Monday, Oct. 7 at noon.
- ❖ An interactive workshop on youth mental ill-

ness and risky behaviors on Monday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.- ❖ Helping Older Adults Stay Mentally Strong and Resilient on Tuesday, Oct 8 at 10 a.m.
- ❖ Teaching Pre-schoolers Confidence and Resilience on Wednesday Oct. 9 at 11 a.m.
- ❖ Author and book discussion on bi-polar disorder by Elizabeth Schuch on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.
- ❖ Showing of the documentary "Bully," on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call 703-746-1751 or visit alexandria.lib.va.us or healthieralexandria.org.

All meetings will take place in the large meeting room of the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. There is parking on the premises. Reservations are needed for the box lunch.

and substance use disorder services three ways.

The Affordable Care Act will expand mental health and substance use disorder benefits and parity protection. It will require health plans to cover preventative services like depression screenings for adults and behavioral assessments for children at no cost and beginning in 2014 insurers won't be able to deny a person coverage or charge more because of a pre-existing mental illness.

But the best way to improve life for those with mental illness is by removing the stigma, the biggest barrier both to treatment and recovery. You can help by educating yourself, by attending community conversations such as the one on Oct. 6 at the Beatley Library, by taking free Mental Health First Aid Classes and by paying attention to what services your city and state are providing.

Mental Health Awareness Week kicks off a season of programs on mental health issues. To find out more about them check out healthieralexandria.org and alexandria.lib.va.us.

Fast Facts on Homicides

In 2010

Number of homicides: 16,259
Number of homicides by gun: 11,078
Number of suicides: 38, 364
Number of suicides by gun: 19,392

— Centers for Disease Control

Mass Shooting Deaths 2010 to 2013

Deaths 2010: 9 (one incident)
Deaths 2011: 19 (three incidents)
Deaths 2012: 72 (seven incidents)
Deaths 2013 to date: 36 (five incidents)

— Mother Jones

Homicides Committed by Mentally Ill

About 1,000 a year

— mentallillnesspolicy.org
(based on 1992 to 1998 studies)

POETRY

On 9-11

Table manners and
apple pie
Tears in my eyes but
why?
And yet not questioning,
for I am here.
Today is my birthday 9-
11
A sense of respect
No cake, usually a little
cupcake and ice
cream
Or frozen sherbert,
Read a card or two.
But I find myself paus-
ing several times
And smiling for I thought
Of the couple who re-
cently wished me
A happy birthday days
before
And how we laughed through the moment.
I smile today yet tears in my eyes;
It's my birthday day.
I am thankful for the many years
And all the little cupcakes, ice cream
And sometimes frozen sherbert
And read a card or two.
9-11 a day in remembering those



who lost their lives
in such hateful tragedy
that have touched so many hearts
throughout our nation of America.
A sense of respect
Table manners and apple pie
And several pictures of Old Glory
The red white and blue
The gift I received: "I am here."

— Geri Baldwin

NEWS



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Park(ing) Day

The Mount Vernon Community School Kids Club turned a parking space in front of St. Elmo's Coffee Pub into a park Sept. 13 as part of Park(ing) Day, an annual event where citizens, artists and activists temporarily transform parking spaces into public places. Alex Griffin, left, with sons Evan, 7, and Taylor, 10, enjoys the temporary park with Sue McClanahan and son Sawyer, 6. The MVCC space, one of eight in Alexandria, included a foosball table, reading chairs and MVCC's reading lion.

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MONDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 23-29

Rabies Awareness Week.

Throughout the week, the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and the Virginia Department of Health will promote guidelines to prevent families and pets from being exposed to rabies, offer educational opportunities to learn more about the destructive virus, and encourage veterinarians to communicate the dangers of rabies with patient families and others in the veterinary medicine community. Dr. Julia Murphy, State Public Health Veterinarian with the Virginia Department of Health, recently recorded a podcast discussing rabies awareness and prevention. She also explains that rabies is most commonly found in Virginia's wildlife; however, it is important to remember that any mammal can get rabies. In Virginia, approximately 10 percent of animals diagnosed with rabies annually are domestic animals such as dogs and cats. Download the podcast at www.mmipublicrelations.com/podcasts/entry/virginia-veterinary-medical-association-recognizes-rabies-awareness-week/. Visit www.vdh.virginia.gov.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 27

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Cameron United

Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Browse clothing, toys, maternity wear and other items. Become a seller by calling 703-329-9327.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

City Managers Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Enjoy a full breakfast while learning about what is coming to the Valley. City Manager Rashid Young will be there. This event is free for members and \$25 for non-members. Visit www.eisenhowerpartnership.org.

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9 a.m.-noon at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Browse clothing, toys, maternity wear and more. Become a seller by calling 703-329-9327.

Health Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Enjoy health screenings, panel discussions, door prizes and more. Free. 703-683-2222.

Privacy and Cyber Security Talk.

10 a.m.-noon at 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Learn about how to stay safe while online. Free. 202-494-9796.

Bargain Bazaar. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at 206 N. Washington St. Enjoy live jazz, beverages, vendors for the whole family. Visit www.freebazaar.eventbrite.com for more.

Council on Your Corner. 10 a.m.-noon at Clyde's at the Mark Center. Share thoughts, ideas and concerts with Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. \$5 for coffee, juice and pastries. Visit www.allisonsilberberg.com for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Barbeque Fundraiser. Noon-3 p.m. at Lee District Park Shelter adjacent to the Spray Park, 6601 Telegraph Road. Colonial Republican Women's annual fundraiser with Republican leaders and candidates. \$35/individual; \$50/couple; \$60/family. E-mail pauleigh@gmail.com for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 1

Sixth Annual Toast to Adam

Ebbin. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca Old Town, 607 King St. \$50/person. Contact 571-384-8957 or ebbinoffice@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAY/OCT. 3

Open House. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Hoofts Run Park Playground, 99 E. Rosemont Ave. Learn about the upcoming renovation, view project plans and more. Free. Visit alexandria.gov/27060#hoofts for information.

THURSDAY/OCT. 3

Yoga. Enjoy free outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., from 6-7 p.m. Taught by Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga, Harvest Moon Yoga classes are suitable for all levels. Contact Maureen at yoga@prasadayoga.com or 703-967-8884.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Mind Your Health 5K Run/Walk. 9 a.m. at Great Waves Water Park at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Registration starts at 8 a.m., \$35/adult age 13 and older, \$25/child. Visit www.mentalhealtamerica.net/go/mindyourhealth5k to register.

Flea Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Buy treasures and bake sale goodies, all proceeds benefit local charities. Free parking. Contact Lucelle O'Flaherty at 703-408-4008 or lucelle@verizon.net.

Pet Blessing. 10 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Pets will be individually blessed by pastors and receive a certificate. Dog treats and water provided. No retractable leashes. Pet blessing held outside in the courtyard on Cameron Mills Road. Contact Lucelle O'Flaherty at 703-408-4008 or lucelle@verizon.net.

SUNDAY/OCT. 6

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- (2) Those demonstrating exemplary service to the city over ten years or more, especially service on Boards, Commissions, Committees or Service Organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

Nominees must live or work in Alexandria. Those currently running for or holding political office are not eligible for consideration. The contributions of City employees must be beyond the responsibilities of their jobs.

See www.AlexandriaLegends.com or call 703-625-8191 for a nomination form. Send your nominations no later than October 15th to Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com (email preferred) or Living Legends, P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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ride 3,700 miles.**

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As summer drew to a close, two Alexandria residents reflected on their eight-week bicycle ride across the country. From June 23 to Aug. 18, Alex Wolz, a 2013 T.C. Williams High School graduate, and his father, Chris Wolz, flew to San Francisco, and cycled all the way back to Alexandria for the non-profit organization, Wheels to Africa.

Wheels to Africa is a non-profit organization that works with youths to collect bikes for communities in Africa. The T.C. Williams bike club has been working with the organization since Alex started the club in his junior year. This summer, he and his father raised \$1,337 for the charity.

Before Alex Wolz started his first year at the University of Virginia, he said he wanted to spend his summer pedaling through different parts and different communities of the continental U.S.

"I have a deep love for adventure, so why not combine the two?" Alex Wolz said. "I wanted to expand my horizons, see beyond Northern Virginia and get in touch with rural America."

Given that the Wolz duo only had eight weeks to complete the journey before school started and before the real world required Chris Wolz back in the D.C. Metropolitan area, Alex Wolz said they chose the most direct route from the west coast back to the Commonwealth.

"Choosing the route was pretty easy," Chris Wolz said. "I selected the most direct route across country that was mapped out as a bicycle route, which turned out to be the Western Express route (San Francisco to Pueblo, Colo.) and then onto the Transamerica East Route (Pueblo to the east coast)."

Chris Wolz explained that all the routes he considered were mapped out and established by the Adventure Cycling Association.

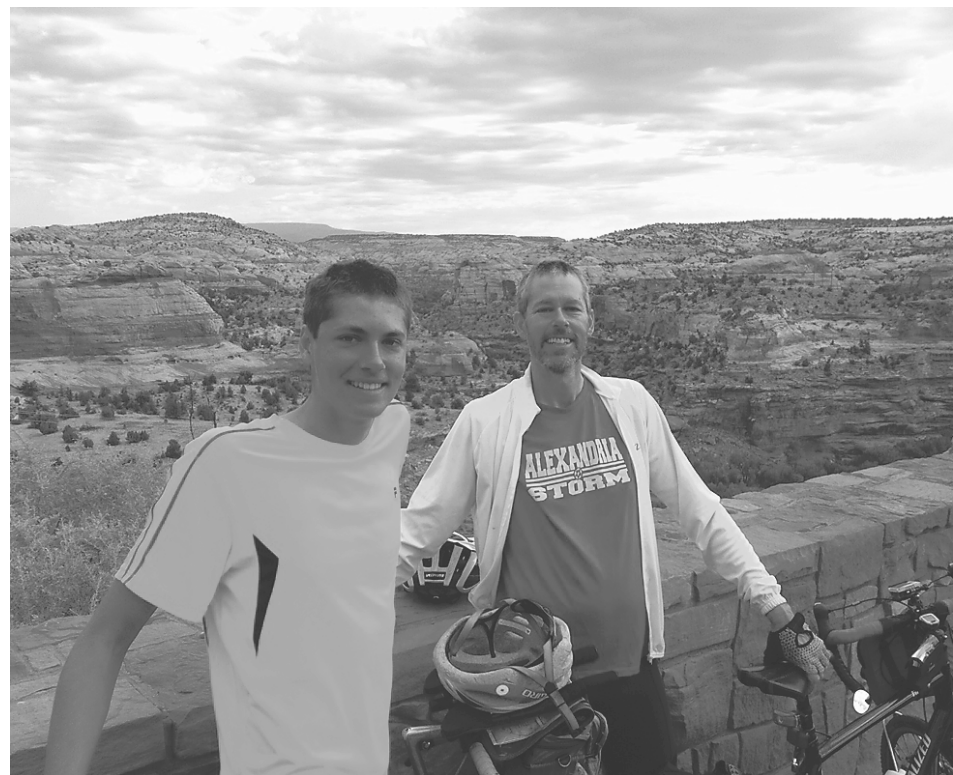
"Alex did the planning, and I joined him," Chris Wolz said. "We followed a bike system mapped by Adventure Cycling — so we didn't have to plan things town by town."

Planning for the trip took more than selecting a route on a map, though. Alex Wolz said he began planning logistics for the trip in January with a friend, and in the months leading up to departure, realized he would have to find a different partner.

"I conjured this trip in my mind about a year ago, and only really started planning to do the trip about five months before June," Alex Wolz said. "I was going to do the trip with a friend, but he could not join me for various reasons. This occurred



The TC crew bikes through the neighborhood with "friends who joined us for the last 10 miles of the ride to our house," according to Alex Wolz.



Alex Wolz with his father Chris Wolz.

around May, so I had given up at that point on doing the trip."

This was when his mother, Eugenie Ballering, said she and her husband saw an opportunity for a father-and-son trip.

"Alex had this dream, to bike across the United States when he graduated," Ballering, said. "That was what he wanted to do. Then his senior year, he was looking for his buddies in the bike club, but in the end they couldn't do it for a variety of reasons. Then my husband's eye started twinkling, and he thought, 'maybe I can do it with you.'"

Chris Wolz said any trepidation he had about biking thousands of miles was

trumped by his excitement at spending a summer tackling a challenge with his son.

"We have always done a lot of biking together, and we were really excited to do this trip," Chris Wolz said. "When he didn't have any other friends to join him, I was a little intimidated by the length of the trip, but I was still excited."

Perhaps the greatest challenge was wrapping their minds around a distance that many people will never even drive in a summer. The key, though, was taking each of those 3,700 miles one at a time.

"The greatest challenge was in thinking about the immense journey ahead," Alex Wolz said. "The amount of hours in the

saddle, the amount of pedal strokes we would have to do was unfathomable at the beginning of the trip. But what kept me sane was enjoying the small details of the trip; the big-eared hares in Nevada, the wonderful parks in Utah. And taking it day by day made the goal much more attainable."

Chris Wolz said he absolutely had nerves about the challenge each region had to offer, but that luckily nothing at all stopped them in their tracks — neither land obstacles nor injury. He explained that one of the most nerve-wracking parts of the trip was a run in with feisty dogs as they neared the east coast.

"I was probably most nervous about how we'd get over the mountains in the West, in California and Colorado," Chris Wolz said. "I think Alex was most worried about the dogs in Kentucky. There were mean dogs that chased us down windy roads. These nasty dogs come after you, and look like they are going to bite you. None of them did, fortunately."

The Wolz pair did meet up with other bikers at different points, but they were the only ones they encountered that were fundraising for Wheels to Africa. Still, Chris Wolz said he enjoyed getting to know other bikers.

"We met up with quite a few bikers," he said. "Almost every day we would see people in both directions. It was always interesting to stop hear stories and share tips."

Chris Wolz said that he relished the eight-week bonding experience he had with his son.

"One of the great things about the trip is that we had a lot of fun together," Chris Wolz said. "There were a lot of laughs and a lot of interesting discussions over the eight weeks."

He added that he is grateful to Forum One Communications, his company, for their enthusiasm, encouragement and support of the trip.

Aside from spending quality time with his father, Alex Wolz said both the terrain and the people of different states surprised him. Though the Wolzes had a two-person tent and a transportable stove that kept them self-sufficient, multiple people in different towns invited them into their churches, fire departments and even their own homes for food and a chance to sit.

"Kentucky turned out to be one of my favorite states, not what I was expecting," Alex Wolz said.

"The people of Kentucky were incredibly kind and generous; numerous times we were offered food and a place to sleep and asked for nothing in return."

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Race for Lieutenant Governor Comes to Northern Virginia

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on the attack. "How sad," responded the Democrat. "I'm sorry that you have people in your family that are mentally ill and how sad that you would go visit them in an institution, Mister Jackson. We can do better than that here in the commonwealth."

RESPONSE TO the debate was as divided as the candidates. Republicans moved to proclaim Jackson as the winner, arguing that Northam's campaign offers a kind of

big-government solutions that are off-putting to Republicans and many moderates. GOP leaders called attention to Jackson's support of home schooling and low taxes.

"Not only did E.W. Jackson win tonight's debate, but he also made a strong case for why he's the best candidate to be Virginia's next lieutenant governor," said Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Pat Mullins in a written statement. "Ralph Northam offered the same tired, bigger government, higher taxes answers to Virginia's problems that

Democrats have been offering for decades."

Democrats also tried to claim victory. They pointed to Jackson's controversial statements and warned that if he is elected, he will bring unwanted attention to Virginia by making it the butt of jokes on late-night television.

"Whether it's fighting for jobs across the Commonwealth, finding new funding for education, or standing up against the Tea Party Republicans' continued effort to invade women's personal decisions, Ralph

Northam has the record and the temperament to serve Virginians well in Richmond," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "In tonight's debate there was a clear contrast between Senator Northam, who continues to strive to make the Commonwealth inclusive regardless of religion or sexual orientation and E.W. Jackson who defended his divisive comments at every turn. Senator Ralph Northam is far and above the best choice for Lieutenant Governor."

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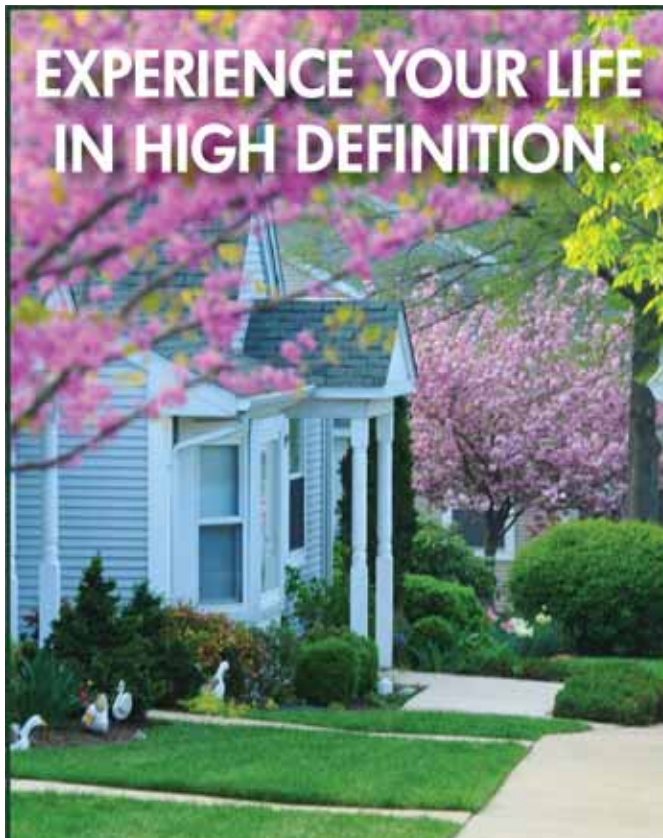
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This sunny home has 5 separate levels for many activities. Main level has a living and separate dining with French doors leading to patio, and an updated kitchen. The four bedrooms are on the upper levels. The lower levels have a den, separate rec room, laundry/storage, mud room and half bath. Large yard has mature trees. There is a tandem 2 car garage with a spacious workshop.



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The Scottish Walk Parade, taking place this year on Dec. 7, ranks among the top holiday attractions in the U.S.

Festivals, Foliage And Fun

Twenty ways to enjoy fall.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN

GAZETTE PACKET

It's official: According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, autumn arrived precisely at 4:44 p.m. Sept. 22. As the landscape explodes with colors of red, yellow and orange and baseball season hits the homestretch, there is no better time to explore all that makes Alexandria such a unique place to live.

To get started, here is our list of 20 Fall Fun things to do.

Alexandria Seaport Foundation Seaport Day — Celebrate Alexandria's waterfront Saturday, Sept. 28 at Seaport Day. At Waterfront Park at the foot of Prince Street, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., the family-friendly event features live music, children's model boat building, gutter boat races and chowder cook-off. www.alexandriaseaport.org

218th Annual Art on the Avenue — A multicultural SEE FALL FUN, PAGE 28



The elegant front room of a home designed in the Federal style repurposed materials from old Virginia homes during construction.



The home, historically known as Cameron Oaks, dates back to 1810. The bright and colorful home maintains its beautiful, original floors.

Historic Homes Tour

The Twig presents the 72nd Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The tour features six homes, from the 18th century to the 20th, as well as the restored Old Town Theatre. Also shop "The Best of Twig Boutique," have a box lunch at historic Christ Church or visit the 80th Anniversary Sale at The Twig Thrift Shop. Tickets are \$40 the day of the tour. Proceeds from the Historic Homes Tour benefit The Twig Surgical Center at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Visit www.thetwig.org.



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This home was built in 1870. It has a long, Charleston-style side porch, also known as a gallery, uncommon in Old Town.



The beautiful, large garden was designed to be family friendly. The pavers were used to create paths wide enough so that the homeowners' children could enjoy the space.



The large kitchen maintains the period charm of the home while adding modern appliances. The home is decorated with the homeowner's artwork, including the painted cabinet.



An elegant and peaceful seating area in the corner of the master bedroom.



This federal period home was completed in 1818. Over one of the six original fireplaces is a painting by local artist Diane Tesler.

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, Sept. 29, see "In the Flesh 4" at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit examines contemporary figurative art. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, Oct. 6, see "Voyage in Tangible Space" by Mei Mei Chang at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. It is a mixed media exhibit. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. See "Collaborations" through Oct. 20 at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Deep, Full, and Not Quite Real" at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., through Oct. 20. Features four artists exploring concepts of depth and three-dimensionality. Visit www.nvfaa.org. The **West End Farmers Market** will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

The Marshall House Incident Exhibition. Through 2013 at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.



'Del-Ray-geous'

An upcoming art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases member artwork focused on the outrageous, fun, and unique parts of the Del Ray neighborhood and community. Show runs Oct. 4-27. Opening Reception: Friday, Oct. 4, 7-10 p.m. Closing Reception with awards: Sunday, Oct. 27, 3-6 p.m. Events include Art on the Avenue, Life Drawing Sessions, Decorative Pillow Sewing Workshop, Craft Night Social and more. Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Book a Librarian. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library's databases and resources. Make an

appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

Computer Tutoring. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751.

Mobile Market. Thursdays through October, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Landmark Mall parking lot on the Duke Street side. The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Mobile Market is a refurbished school bus offering produce, meat, eggs and

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PUMPKINS

Pumpkin Patch Sale. Browse pumpkins from Oct. 6-31 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Proceeds benefit many local charities including ALIVE, Carpenter's Shelter. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Learn How to Make Sicilian Food. Saturday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at Osteria Marzano, 6361 Walker Lane. Learn how to make the dishes with Chef Carmine Marzano and then dine on the food you've made. \$85/person. RSVP with name, number of participants, and contact info to info@osteriamarzano.com.

Registration Still Open. The Art League School has openings in more than 200 classes and 50 workshops, from painting, jewelry, photography and more. Visit www.theartleague.org to register.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 27

Banned Book Matinee. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Enjoy a screening of the film version of a banned book. Free. 703-746-1751 for film title.

Event. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. See "The Official Blues Brothers Revue." \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

Theater Performance. 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. See "The

Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org/ for tickets.

Costume Symposium. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. This year's symposium, "The Road to Regency Fashion," will explore the evolution of clothing from 1770 to 1820, culminating in a ball. Enjoy lectures, workshops, and vendors through two days of costume scholarship. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern> to download the brochure and to register.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

Native Plant Sale in Parkfairfax. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in DC Metro Area hosts 15 vendors from four states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax, 3601 Valley Drive parking lot. 571-232-0375 or www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. throughout Old Town. Browse six homes and gardens plus the Old Town Theatre. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/events/Historic-Alexandria-Homes-Tour/4930/ or 703-703-5337.

Free Culinary Demonstration. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sur La Table, 326 King St. Join James Beard Foundation winners Sean Brock and Scott Drewno from the Source as they do cooking demonstrations. There will be book signings, tastings and more. Visit www.surlatable.com/category/cat1790419/ for more information.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Author Talk. 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Martha Powers, whose pseudonym is M. Elizabeth Sweeney, will discuss "Losing Marmee: A Mother, A Daughter, and Six Years in Assisted Living." Free. 703-746-1702.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. See "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman. Visit

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www.portcityplayhouse.org/ for tickets.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. See The Wailin' Jennys perform. \$39.50. Visit www.thewailinjennys.com/.

Re-Enactment of Rose Hill Raid. 11 a.m. at Rose Hill Elementary School, 6301 Rose Hill Drive. See Confederate raider Major John Singleton capture Colonel Daniel Dulany, an aide to the Union appointed governor of the Restored State of Virginia. Listen as passages will be recited, see the Signal Corps use flags to communicate with distant units, browse artifacts and information provided. Refreshments will be for sale, along with other items. After the event, re-enactors will be available to answer questions, pose for photos. 703-309-2182.

Ideas and Inspiration. 3-5 p.m. at Broadway Gallery, 5641 B General Washington Drive. Vickie Williamson will discuss the signs, symptoms and remedies for "Model Home Syndrome." She will also showcase designer fabrics. RSVP at broadwaygallery@broadwaygalleries.net or 703-354-2905.

Costume Symposium. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. This year's symposium, "The Road to Regency Fashion," will explore the evolution of clothing from 1770 to 1820, culminating in a ball. Enjoy lectures, workshops, and vendors through two days of costume scholarship. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern> to download the brochure and to register.

Free Admission. Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., will open its doors free of charge as part of Smithsonian magazine's ninth annual Museum Day Live! Present a Museum Day Live! ticket at the door and gain free entrance for two at participating museums. Visit www.smithsonian.com/museumday to download the ticket.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Art Talk. Kreshnik "Nick" Xhiku will discuss his work at 2 p.m. at The Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Gallery, 105 N. Union St. His exhibit "Structural Elements" explores the bounds between figurative and abstract sculpture. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Fort Hunt Park Community Day. 1-5 p.m. at the park on GW Memorial Parkway. Celebrate the park's contribution to the community with volunteer clean-up activities, a park walk, music by the Mount Vernon Dixieland Band, special guests and more. Free. 703-360-1265.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Nursing & Rehab Center, 8111 Tiswell Drive. The Alexandria Harmonizers will perform. Free.

Nativity Preview Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Enjoy a sneak peek of the new nativities and buy one before they are taken off the shelves until the end of October. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com or 703-684-1435.

MONDAY/SEPT. 30

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Read, Sing & Play, Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Rock, Paper, Cocktails Fundraiser. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hotel Monaco in Old Town, 480 King St. Shopping benefit supports the Foundation for Women's Cancer's National Race to End Women's Cancer. To attend the event, visit www.rockpapercocktails2013.eventbrite.com. To register for the race or donate visit www.endwomenscancer.org.

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1743.

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Movie Screening. 7 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Watch “The Quiltmakers of Gee’s Bend” and followed by a discussion. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-746-4356.

TUESDAY/OCT. 1

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Stories and Songs. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Discussion. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Lecture by Solveig Eggerz, author of “Curve of the Earth.” He will discuss how “The U.S. Entered World War II in Iceland, Not Pearl Harbor.” Free. Food and drink available for purchase. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or www.torpedofactor.org for more.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The U.S. Air Force Orchestra performs. Free. Visit www.usafbnd.af.mil or 02-767-5658.

Canning, Drying and Freezing. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to put up pickles, preserves and other fresh vegetables and fruits for the winter months. Free. 703-746-1702.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 2

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Baby Rhythm & Rhyme Time. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 0-18 months can enjoy music, rhymes and movement. Free. 703-746-1704.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Animal Shelter Discovery Time. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. An employee from the city’s animal shelter talks about the animals they have at the shelter. For children in grades K-8. Free. 703-746-1705.

Hitchcock Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501

Commonwealth Ave. Watch a movie and then discuss it at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub. Free. 703-746-1705.

Family Story & Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy crafts and stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/OCT. 3

Mother Goose Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy games, stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

Yoga. Enjoy free outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., from 6-7 p.m. Taught by Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga, Harvest Moon Yoga classes are suitable for all levels. Contact Maureen at yoga@prasadayoga.com or 703-967-8884.

Shoe Hive’s Anniversary Celebration. 6-9 p.m. at The Shoe Hive, 127 Fairfax St. Enjoy cocktails, desserts and more. Visit www.refinery29.com/rsvp/shoe-hive-10 to RSVP.

Survival at the Edge of Space. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Adults age 14 and up can learn how altitude pilots and astronauts survive at the edge of space. Get a demo of how density works with a demonstration using bowling balls and soda cans. Free. 703-746-1705.

FRIDAY/OCT. 4

French Story Time. 11:30 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more in French. Free. 703-746-1705.

Friday Affair Market. 12-4 p.m. at historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

Hope Grows Gala. Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St. Annual dinner, dance and auction. Cost is \$1,500 each day to keep the doors open. Call 703-360-1976.

Benefit. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Jack Taylor’s dealership. Benefits The Run for Veterans.

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. see “Del-Ray-geous” at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The exhibit focuses on the outrageous parts of Del Ray and community. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Friday Affair Market. Noon-4 p.m. at Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse baked goods, flowers or crafts. Heart2Heart Catering will have lunch for purchase. Free admission. 202-256-5332.

OCT. 4 THROUGH 27

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outrageous parts of Del Ray and community. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Family Dig Day. At Alexandria Archaeology 105 N. Union Street. Learn and assist City archaeologists as they examine soil and artifacts gathered from a real dig. The day begins with a lesson on the history and archaeology of Shuter’s Hill and continues with a tour and an opportunity to sift through excavated soil in search of artifacts. \$5; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology.

Civil War Artillery Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. See cannon firing demonstrations, interact with re-enactors and more. Free. 703-746-4848.

Deadline. Share a favorite memory of Bugsy’s Pizza Restaurant in 75 words or less, and be eligible to win a \$150 gift certificate or one of four gift certificates for “dinner for two.” E-mail your submission with a name and e-mail address or phone number to bugsys30th@aol.com or drop it off directly to the restaurant.

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in Del Ray. More than 300 area artists and craftspeople will be selling their works, food will be available, along with five stages for music. Free. Visit www.artontheavenue.org for more.

Dad-Urday Story Time. 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. All ages can enjoy stories about dads and their children. Free. 703-746-1705.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Booksigning: African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Local authors will discuss their book. Free. 703-746-1702.

Get Ready for the Orion Meteor Shower. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 7-12 can enjoy stories and crafts about the Orion constellation and meteor shower. Free. 703-746-1702.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. SONiA will perform. \$18/general; \$15/advance at focusmusic.org. 703-380-3151.

Alexandria Symphony Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Featuring Carlos Rodriguez on piano. Tickets start at \$20/adult and \$5/youth. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/OCT. 6

Fall Family Fest. Noon-4 p.m. at Woodlawn Plantation grounds, 9000 Richmond Highway. Meet the Arcadia staff, tour the farm and learn about sustainable agriculture, enjoy activities and more. Free. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighy.org/.

TUESDAY/OCT. 8

Swing Dance. 9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Swing dance with Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Dance with music spun by DJ Dabe Murphy. \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

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The Del Ray Turkey Trot winds through the streets of Alexandria on Thanksgiving morning. This year's race takes place Nov. 28.

Fall Fun in Alexandria

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arts and music festival for and by locals. Entertainment, art activities and a pie-baking contest along with 350 artisans displaying and selling their work. Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Mount Vernon Avenue between Hume and Bellefonte Avenues. www.ArtontheAvenue.org.

3 Arts Safari — Free hands-on arts and crafts activities for children. Saturday, Oct. 12, noon-4 p.m. Children will enjoy the Clay Experience, Arts Safari Painting, Fabric Collage, Origami Art, Giant Paper-Mache Animal, and more. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org.

4 Skipjack Minnie V. — Enjoy the fall foliage with a sail along the Potomac on a 1906 45.3-foot-long two-sail bateau. Docked in Old Town, the Minnie V. is one of 35 surviving traditional Chesapeake Bay skipjacks. www.potomacriverboatco.com

5 Immanuel-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch — Bundle up in your coziest sweater and head out to pick the perfect pumpkins and gourds for your fall dining and decorating treats. First shipment arrives Sunday, Oct. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Through Oct. 31 at 3606 Seminary Road. www.icoh.net.

6 17th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade — Join in the fun Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. by either participating or just watching the decorated strollers and costumed kids, adults and pets parade along Mount Vernon Avenue. Sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association, they also collect and distribute costumes to children in need. www.visitdelray.com.

7 Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon — Join or cheer on runners Sunday, Oct. 6 in this fourth annual race from Mount Vernon Estate to National Harbor. This year's race will feature a 1.31-mile children's run. www.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

8 Support the Arts — Alexandria is home to the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (www.alexsym.org), MetroStage (www.metrostage.org), The Little Theatre of Alexandria (www.thelittletheatre.com) and Port City Playhouse (www.portcityplayhouse.org). All offer professional quality and affordable entertainment.

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



The Alexandria Seaport Foundation's annual Seaport Day takes place Sept. 28 at Waterfront Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features live music, family activities and a chowder cook-off.

10 Think Pink! — Join hundreds of Alexandrians Oct. 26 at the city's annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. A new location this year at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office features a 1.5K, 3.5K or 5K walk or run. www.alexandriava.gov/women.

11 T.C. Williams Football games — Show your hometown Titan pride by supporting this year's team. Remaining



Del Ray's Art on the Avenue will celebrate its 18th year Oct. 5 when more than 350 artisans set up their wares on Mount Vernon Ave.

home games on Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9. www.tcwilliamsathletics.org.

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

13 7th Annual Alexandria Film Festival — Set to be held Nov. 7-10, the festival will show an eclectic collection of films from a handful of countries around the globe. At locations throughout the city. www.AlexandriaFilm.org

14 Fall Harvest Family Days — Mount Vernon Estate welcomes the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 26-27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, apple roasting, corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price. www.MountVernon.org.

15 Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market — Now in its 18th year, the Holiday Market offers unique handmade fine arts and fine crafts from local artists (including pottery / ceramics, photography,

jewelry, cloth, paper crafts and glass). At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. Fridays-Sundays, Dec. 6-8, Dec. 13-15 and Dec. 20-22. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

16 Autumn Firefighting History Walking Tour — In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria, three major fires and the five volunteer fire companies. Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. Reservations required. 703-746-4994 or www.friendshipfirehouse.net

17 Del Ray Turkey Trot 5-Miler — A Thanksgiving Day tradition for 38 years, the Nov. 28th race will also feature a food drive for the Alive! food bank. www.visitdelray.com/turkeytrot

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

19 Get Lost in Space — The T.C. Williams High School Planetarium is one of the best kept secrets in town and gives you an opportunity to escape the city and enjoy a monthly program that educates and entertains. Monthly programs begin at 7:15 p.m. Registration is required and opens the first Monday of each month. Upcoming dates include Oct. 29, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. 703-824-6805 ext. 6300.

20 Bless Your Pets — All creatures great and small are welcome to be blessed at the 7th annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church in Del Ray. In addition to the blessing there will be other activities including pet adoptions and a petting zoo with farm and exotic animals. Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. 402 E. Monroe Ave. 703-683-3343. See Bulletin Board for more pet blessings.

OBITUARY

Jerry Howell, 61, Dies

Charles Jarrett (Jerry) McPherson Howell, born Dec. 11, 1951 in Washington, D.C., died suddenly in Alexandria on Sept. 1. Jerry was the son of Winifred Harward Howell of Easton, Md. and the late Edgar McPherson Howell.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Katie, daughter Bethany (Alan) Pultz, and son William Taylor, and his two grandsons, Alan McPherson (Mac) and Robert Lee Pultz. In addition, he is survived by his sister Harriet Howell Custer of Washington, and his brother Edgar McPherson (Pete) Howell of California. He lived for 30 years in Alexandria.

Jerry graduated from St. Stephens School in 1970, where he lettered in four sports each year of his high school career, while maintaining an excellent academic record. He graduated with a B.A. degree from William and Mary College in 1974 and for the next 8 years taught and coached at schools in Alexandria, Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia, and in Fairbault, Minn. In 1982 Jerry was hired by his alma mater, St. Stephens (now St. Stephens & St. Agnes School) to teach physical education at the lower and middle schools and to work as an assistant coach in the upper school. Jerry is best known as "Coach Howell." During his 30 years at SSSAS, he served as head or assistant varsity coached for football, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball, hockey, co-ed golf, track, and girls' lacrosse.

The success of Jerry's teams is a testament to his coaching career: two national championships, six state championships, 10 IAC championships, and eight ISL championships. In addition, Jerry was named Coach of the Year in two sports. This success, however, was not what motivated him; winning was never about him, it was all about the team. What he cared about was his "kids" and their achievements, academic as well as athletic. Jerry's success is the



Howell

result of his philosophy of coaching — that student athletes are students first, and that they grow and develop as individuals and as team members through sports. His athletes won because he loved them, taught them to work together, to achieve at their highest levels, and to be better people — and they loved him in return. "Coach Howell's" legacy is the honor, integrity, humor, and intelligence that they carry forward into their professional, community and personal lives.

In addition to coaching high school teams, Jerry was involved with numerous summer baseball leagues and, most recently, as an assistant coach with Alexandria's Little League. But Jerry's "kids" weren't only the athletes he coached, but the little ones in Katie's Kids Daycare, for which he was co-owner with his wife.

He worked and played with Katie's Kids daily, teaching and caring for them. He taught them all to "high five," which many learned before they could even wave. They'd all instinctively raise their hands whenever they saw Jerry.

Jerry's greatest joy, however, was being G-Pa to his two grandsons, Mac and Robert Lee. He was a tender, loving presence in their lives. What he has given them will live on in them, as it will in all those young people whose lives he touched so deeply.

A memorial service was held Sept. 7, 2013 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, his family requested donations to St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School (1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria, Va. 22304) for scholarship funding in memory of Jerry Howell.

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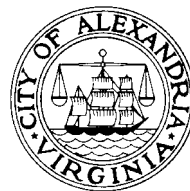
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Snapshot

Visitors enjoy a day on the waterfront in Old Town last month.



Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000361, Coordination of the Alexandria Meals on Wheels Delivery Program

**RFP Closing Date and Time: October 25, 2013,
4 p.m., prevailing local time**

Pre-Proposal Conference: A non-mandatory vendor pre-proposal conference will be held on October 3, 2013, at 2 p.m., prevailing local time in the Procurement Conference Room located at 100 North Pitt St, Suite 301, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

For general inquiries contact John Soderberg, Sr. Contracts Consultant at 703-746-4397.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. **THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.**

Central School Administration To Consolidate Offices

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Officials have been planning to move out of the central administration headquarters on Beauregard Street, where they lease space from Lafayette Real Estate, which is a subsidiary of Duke Realty. School Board members say they had to guard against potential increases in the rent Duke was going to charge in the future.

“That’s what drove us to the consideration of whether or not we wanted to stay where we were at or start exploring other locations,” said School Board member Bill Campbell. “We absolutely chose the best deal from the standpoint of cost but efficiency and growth and proximity to mass transit.”

The new landlord will be WRIT

“The move will consolidate operations under one roof to deliver better services.”

— **Kelly Alexander, spokeswoman for Alexandria City Public Schools**



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Next year, the central school administration office will move to 1340 Braddock Place.

Braddock Office, a subsidiary of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust. The 15-year lease will begin June 1, 2014 and will have two five-year options to renew.

“The move will consolidate operations under one roof to deliver better services,”

said Kelly Alexander, spokesman for the schools, in an email response to questions. “It will make central office more accessible to larger number of constituents, reduce the price per square foot, vacate facilities that are needed by the city of Alexandria and

By the Numbers

❖ **Current Rent:** The school system currently pays \$842,000 a year to rent the office at 2000 North Beauregard St. plus \$164,000 to rent space at the former Stonewall Jackson Elementary School plus \$53,000 to rent space at Landmark Mall.

❖ **New Rent:** Under the terms of a new lease agreement signed earlier this month by School Board members, Alexandria City Public Schools will pay \$2.4 million to lease space at 1340 Braddock Place from WRIT Office LLC, a subsidiary of Washington Real Estate Investment Trust.

were considered short-term options.”

Use of space at the Burke Branch Library, for example was seen as a temporary solution when the school system made the arrangement with city officials. School leaders say they located employees there as a short-term fix while they figured out where they would be moving central administration staff. They also rent space from a building that used to be Stonewall Jackson Elementary School, a building the school system sold back in the 1970s and leases to handle the capacity crunch.

“Several decades ago, we actually had more students than we have now,” said Finn “But unfortunately many of the schools we had were turned over.”

Athenaeum Read Out Celebrates Right To Read

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among the more than 11,300 books that have been challenged or banned since 1982.

In addition to Silberberg, guest readers included teens from the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club; Mary McElveen, former Alexandria Poet Laureate; Amy Young, former Alexandria Poet Laureate; Shelly Bell, poet and performance artist; poet Peter Lattu; Michael Lee Pope, author, historian and journalist; Ron Goldfarb, author and literary agent; Councilman John Chapman, Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiore-Walker, and Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria.

“Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information,” said Catherine Aselford, executive director of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association and coordinator of the Read Out. “It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.”

“Lady Chatterley’s Lover,” “All Quiet on the Western Front,” “Candide” and “The Lorax” were among the books read from during the event. “By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship,” Aselford said.

For more information, visit www.bannedbooksweek.org.



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Catherine Aselford, executive director of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, reads from Voltaire’s “Candide” during the Banned Books Week Read Out at the Athenaeum Sept. 23. Banned Books Week 2013 takes place Sept. 22-28.



Vice mayor Allison Silberberg, left, and former mayor and state senator Patsy Ticer listen to a reading during the Banned Books Week Read Out at the Athenaeum Sept. 23.

The Top 10 Banned Books

According to the American Library Association, more than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982 with 464 challenges reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom in 2012. The 10 most challenged titles of 2012 were:

1. “Captain Underpants” (series), by Dav Pilkey
Reasons: Offensive language, unsuited for age group
2. “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian,” by Sherman Alexie
Reasons: Offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group

3. “Thirteen Reasons Why,” by Jay Asher
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited for age group
4. “Fifty Shades of Grey,” by E. L. James.
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit
5. “And Tango Makes Three,” by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson.
Reasons: Homosexuality, unsuited for age group
6. “The Kite Runner,” by Khaled Hosseini.
Reasons: Homosexuality, offensive language,

- religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
7. “Looking for Alaska,” by John Green.
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
8. “Scary Stories” (series), by Alvin Schwartz
Reasons: Unsuitable for age group, violence
9. “The Glass Castle,” by Jeanette Walls
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit
10. “Beloved,” by Toni Morrison
Reasons: Sexually explicit, religious viewpoint, violence.



Kitten Adoption Event

Residents stop by 25 Dove St. to view 50 plus kittens for adoption at the King Streets Cats, a cat welfare organization, in August.

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Fettucini plays
with a note pad.



Lissa Elliott holds Fezzic.



BULLETIN BOARD

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intersection of Rt. 50 and 495. Visit the PetSage booth and over 100 other exhibitors. Terri Grow of PetSage will talk about pet care myths at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.naturallivingexpo.com for more.

Blessing of the Pets. 3 p.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Free. 703-549-1450.

Choral Evensong. 5 p.m. at Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Free, 703-549-1450.

20s/30s Vision Group Dinner. 6 p.m., Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Free. 703-549-1450.

Community Conversation. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn more about mental health conditions and treatments and more. Free. 703-746-1751.

Children's Race. Children or adults who are young at heart can register for the 1.31 mile course starting at National Harbor. It is an untimed fun run. Register at register.wilsonbridgehalf.com. A half-marathon will start at 7 a.m.

Book Event. Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg will sign copies of her book "Visionaries in Our Midst: Ordinary People who are Changing our World" at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Free.

MONDAY/OCT. 7

Addressing Mental Health Concerns in the

Workplace. Noon at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Data about mental health in the workplace and ways to address the needs will be highlighted. Free. 703-746-1751.

Interactive Workshop. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. This workshop will highlight the results of a local survey of teens about their behaviors, signs and symptoms of mental illness to look for and will provide resources on prevention, substance use, teen pregnancy and gangs. Free. 703-746-1751.

TUESDAY/OCT. 8

Medicare Information Meeting. 3-4 p.m. at at Arlington County Human Services Center, 2100 Washington St. If you live in the City of Alexandria or Arlington County, and are newly eligible for Medicare or are a caregiver of someone on Medicare, learn how to use the Medicare Planfinder and what to look for in Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans. Free. Registration required, 703-228-1700.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

Group Tour. 8:30-11 a.m. at Lloyd House, Lower School, 400 Fontaine St. Take a junior kindergarten/1st grade group tour, talk with a parent guide and view the facility. Reservations required, 703-212-2705. If you can't make a tour, call to schedule an individual tour.

Presentation. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Parents and caregivers can get information on strengthening protective factors and promoting resilience in preschool-age children. Free. 703-74-1751.

Health Expo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Free. Features healthy cooking demonstration, heart healthy information, health screenings, booths and more. Registration is preferred, but not required. Call 1-855-My-Inova (855-694-6682) or visit inova.org/expo.

Oktoberfest Tour and Tasting. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. \$50. Register at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Medicare Information Meeting. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at at Arlington County Human Services Center, 2100 Washington St. If you live in the City of Alexandria or Arlington County, and are newly eligible for Medicare or are a caregiver of someone on Medicare, learn how to use the Medicare Planfinder and what to look for in Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans. Free. Registration required, 703-228-1700.

Documentary Film Presentation. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Bully," a movie that tracks the experience of five teens and their families during a school year. Free. 703-74-1751.



Fall Festival at Library

The audience enjoys the Big Band sounds from the 1930s by Nova Jazz Ensemble inside Beatley Central Library on Saturday, Sept. 21.

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The first annual fall festival at Beatley Central Library kicks off the season with games, live music, food and paint painting. Zuri Akrti just got her painted at the library.

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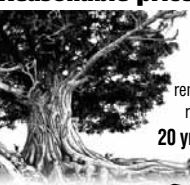
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11
did vote to go full speed ahead, brushing aside a minority's cautionary urgings.

The city attorney's advice resulted in City Council voting three times on the waterfront. This advice proved accurate because the third vote successfully mooted the "Iron Ladies" lawsuit — a lawsuit which had to be filed to protect the public from City Council's egregious refusal to accept their appeal during the waterfront plan public hearing.

I observe staff often trying to protect the public, only to be brushed aside by City Council. For example, Saturday's session revealed that staff had tried to protect nearby residences from a SUP by insisting a proposed gelato shop close its outside dining by 9 p.m. The applicant had objected, but agreed to a Planning Commission compromise allowing later hours in the summer (defined as a range of particular dates). Our City Council — without even being asked by the applicant — rejected the compromise the Planning Commission had worked out and the applicant accepted — and allowed the applicant the later hours all year long.

At a roundtable earlier in the week, residents expressed their appreciation for staff faithfully interpreting for many years parking rules to not allow visitor parking permits for developments with DSUPs disallowing residential parking permits and acknowledged that staff's proposal to weaken this protection was initiated at City Council's direction.

Staff often tries to protect the public, even while City Council, which went five years without giving staff a pay raise, tramples staff's recommendations to serve narrow special interests. Surely, seeing and suffering this backhanded treatment must cause the best junior staffers to leave for such places as Montgomery, Arlington, and Fairfax. Staff may occasionally do things which warrant criticism, but citizens should be more careful about criticizing staff when the real culprit is the entity

in city hall to which staff answers.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Appealing City Car Tax

To the Editor:

By now everyone in Alexandria who owns a car has received their car tax bill. I know when I received mine I couldn't believe that my 13-year-old 2001 Honda Civic EX with 113,350 miles had been assessed for \$3,700. Amazing! So I decided to check with someone at City Hall to find out what they use as the guideline for this car tax and learned that Alexandria uses the National Auto Dealers Association handbook (www.nada.com) which is mandated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. It's used for all jurisdictions and contracted out by State of Virginia as the third party person to make car tax assessments. To appeal my car tax, which I plan to do based on the ACV, actual car/cash value, one must have their car assessed by either a certified dealership and/or certified mechanic. NADA has five levels used to determine the value of one's car: 1) tough trade; 2) average trade; 3) clean trade-in value; 4) clean loan value and 5) clean retail value.

Alexandria uses the "clean trade-in value" to calculate our car tax assessment no matter what kind of car one owns, the year, and/or what the condition of one's car. I did go to a Honda dealership and my car is assessed at \$1,000 based on the fair/poor condition of my car. So if any Alexandria residents wish to appeal their car tax prior to Oct. 7 when the car tax is due, do so and make sure you get the appeal forms at City Hall in the city treasurer's office. I would also suspect that if anyone wishes to appeal their car tax after payment due date of Oct. 7, they could probably do so and get some kind of refund. The person to talk with is finance director Laura Twiggs. NADA may be the criteria for car tax assessments, but

one needs to wonder how they make these assessments having never seen the condition of an older car and when the tax is paid to the City of Alexandria, is the money really going towards transportation or into the city's "general fund"?

The ACV (actual car value) is the most important tool used for the assessed cost/value and this certainly raises a "red flag" for me regarding previous car tax bills received within the past few years. When I think back to last year's car tax bill it was similar in cost to this year. However, I never thought about appealing my car tax until now. If the "assessed value" which the city uses is right or wrong and citizens don't know that the city bases the car tax on the NADA's "clean trade-in value" only and not one of the other four criteria, one needs to question how much revenue the city has made from the car tax? Are we being over-taxed? In my case, yes.

To add insult to injury, Alexandria also imposes a decal fee which other jurisdictions in Northern Virginia don't require. Only in Alexandria do our elected officials continue to tax residents on everything until our "wallets are empty." I believe it is also time to mandate that all bicycle owners in Alexandria must license their bikes so that they too must pay a bike tax like the car tax. After all, how many bike owners who use our public streets paid for by taxpayers, run red lights, stop signs, red light cameras etc. and don't receive any tickets. Fair is fair and the rules of the road apply to everyone.

Having gone through this learning process about the car tax in Alexandria, what is clear to me is that there is little if any transparency from our elected officials about various taxes. Who is the group that sets the criteria?

Remember, it's not too late to appeal your car tax bill if you feel it's too high and question city hall's tax assessments.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

NEWS

Barnett Joins Synergy HomeCare

FROM PAGE 8

Barnett brings more than 35 years of experience in management and supervision to Synergy HomeCare. As the leader of Senior Services of Alexandria, she was responsible for fundraising, marketing and community outreach. Prior to joining Senior Services, she was deputy director for the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

"This is an exciting move for me," Barnett said. "I

feel a special bond with the people we serve."

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SSSAS Field Hockey Coach Celebrates Win No. 500

Marsha Way is in her 35th season as Saints head coach.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Martha Shaw Peterson played field hockey for St. Agnes School in the early 1980s and went on to play collegiately at Wake Forest.

Peterson's daughter, Wyatt Whitley, a 2013 St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduate, was an all-ISL field hockey player for the Saints and now plays lacrosse at the University of Virginia.

Peterson's younger daughter, Wynne Whitley, is a freshman in the Saints field hockey program.

While the world has changed in many ways during the last 35 years, there has been one constant with Saints field hockey: head coach Marsha Way.

In the year 1979, the average price of gasoline was less than \$1 per gallon, the movie "Alien" was released and Marsha Way started coaching the St. Agnes field hockey team. In 2013, the average gas price is greater than \$3, three "Alien" sequels have been produced and Marsha Way, 61, has more than 500 career victories as head coach of the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes field hockey program.

Way, in her 35th season with the program



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes field hockey players applaud head coach Marsha Way for reaching 500 career victories on Sept. 10 against Good Counsel.

(St. Agnes and St. Stephen's merged in 1991), reached 500 victories on Sept. 10 when the Saints defeated Good Counsel, 2-0. Way's career record improved to 504-82-45 after the Saints beat Mercersburg Academy (Pennsylvania) 5-1 at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School on Sept. 24. There was a postgame celebration to honor Way for reaching 500 victories, which would place her in the top five nationally, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Peterson, a 1983 graduate, was among those in attendance.

"She made a huge impact on my life because I played field hockey in college at Wake Forest," Peterson said. "To me, that sculpted me. ... It was the greatest gift having her as a coach because I loved the sport so much that I went and played in college and it's something that I will always have."

"... It means everything that I can come back (to St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School) and go to my daughter's game. I feel such a part of it because I played here. Instead of just a bystander, I really feel like I'm still part of the team."

Way said the "team" aspect of Saints field hockey to her is one of the most important parts of coaching.

"It's kind of a surreal feeling because we always do it as a team," Way said about reaching 500 victories. "Why am I getting all the attention? That team stuff is real big for me. We're about a team."

Why is Way getting all of the attention? Just ask Jennifer Griffin, a 1987 St. Agnes graduate who played for Coach Way. Griffin, who attended Harvard University and works for Fox News, described Way as "legendary" and said her memories of playing for the coach helped in Griffin's fight against cancer.

"We used to do a chant before we'd go out on the field and we'd bang our hockey sticks on the ground and it sounded like a war chant," Griffin said. "It was, 'She who has the will to win never shall be beat,' and there were times in my life when I hit rough times, including when I had cancer a couple years back, and I remember that chant. ... I'll never forget that chant and I can still hear the hockey sticks beating against the ground."

"... She was such a positive role model and influence and she always made us believe that we can do anything."

Way, who grew up on a dairy farm in eastern Ohio, said new faces year after year help bring a sense of freshness to coaching.

"Every team is different," she said. "Every team has a personality and it's always kind of neat figuring out the personalities of that team — not just individuals — how to motivate, how to get the best out of them ... that keeps it fresh, because it's like a puzzle every year."

Way has experienced plenty of success along the way. Her Saints teams have won 21 Independent School League season championships, 20 ISL tournament titles, four state championships and produced 12 undefeated seasons. The 1995 team finished 15-0 and outscored opponents 59-0.

When describing Way, several people mention her sense of humor, including how the coach would tell a player who was dragging behind, "My grandmother can run faster than that!"

Way shows her sense of humor when asked about coaching athletes whose mothers also played for Way.

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Kathryn Cavallo is a captain on the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes field hockey team.



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes field hockey coach Marsha Way is in her 35th season with the program.

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Sophie Davidson scored a goal during the Saints' 5-1 victory against Mercersburg Academy on Sept. 24.

SPORTS

Celebrating Win No. 500

FROM PAGE 34

"I feel very old," she said. "I often tease the parents and say I could tell your kids some stories about you."

This year's team is off to an 8-0 start. Against Mercersburg Academy on Tuesday, sophomore Ellie Carson led the Saints with two goals, and senior Sapphire Tubbs, senior Sophie Davidson and freshman Olivia Pugh each scored one during the 5-1 victory.

Seniors Davidson, Hannah Singerling and Kathryn Cavallo are team captains.

The Saints will travel to face Collegiate School at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.

"Coach Way is a really unique coach because I respect her so much as a person that when I step out on the field I want to play well for her almost more than for myself," said Cavallo, who will play lacrosse at Columbia University. "She's always positive, always really pushing you to be the best person that you can be. ... She's definitely helped me become a stronger leader in my personal life, as well."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown Football Beats Edison

The Yorktown football team improved to 2-1 with a 44-18 victory over Edison on Sept. 20.

According to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com, Yorktown running back MJ Stewart carried 22 times for 191 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Will Roebuck completed 13 of 16 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown. He also scored on a 7-yard run.

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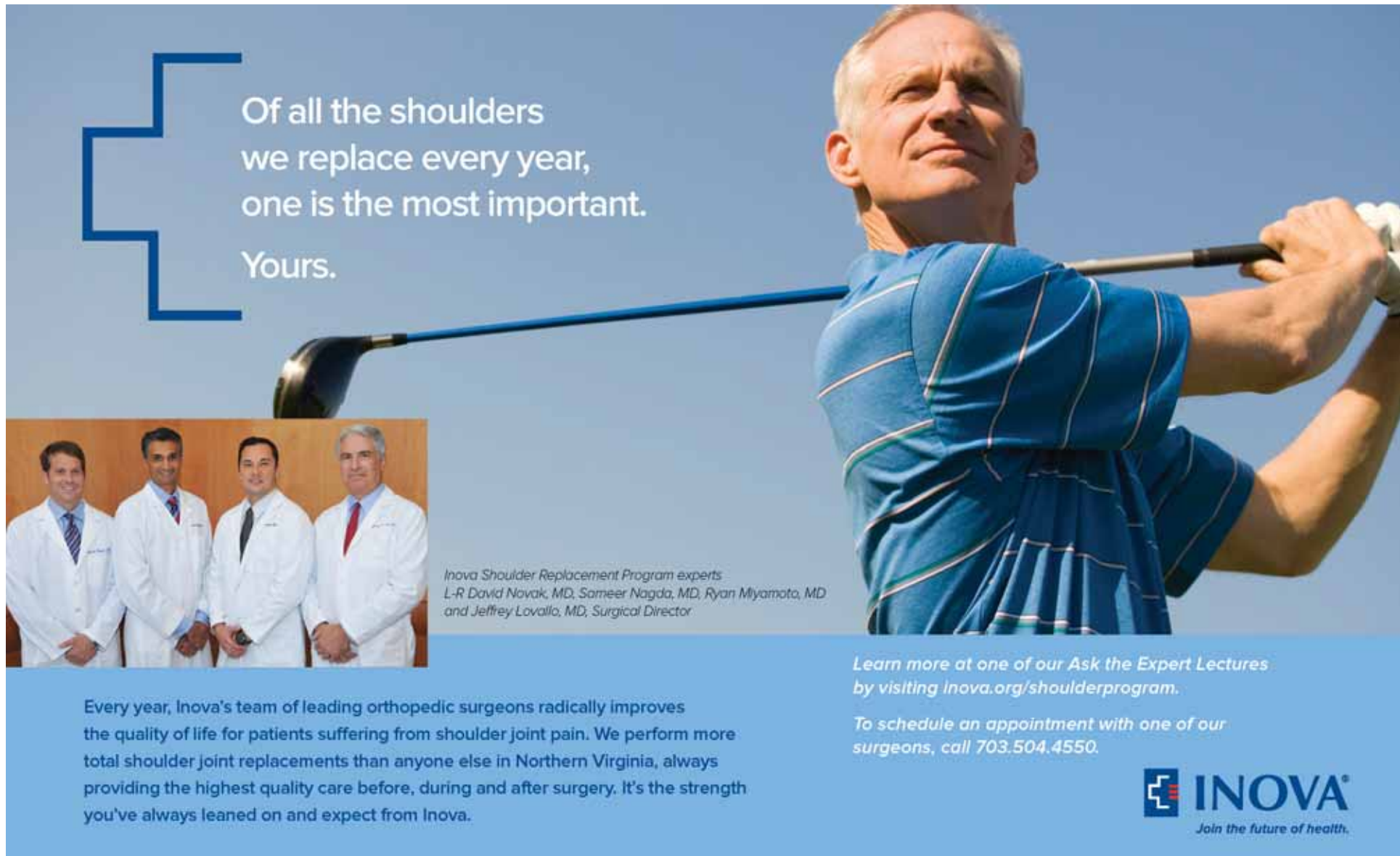
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The work will be confined to a small area within the park, which will remain accessible to the public, except for one of two east-west walkways leading to the water. No alterations to the park are anticipated. On- and off-street parking facilities in the area will continue to have normal ingress and egress during the work.

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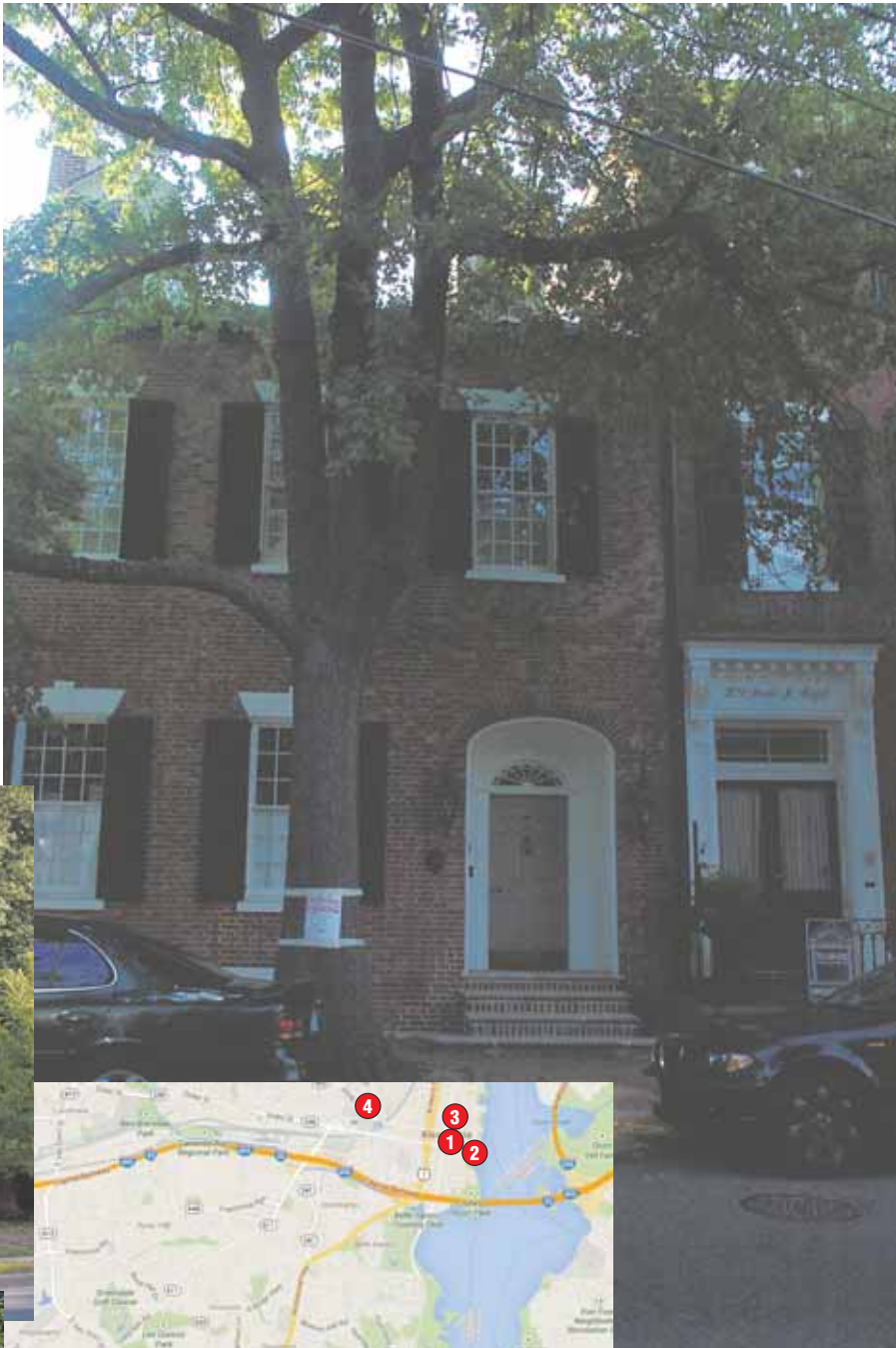
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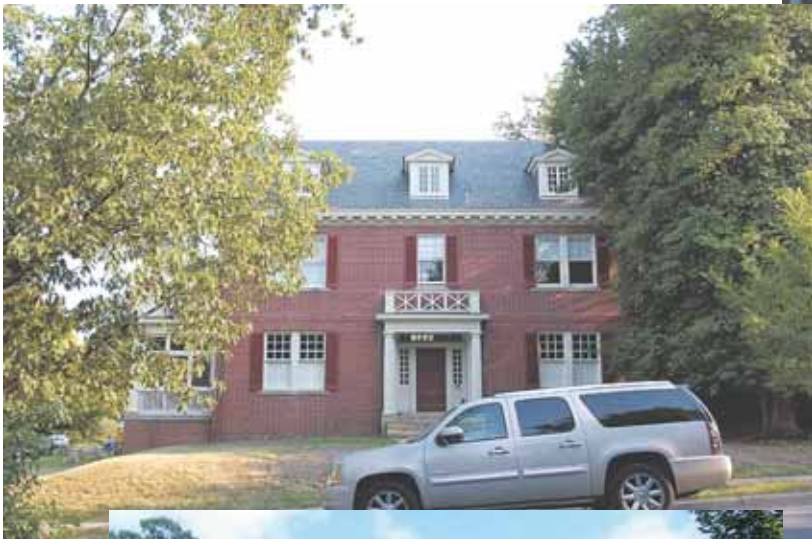
IN JULY 2013, 228 ALEXANDRIA HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$4,600,000-\$99,000 AND 124 HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$1,195,000-\$76,125 IN THE MOUNT VERNON AREA.



2 109 Duke Street, Alexandria — \$2,275,000



1 211 Saint Asaph Street South, Alexandria — \$4,600,000



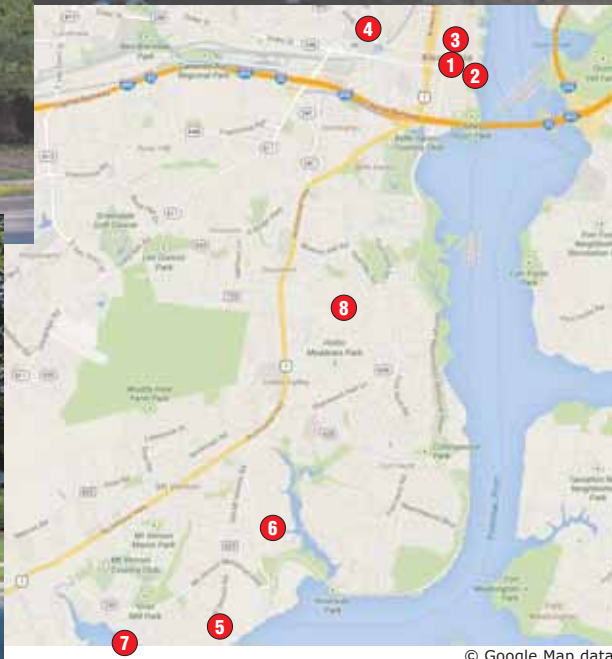
4 100 Rosemont Avenue, Alexandria — \$1,675,000



5 3810 Washington Woods Drive, Mount Vernon — \$1,195,000



8 7207 Rebecca Drive, Mount Vernon — \$955,000



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Address	BR	FB	HB	..	Postal	City	Sold Price	...	Type	Lot AC	.	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold	
1 211 SAINT ASAPH ST S	5	..	6	..	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$4,600,000	....	Townhouse	..	0.26	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN	.....	07/30/13
2 109 DUKE ST	4	..	3	..	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$2,275,000	....	Townhouse	..	0.14	.....	22314	.....	OLD TOWN	.....	07/23/13
3 370 SAINT ASAPH ST N	3	..	4	..	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$1,832,500	....	Detached	....	0.05	.....	22314	.....	PITT MEWS	.....	07/31/13
4 100 ROSEMONT AVE	5	..	2	..	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$1,675,000	....	Detached	....	0.29	.....	22301	.....	ROSEMONT	.....	07/12/13
5 3810 WASHINGTON WOODS DR	5	..	4	..	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$1,195,000	....	Detached	....	0.34	.....	22309	.....	WASHINGTON WOODS POTOMAC	07/12/13	
6 3249 WOODLAND LN	5	..	4	..	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	....	\$1,060,000	....	Detached	....	0.50	.....	22309	.....	WOODLAND PARK	.....	07/30/13
7 9518 MOUNT VERNON LNDG .	5	..	3	..	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$999,000	....	Detached	....	0.44	.....	22309	.....	MT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC	07/02/13	
8 7207 REBECCA DR	5	..	3	..	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Detached	0.41	22307	HOLLIN HILLS	07/15/13

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In August 2013, 215 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,006,250-\$96,000.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,006,250-\$680,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	.....	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode
1316 BISHOP LN	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,006,250	Detached	1.07	22302
638 KINGS CLOISTER CIR	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,300,000	Detached	0.22	22302
38 ARELL CT	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.32	22304
618 SOUTH LEE ST	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,189,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
4118 FORT WORTH PL	5	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,180,000	Detached	0.23	22304
206 N QUAKER LN	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,135,000	Detached	0.73	22304
1816 CARPENTER RD	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314
2935 KING ST	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$940,000	Detached	0.29	22302
1118 GAILLARD ST N	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$939,000	Detached	0.28	22304
703 S FAIRFAX ST	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$929,900	Detached	0.08	22314
515 TENNESSEE AVE	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$925,000	Detached	0.21	22305
428 SAINT ASAPH ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$925,000	Townhouse .....	.....	22314
110 PRINCESS ST	2	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$905,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
703 CHALFONTE DR	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$899,000	Detached	0.17	22305
10 WALNUT ST W	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$894,900	Detached	0.14	22301
811 N ALFRED ST	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$887,500	Townhouse	0.01	22314
709 OVERLOOK DR N	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.16	22305
706 TIMBER BRANCH DR	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.21	22302
3307 CIRCLE HILL RD	3	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$861,500	Detached	0.13	22305
100 HOWELL AVE W	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Detached	0.13	22301
302 LURAY AVE E	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Detached	0.11	22301
300 CUSTIS AVE E	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$840,000	Detached	0.15	22301
1229 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314
3103 HOLLY ST	3	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$822,500	Detached	0.24	22305
4117 FT WORTH PL	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$820,000	Detached	0.25	22304
719 CARPENTER RD	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$820,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314
225 ADAMS AVE	4	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$815,000	Detached	0.11	22301
310 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$809,000	Detached	0.05	22314
3200 OLD DOMINION BLVD	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.17	22305
910 CRESCENT DR	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$799,000	Detached	0.18	22302
3815 CAMERON MILLS RD	5	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$774,000	Detached	0.25	22305
5243 BRAWNER PL	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304
510 ALFRED ST N	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.04	22314
919 CAMERON ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$742,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
5263 COLONEL JOHNSON LN	4	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304
124 SYLVAN CT	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,900	Detached	0.28	22304
13 W MASONIC VIEW AVE	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$726,100	Detached	0.10	22301
2719 HEMLOCK AVE	5	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.09	22305
316 ALFRED ST S	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Semi-Detached	0.03	22314
2510 CAMERON MILLS RD	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.13	22302
1109 DUKE ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
408 LURAY AVE E	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$705,000	Detached	0.11	22301
7 MASON AVE W	3	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.17	22301
106 HOWELL AVE W	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.13	22301
540 SECOND ST #304	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	.....	22314
2404 GRETTER PL	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,999	Townhouse	0.05	22311
605 SAINT ASAPH ST N	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Townhouse .....	.....	22314
208 NELSON AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Detached	0.12	22301
3510 RUSSELL RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.11	22305

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Sunday, September 29th
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ABOUT ALEXANDRIA'S BRENDAN O'TOOLE

Brendan O'Toole served in the United States Marine Corps from 2008-2012. He enlisted during his senior year at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria. During his time in the Corps, O'Toole completed two overseas deployments as a communications specialist based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point (N.C.).

On his first deployment (2009), Brendan served as a member of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) which assisted in the Haitian earthquake relief effort, before serving in the Indian Ocean, the country of Djibouti, and patrolling the Gulf of Aden and the east coast of Africa where pirating was a major problem. During their Haitian duty, O'Toole established a functioning communication system that was used to coordinate the distribution of vital humanitarian supplies.

On his second deployment (2011), O'Toole was stationed in Afghanistan with Marine Air Support Squadron 1. Upon his arrival, he was assigned to Regimental Combat Team 6, which was assigned to the western part of the Helmand Province, outside the city of Delaram. O'Toole was responsible for all ground communications efforts of the Direct Air Support Center's area of operation. Sgt. O'Toole established and maintained radio and tactical communications systems used to coordinate air strikes against insurgent forces as well as support medical evacuations, and re-supply to U.S. military and coalition forces throughout the battlefield. It was during his Afghanistan deployment that Brendan started planning for The Run for Veterans.

In June 2012, Brendan completed his active duty military service with the rank of Sergeant. On his return home to Alexandria, he began planning and organizing The Run for Veterans, which was chartered by the State of Virginia in August, 2012.

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