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Construction work continues at the intersection of Route 1 and E. Glebe Road, where The Exchange at Potomac Yard will be located.

Digging into the Future

Construction moves ahead at The Exchange at Potomac Yard.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Mayor Bill Euille and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) joined City of Alexandria officials as the JBG Companies and MidAtlantic Realty

Partners held a ceremonial groundbreaking Oct. 9 to officially launch The Exchange at Potomac Yard, a mixed-use development along the Route 1 corridor in Alexandria and Arlington.

"Unlike the folks on Capitol Hill, we are moving ahead and keeping people working," said JBG managing partner Matt Kelly, referring to the federal government shutdown.

The first phase of the 19-acre development will include two multi-family communities with a combined 65,000 square feet of retail and nearly 400,000 square feet of office space. The Alric, with

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Officials gather for a ceremonial groundbreaking of The Exchange at Potomac Yard Oct. 9, a mixed-use development project along the Route 1 corridor in Alexandria. From left are: Frederic Rothmeijer, a principle with MidAtlantic Realty Partners; Andy Van Horn, vice president of the JBG Companies; Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille; U.S. Rep. Jim Moran; Alexandria Director of Planning and Zoning Faroll Hamer; and JBG managing partner Matt Kelly.

Eminent Domain On the Table

Council members to consider using power of eminent domain against Old Dominion Boat Club.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
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When city officials released the waterfront small-area plan in February 2011, members of the Old Dominion Boat Club were surprised to see a public park replacing their parking lot and boat launch at the foot of King Street. The boat club has occupied that spot since the 1920s, and they have given every indication that they intend to keep it. That's frustrated city officials, who say the time for negotiation is over. Next month, members of the Alexandria City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the use of eminent domain to take the parking lot.

"The use of eminent domain to

obtain waterfront access in relation to the boat club's parking lot was temporarily taken off the table in 2005 by City Council so discussions with Boat Club could occur," said City Manager Rashad Young during a Tuesday morning press conference. "It's time to put that option back on the table."

City officials have been hinting at the potential use of eminent domain for years, starting with a press conference on a humid summer day in 2010 when City Attorney James Banks first outlined the potential for Alexandria leaders to purchase the property by force at full-market value. Residents balked, especially in Old Town, and Mayor Bill Euille said the city would never use eminent domain while he was mayor. But standing

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Affordable Housing Appendectomy

City Council members decline to set new goals for affordable housing.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Stick it in the appendix. That was the direction that a majority of City Council members gave Alexandria officials who are preparing spending goals as part of a long-awaited Housing Master Plan. After hearing a range of options during a Tuesday after-

noon work session that could have added \$1.6 million a year to \$5.7 million a year for affordable housing, council members directed staff to outline funding that has already been appropriated as a "base case" while putting the three spending options at the back of the plan for future reference.

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Hitting the Ceiling

Official Washington is about to enter a yet another round of brinksmanship about the federal government's debt ceiling. Here in Alexandria, the debt limit may also be a problem. According to the city's most recent financial report, the average median household income decreased by \$2,000 from \$83,000 in 2011 to \$81,000 in 2012. Regional economists in Northern Virginia blame the decrease on federal budget cutbacks and uncertainty.

Whatever the reason, it's a trend that could create major problems for City Hall because city leaders calculate the debt policy guidelines using the median household income. So if the median income tanks, so does the city's ability to borrow money. That leaves Alexandria leaders members concerned about everything from sequestration to the government shutdown.

"We won't have to make immediate adjustments to the debt ratios," said Chief Financial Officer Laura Triggs. "But we certainly need to be cognizant of that going forward."

The city's debt has been a growing concern for years. Last year, the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee issued a report that warned the city is on track to exceed its debt ceiling — with or without the borrowing needed to finance the new Potomac Yard Metro. Even when taking the \$194 million project off the books, the advisory group said, the city still has a massive amount of uncertainty about everything from the waterfront plan and the Beauregard redevelopment to federal demands on the sewer system and regional plans for transit corridors. Adding the uncertainty of a government shutdown only makes things worse.

"If this continues to drag out, it's going to leave a mark at some point on our tax revenues," observed Councilman Justin Wilson. "Probably that first week, people were having a good time and going out to eat. It's that second week we'll see some impact."

On the Menu

Speaking of restaurants, the financial report has some shockingly bad numbers for the city's storied eateries. Figures from August show restaurant meals taxes are down 25 percent compared to last year. By this time last year, the city had already collected \$1.3 million in restaurant meals taxes. This year has been a bit more disappointing. Figures released earlier this month show year-to-date collection of restaurant meals taxes at a disappointing \$960,000.

"Our restaurants have been pretty busy," said Mayor Bill Euille. "So I was just taken aback when I saw these numbers."

Housing Abatement

Tax abatement was not the only incentive that city officials offered the National Science Foundation in order to lure the prestigious organization from Arlington. Hidden among the pages outlining the \$23 million tax break to the property owner over a 15-year lease was another motivating factor. Alexandria leaders were willing to waive the \$1 million contribution for affordable housing.

"I don't recall that really coming up," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "I just think it sends a terrible message to those who come to the city that this is something we are willing to put on the table and discuss and waive."

The idea of waiving the fee was originally raised during a 2012 Planning Commission meeting, although it was put on hold until the National Science Foundation solicitation process was further along. City officials say waiving the affordable housing contribution will enable the developer to borrow less and reduce the debt service on the property. Perhaps most importantly, the offer to waive the fee was part of a package that sealed the deal. Going back on that promise now could jeopardize the arrangement.

"Of course I don't want to jeopardize the project," said Silberberg, "if there's some other way that we can deal with that rather than waive the fee."

Councilman John Chapman is offering a solution that may be able to salvage the deal while preserving the money for affordable housing. After the City Council meeting Tuesday night, Chapman outlined a plan that would earmark some of the property tax revenues from the building for affordable housing. That would maintain all the incentives that sealed the deal with the National Science Foundation.

"It would be acting in bad faith if we were to go back on the deal now," said Chapman, adding that the building is expected to bring in about \$4 million in tax revenue before it's occupied. "So this is a way to get the contribution and without jeopardizing the deal."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

News

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Todd Robins, left, and Andrew Harter enjoy a "shutdown sandwich" at Pork Barrel BBQ Oct. 4. The restaurant is providing free pork barbecue sandwiches to furloughed government workers Monday-Friday, for as long as the shutdown lasts.



A receipt from Pork Barrel BBQ showing the cost of "Government Pork."

'Government Pork'

Pork Barrel BBQ offers free sandwiches to furloughed workers.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The phrase "government pork" has taken on a whole new meaning at Pork Barrel BBQ, where the popular Del Ray restaurant is giving away free pork sandwiches to furloughed federal employees during the government shutdown.

"It's the best pulled pork sandwich around," said Defense Intelligence Agency employee Todd Robins, who made the drive from Woodbridge Oct. 4 to have lunch with his co-worker Andrew Harter. "It's a long drive for a free sandwich but worth it."

Robins and Harter were among the many patrons at Pork Barrel BBQ frustrated by the government shutdown, now in its second week.

"We'd all like to get back to work," said Harter, an Alexandria resident who is using his free time to catch up on personal things. "We want to get back to getting things done. What is happening is a shame for everyone."

The local restaurant is among many area businesses offering free or discounted goods to furloughed federal employees. Known as the "shutdown sandwich," it will continue to be available weekdays as long as the government remains closed.

"We've been open two years now and the community has been very supportive of us," said Pork Barrel BBQ co-owner Bill Blackburn. "This is an area that is predominantly federal employees so it's time for us to support them."

The restaurant has served more than 1,300 free sandwiches in the unexpectedly popular promotion.

"We thought we'd serve maybe 20 sandwiches," Blackburn said of himself and co-owner "Mango" Mike Anderson. "Mike and I come up with stupid ideas at least twice a week but every once in a while, one like this takes off."

Frequently overheard at the restaurant were conversations regarding the govern-

ment shutdown.

"It's very frustrating to see what is happening," said Harter, who is involved with the Freemason's in Alexandria. "A guiding principle of Freemasonry is to be able to sit down and discuss things with people who disagree with you. That requires a fundamental respect for those you are conversing with. That is missing today."

Robins, a recently retired 24-year Army reserves veteran, is using his time off to launch his own business, a video biography company called A Pair of Ravens.

"I'm not the only one doing this," said Robins, who picked up his business license earlier that day. "I know others in the same shoes, people who don't want to go through this again with the government and get stuck living off retirement money."

As for Blackburn, he and Anderson remain committed to helping the furloughed employees until the government impasse is resolved.

"We will continue our offer of free pork sandwiches to furloughed federal employees Monday through Friday until Congress gets their act together," Blackburn said. "It's a shame to see what is happening. It's a raw deal for everyone."



City Councilman Justin Wilson, left, and his furloughed wife Alex, enjoy a "shutdown sandwich" at Pork Barrel BBQ Oct. 4. With them is co-owner Bill Blackburn.

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Negative Campaign

Candidates appear at minority business forum, attacking each other.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Local and statewide candidates for office appeared at an unprecedented forum in Northern Virginia last weekend, a collaboration of minority business groups of blacks, Hispanics and Asians. But as candidates arrived at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College for a Sunday afternoon forum, voters realized that the tone of the campaign would remain unrelentingly negative.

"All three of the Republican candidates are Tea Party right wing extremists," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is running unopposed. "Look at their records and their stands on the issues."

Plum attacked Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as well as his investigation into a University of Virginia professor studying climate change. The long-time delegate also said the Republican attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-25) has a similar record, including a bill that would have required women to report abortions to police. Together with the candidate for lieutenant governor, Plum said, the ticket is Tea Party from top to bottom.

"For some reason, some folks in the Democratic Party think that the label Tea Party is going to stimulate some kind of negative feelings," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "But I think those people are great patriots, and they are supporting the candidates they think are best for the commonwealth."

AS CANDIDATES for governor took the stage to make their case to voters, the tone of the campaign remained starkly negative. Each of the candidates spent as much time talking about their own vision of the future as they did castigating their opponent as someone who would harm Virginia. For Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli: "My time as attorney general and my time in the state Senate leaves me as the only candidate who would show up on day one knowing how Virginia government works from having participated in it. I will not need on the job training if you elect me on Nov. 5, and I'm the only candidate who can say that."

For weeks, Republicans have been criticizing Democrat Terry McAuliffe for threatening to shut down Virginia government unless the General Assembly agreed to expand Medicaid. McAuliffe attempted to beat back that argument during the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate, pledging that he would not force a shutdown. Meanwhile, the Democrat is now criticizing the Republican for appearing at a fundraiser with Texas Senator Ted Cruz, whom Democrats say is the architect of the government shutdown.



Republican Ken Cuccinelli speaks at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Democrat Terry McAuliffe takes the stage at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis greets voters at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

"Ken Cuccinelli was apparently more concerned about his reputation with the Tea Party than with ending the government shutdown that is undermining Virginia's economy," said McAuliffe. "It's the obligation of Virginians to send a message to Washington. A government shutdown should never be a bargaining chip."

WITH ELECTION DAY only four weeks away, candidates and their advisors are preparing for the most intense and high-stakes portion of the race. Both of the major-party candidates are responding to that dynamic by trying to frame their opposition in the most negative way possible. That leaves Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis rising in the polls as his opponents take shots at

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PEOPLE



Del Ray Artisans member Lee Leal played bartender for the Oct. 4 opening night reception for “Del-Ray-Geous,” the latest exhibit at the Del Ray Artisans. The show runs through Oct. 27 at the Nicolas A. Colasanto Center.



DRA artist Durell Hope discusses his technique at the opening reception of “Del-Ray-Geous.”



Jennie Nicholson studies the colored pencil work of artist Durell Hope.

‘Del-Ray-Geous’

DRA artists express spirit of Del Ray.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Del Ray Artisans held an opening night reception Oct. 4 for its latest exhibit, “Del-Ray-Geous,” a members-only show of works that expresses each artist’s impressions of the spirit of the Del Ray community.

“I tried to capture the unique architecture and feel of the Del Ray community,” said artist Durell Hope, whose colored pencil drawing on display featured the Del Ray Café restaurant. “There is so much vibrancy to this community. It’s a very special place and I hope my work reflects that.”

A piece by native Italian artist Ludovica Ducci was inspired by the surge of bicycles in Del Ray.

“I love seeing more people using bicycles in Del Ray,” Ducci said. “It reminds me very much of Italy.”

Located in the Nicolas A. Colasanto Center on Mount Vernon Avenue, the DRA exhibit runs through Oct. 27. For more information, call 703-838-4827 or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.



Artists Jennie Nicholson and Regina Barker-Barzel discuss the DRA exhibit.



Artist Ludovica Ducci explains the inspiration behind her work titled “La Bicilette Antiche.”



An attendee admires the works on exhibit at the Del Ray Artisans.

PEOPLE NOTES

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A group of five local citizens collaborated on a new book documenting the history of African American Heritage in Alexandria. The authors represent a wide spectrum of knowledge and specialties. **Char McCargo Bah**, a professional genealogist for the Alexandria Legacies’ Freedmen’s Cemetery Descendants Project, **Audrey P. Davis**, acting director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, **Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson**, a retired U.S. government worker, **James E. Henson Sr.**, a retired attorney, and **Christa Watters**, a freelance writer and editor, worked together to produce this new publication. Proceeds benefit educational programs at the Alexandria Black History Museum. Call 703-747-4356.

Alexandria City has created the Department of Project Implementation and selected **Emily Baker** to be its director. As part of the city’s efforts to improve government

performance for residents and businesses, and to better align with the city’s strategic plans and goals, this new department will be charged with the implementation of city infrastructure capital projects. Baker, a licensed professional engineer in Virginia and Maryland, has a bachelor of science in civil engineering degree from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Bart Johnson, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is one of 10 new members of the The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Advisory Council. The council is an advisory committee established to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. For additional information on the NAC, visit fema.gov/national-advisory-council.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Fire and Police Officers Pension Plan Board Meet. 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Steven Bland, steven.bland@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3886.

Memorial Service and Wreath Laying. 11 a.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. The Alexandria Fire Department honors

those who have died in the line of duty and marks the passing of those members of the department who died in the last year.

Waterfront Commission - Marina Committee. 5 p.m. at City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand, jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5504.

Medicare Information Meeting. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

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Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing. 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Peter Leiberg, 703-746-4666.

Alexandria Beautification Commission. 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Judy Lo, 703-746-5940.

National Coming Out Day Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Christ Church. Members of the church community and local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community can get support and celebrate the progress that has been made. An open mic will be provided for those who want to share their story. 703-549-1450.

THROUGH OCT. 11

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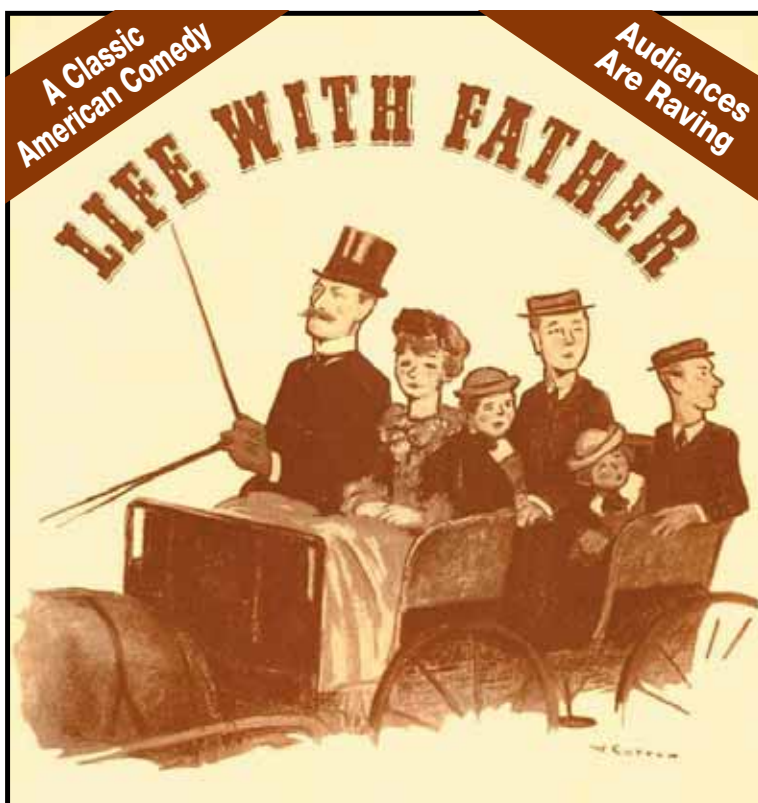


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OBITUARY

Cleary, Realtor, Philanthropist Dies

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Carol Leann Cleary, a well-known Realtor, local philanthropist and longtime resident of Alexandria, died Oct. 6 after a seven-week battle with pancreatic cancer.

"Carol Cleary modeled a quiet dedication to children, family and community that inspired all of us who had the good fortune to know and interact with her," said Sonia Quinonez,

executive director of SCAN, a nationally-recognized nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse founded by Carol Cleary's husband David in the couple's basement 25 years ago. "She has been a force of generosity and compassion in this community for decades and believed in the power of individuals to



Cleary

make a difference in our community."

Born Carol Leann Peterson in Minneapolis on July 9, 1943, Carol was raised in Hutchinson, Minn. She was the daughter of Margaret Prieve Peterson and Donald Peterson, a housing contractor. In 1970, she married David J. Cleary and lived in Bloomington, Minn., where she was active in political and civic activities. Carol Cleary brought her passion for civic engagement with her when she and her husband left Minnesota for Alexandria in 1976, toting their 1-year-old daughter, Erin, so David could accept an appointment as a White House Fellow.

"Carol's presence at SCAN events always made volunteers feel special and important," Quinonez said. "She encouraged me and SCAN's staff in ways that kept us going even when facing difficult challenges. She believed in Dave's vision when he started SCAN 25 years ago, and she believed in each of us in



PHOTO COURTESY/SCAN

Carol Cleary, center, with husband Dave and daughter Erin at a SCAN event earlier this year.

ways that made us stronger and wiser."

Carol became a Realtor with McEneaney Associates in 1986 and subsequently became one of the top Realtors in Northern Virginia. Her expertise and focus was in Old Town, an area she called home for 37 years.

Carol is survived by her husband, David; their daughter, Erin Cleary Murtagh, son-in-law, Paul Murtagh, and grandchildren, David, Robert and Margaret Murtagh of Washington, D.C.; brothers, Gary Peterson of San Antonio, Texas, and Bruce Peterson of Hutchinson, Minn.; and a sister, Mary Peterson of Grand Forks, N.D.

"Carol will be terribly, terribly missed," Quinonez said. "But she has left a true legacy that lives on in the children who benefit from the generosity and leadership she and her husband devoted to SCAN's programs for local families."

A celebration of Carol's life will be held Thursday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions to the Carol Cleary Fund at SCAN, an organization she remained involved with even while fighting her illness. For more information, visit www.scanva.org/cleary.

Janet Ferrill Russell

Janet Ferrill Russell died Oct. 5, 2013 at home due to complications from a stroke. Jan was an enthusiastic Alexandria resident for more than 55 years. She was an active volunteer for both the Red Cross and the Campagna Center, a long-standing member of the Art League, the Belle Haven Women's Club and The Belle Haven Country Club. Jan was passionate about art, bridge and the Kentucky Derby.

Born Nov. 21, 1921, she grew up in Louisville, Ky. and attended The University of Louisville. In 1941, she married fellow Kentuckian Harlan ("Rick") Ferrill, a U.S. Army lieutenant freshly graduated from West Point. They embarked on a 20-year career with the Air Force living in Puerto Rico, London and various



Russell

cities in-between before Rick's death in 1986.

Jan remarried Austin J. Russell (lt. general, USAF, ret.) in 1991 and was again widowed in 2004.

Descendants include: Jeffrey B. Ferrill (Joan), Julia Niemann (Ken), and Ann Lavie all of Alexandria and granddaughters Mary Ferrill, Kate Lavie, Elizabeth Lavie and Claire Niemann.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church, 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria on Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to: Alzheimer's Foundation, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th floor, NY, NY 10001 (www.alzfdn.org) or Catholic Charities USA, 2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400, Alexandria, Va., 22314 (www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

William Ashby Hrabé

William Ashby Hrabé, 76, of Alexandria, died on Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. "Bill" Hrabé was born March 17, 1937. He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Beulah Hrabé.

Survivors include: wife of 35 years, Teresa; brother, Ronald and his wife Gloria; sons, Russell and his wife



Hrabé

Joani; Mark and his wife Chianna; daughters, Christie St. Arnold and her husband David; Dawn Hrabé; grandchildren, Tiffanie, Courtney, Kara, Jake, Kacey, Julie, Jonathan, Nic, Jenna, Russell, Jessica, and Sonny; and great grandchildren, Liberty, William, and Addisyn.

The memorial service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Everly Community Funeral Care, 6161 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

News

Fire Department Hosts Memorial

The Alexandria Fire Department will observe National Fire Prevention Week on Friday, Oct. 11, with a Memorial Service and Wreath Laying at 11 a.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King Street, to honor those who have died in the line of duty and to mark the passing of those members of the department who died during the preceding 12 months. During 2013, two retired members of the department died and will be honored.

Fire apparatus parked on each side of the cemetery's entrance will provide the framework for the entrance to the ceremony.

Tree-Planting In Memory of Carlton Funn, Sr. And Joan Funn

The Alexandria Black History Museum and the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. will host a memorial tree-planting ceremony in remembrance of Carlton Allyn Funn, Sr. and Joan Berry Funn, on Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-noon at the Alexandria African American Heritage Park.

Carlton A. Funn, Sr. was a champion of African American history and culture. A native of Alexandria, he formerly served as president of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. and as an educator in the Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. areas. He died in September 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Berry Funn, who died in 2008. She was an educator in the state of Virginia for more than 30 years, including her work as a teacher in the public schools of Alexandria.

The Alexandria African American Heritage Park is located on Holland Lane, between Duke Street and Eisenhower Avenue. For more information, visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Correction

In the story, "Planners Explore Retail Options," published Sept. 19-25, it should have said Dennis Whitestone, president of the Automotive Service Garage, has no plans to demolish his garage at 500 N. Fayette Street. His garage business operates at that location and it will stay intact. His other property he leases at 600 N. Henry Street, and which he uses to park cars, is slated for demolition some time in March 2014.

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Preventative Medicine

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result, the information on this website may not be up to date,

EDITORIALS the transactions submitted via the website may not be processed, and the agency may not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are enacted.”

No update is required to the CDC recommendation that every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a “sporadic” level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven’t yet had the shot.

Every year, 5-to-20 percent of U.S. residents become sick with the flu, with 200,000 hospi-

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Flu shots are available on a walk-in basis at most pharmacies including Walgreen, CVS, Rite Aid, Giant, Safeway and independent pharmacies; most urgent care clinics and at area hospitals.

talizations. Children are especially vulnerable with about 20,000 children under the age of 5 hospitalized. Depending on the severity of the flu in a given year, from 1976 to 2006, estimates of annual deaths ranged from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000, according to the CDC.

Remember that getting the flu shot is also community service. You might be strong and healthy and think that you will not suffer too much if you get the flu. But everyone has contact with people in the high-risk groups: people over 65, children under 5, pregnant women, people with other illnesses. So have your shot to protect other people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refreshing Contrast

To the Editor:

Reading Michael Lee Pope’s article regarding the Board of Architectural Review gave me

a pleasant feeling. While I live in the Del Ray area, I love the unique character and fabric of Alexandria’s wonderful historic community and view any action which would diminish this character as short-sighted and reprehensible.

I had come to believe that many of the puppet commissions and boards that control actions in this city could not be trusted to act in the best interests of the city and its citizens.

It is a breath of fresh air to realize that there is at least one board in this city that is carrying out its responsibility to protect the unique historical district with courage, honesty, integrity and determination. These are character traits that are not apparent in much of this city’s government.

The issue at hand is the appropriateness of a proposed structure in one of the most important historical districts in the nation. The people who care should give the Board of Architectural Review and its members a special expression of gratitude for performing their responsibilities with courage, honesty, and integrity. That sounds a bit strange doesn’t it? Expressing gratitude to those who act with courage, honesty, and integrity! Thanks to you guys and don’t be deterred.

Etta Martin
Alexandria

Nothing Wrong With ‘Well-Regulated’

To the Editor:

A recent New York Times article, “Children and Guns: The Hidden Toll,” subtitled ‘Bearing Arms, The Youngest Victims,’ asserted that children’s deaths by guns occur in all kinds of homes across our land, the collateral casualties of the accessibility of guns in America. “Children die in the households of police officers and drug dealers, in broken homes and close-knit families, on rural farms and in city apartments,” the article stated.

I was raised in a “gun” home in a small town
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In Fight Against Breast Cancer

Members of the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office show their support in the fight against breast cancer by wearing special pink badges. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne authorized deputies to wear the custom-made badges throughout October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Deputies ordered and paid for the badges themselves after a colleague, Deputy Amy Clinton, lost her fight against the disease this summer. Many of Clinton’s co-workers on Team 1B at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center, as well as deputies in other assignments, are wearing their pink badges in tribute to her and in honor of several other deputies who are breast cancer survivors. Above, from left, are Deputy Jill Staub, Deputy Ryan Stearns, Lieutenant Doug Woehlke, Deputy Dexter Mason and Deputy Quentin Wade outside the Adult Detention Center.

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Inspiring Architecture

To the Editor:

It's never too late for creativity on the waterfront.

Leaving aside issues of height and bulk, the biggest problem with Carr's proposed hotel on the waterfront is that it is boring. It recalls nothing so much as those dull Urban Renewal-era buildings around Market Square. They are not what tourists come to Alexandria to see.

This is both unfortunate and unnecessary, because there is no shortage of historic buildings in the immediate vicinity that feature interesting design elements, which could be incorporated in a new building. Look, for example, at the 18th century Christmas Attic warehouse at the corner of Union and Prince streets, and the slightly newer townhouse that



PHOTO BY ROBERT PRINGLE

The 18th century Christmas Attic warehouse at the corner of Union and Prince streets next to a townhouse.

snuggles against its western flank (see photo). There are many other early buildings nearby (on the 100 block of King Street) that could be sources of inspiration for the design of an interesting structure that would celebrate our heritage without blocking our view of the river.

Personally, I don't want any hotel, but if we must have one, let's make it worth the aggravated traffic and parking problems that will inevitably come with it.

Robert Pringle
Alexandria

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in Utah where guns were prevalent in homes throughout the area. While most families, including mine, used their guns to hunt — deer, elk, pheasants, ducks — even buffalo (but with bow and arrows), my father also used his many guns for sport. By profession, for a period in his younger years, he was employed by Remington Rand advertising their bullets and guns, usually in “trap” shoots. He was known for his dead-on shot. He didn't miss! Throughout his life he treasured his guns, using them for hunting, sport and recreation.

I was taught gun safety protocol at an early age as well as how to shoot properly. My father used shotguns and rifles. We knew nothing about automatic assault rifles or military-style weapons.

Handguns were becoming more popular; however, my father had none since “no one shoots game with a hand gun.” Even without the type of guns prevalent in homes and on the streets today, I was aware of the life-shattering disasters that happen when guns abound. I developed a healthy respect for and even fear of them. In my small hometown there were several widows raising their children alone because of husbands who lost their lives while hunting. Several families mourned children who were killed or maimed by trigger-happy hunters or were the collateral damage of guns in homes.

I would never vote for someone who would promote laws that would preclude my father's right to legitimately own his guns and I do support the 2nd Amendment which begins with the statement

that “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state...” I prefer that our guns be well-regulated.

I have the utmost respect for our elected officials like U.S. Rep. James Moran, and U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine as well as Democratic candidates Terry McAuliffe, Dr. Ralph Northam and Mark Herring who are willing to state their support for sensible gun safety issues like background checks on anybody who purchases a gun anywhere, as well as affordable, appropriate mental health care while risking “Fs” and \$500,000 donations from the NRA to their opposition.

I urge you to think it over. Ponder all the horror that happens in our communities when very dangerous guns are plentiful and easily obtained. If you will join with
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OPINION

Help Fight Breast Cancer

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, RN, FACHE
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Pam Baker's attention to detail saves lives. As a nurse and quality consultant here at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Pam diligently ensures our staff follow evidence-based guidelines and practices that promote the best outcomes for our patients. She also practices what she preaches: Pam follows guidelines from the American Cancer Society, which recommend that women over 40 get a mammogram every year. Eight years ago, her annual mammogram detected a lump in one of her breasts.

"I wasn't worried about dying of breast cancer. [The lump] was small. Because of my yearly exams, I knew it wasn't there the year before," Baker said. Fortunately, her mammogram flagged her breast cancer at an early stage. Baker underwent a mastectomy and hormone treatment at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Today, she's a survivor.

At Inova Alexandria Hospital, we are committed to providing the highest quality care to help those facing a breast cancer diagnosis. Our Inova Breast Care Institute provides a comprehensive, nationally recognized network of breast care specialists at all five Inova hospitals to help educate and guide you from diagnosis through recovery. We participate in world-class clinical trials and offer the latest technology in the fight against breast cancer.

In fact, this fall we will begin offering the newest technology in breast imaging at our Inova Imaging Center at Mark Center. Known as breast tomosynthesis, the 3-D mammography technology been shown in clinical studies to be superior to conventional digital 2-D mammography. The technology uses high-powered computing to convert digital breast images into a stack of thin layers or "slices" of the breast. This allows the radiologist to view breast tissue detail in a way that was never before possible. When used together with 2-D imag-



ing, breast tomosynthesis has proved to reduce unnecessary call backs for an additional mammogram. And, all of our patients undergoing mammograms at the Inova Imaging Center –

Mark Center enjoy the added benefit of receiving same-day results, without the wait. That's a benefit we started offering two years ago and will continue offering with this new technology.

Having regular mammograms, like Pam, can detect breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages. In gratitude for the second chance her mammogram gave her, she now participates in the City of Alexandria's Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. Proceeds from the Walk benefit the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk Fund here at Inova Alexandria Hospital. The fund helps us provide free mammograms to uninsured residents of the City of Alexandria. Since the Walk's beginning in 1994, those donations have helped us screen more than 7,000 patients.

Donations to funds like the Alexandria Walk are more important than ever: Within the metro region, the City of Alexandria has the third highest percentage of uninsured individuals under age 65 and below 138 percent of poverty, according to the Regional Primary Care Coalition. For these residents who are just scraping by, an annual mammogram doesn't rank high on their financial to-do list.

You can help. Sign up for this year's Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer to be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in its new location at the Patent and Trademark office. Last year's walk raised over \$90,000. Help us do it again. Just two hours of your time that morning could mean a lifetime for one of your neighbors in need. Learn more at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TheWalk>. To schedule a mammogram, contact Inova Imaging Center – Mark Center at 571-423-5400.

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me and other like-minded people, we can defeat the NRA. I believe we have a moral imperative to elect officials who have a desire to help make our communities safe for us and our children. Please join me in voting for all of our Democratic candidates on Nov. 5.

Hazel Rigby
Alexandria

A Good Example

To the Editor:

As the ongoing government shutdown underscores, politicians' personal conduct matters because as very public figures they set examples and shape the quality of po-

litical life. For these reasons, I want to offer some insight into the character of Virginia House Delegate Rob Krupicka – who is now running for re-election – based on my personal interactions with him.

Prior to moving to Alexandria in June 2012, I taught sociology at Stetson University in Florida. As a sociologist, I studied American political culture, and particularly how and why citizens engage in or disengage from politics. Having both studied and engaged in politics for many years, I know that politicians can do a lot to connect with citizens and inspire their political engagement.

Not long after I moved to Alexandria, I met Rob when he was running for the first time for State House Delegate in the special election last year. Just prior to the election, I knocked on doors for Rob, and found

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OPINION

Senior Law Day Teaches How To Avoid Scams

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SENIOR SERVICES OF
ALEXANDRIA

Last June, Senior Services of Alexandria ended our second annual Speaker Series with a discussion about local scams targeting seniors. Ever since, I seem to hear more and more stories from friends and neighbors about someone who has been the victim to this type of



predatory behavior. So I guess it shouldn't have come as a surprise when we received one of those "too good to be true" calls at home last Saturday. The recorded message promised that the Affordable Health Care

Act entitled anyone over 60 to receive a \$3,000 cash food benefit and a free life alert

system. All I had to do was "press 1" to get started!

Fortunately, I remembered learning that just pressing "1" would send me into a maze of scam artists, waiting for someone to identify themselves as a senior willing to listen to their latest scheme.

Thanks to the information shared at SSA's June event, I avoided being a victim — this time. Unfortunately, seniors are often the

targets of many other types of fraudulent schemes, some far more sophisticated than the one I experienced. That's why SSA and the Alexandria Bar Association decided that the focus of our third annual Senior Law Day would be how to "Avoid Scams — Don't be a Victim!"

This free session is open to the public, and will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 from

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Senior Law Day

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8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 St. in Alexandria. Local law enforcement, legal and financial experts will discuss the diverse frauds, scams, identity theft, financial abuse and other schemes targeting seniors and others. Experts from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Alexandria Police Department, AARP, the US Postal Inspection Service, and Sensei Enterprises, a computer security company, will inform attendees about these various schemes and give tips and tools to avoid becoming a victim. Eleanor Blayney, a certified financial planner with the Consumer Fraud Protection Board, will highlight the industry response to some of the more egregious financial abuses. Her book, "Consumer Guide to Financial Self-Defense," will be available at the event to all attendees for free.

To register for Senior Law Day online, go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call Senior Services at 703-836-4414, ext 10. Light refreshments will be served and there is ample free parking.

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that many people already knew him personally as a neighbor and Alexandria City Councilor and planned to vote for him.

After the election, which he won handily, I kept in contact with Rob occasionally via email, and he never failed to respond promptly. Periodically, I also received emails from Rob informing his constituents of State House developments and his legislative work on issues that affect us all. More recently, I knocked on constituents' doors with Rob, and participated in a packed public discussion about education issues at Rob's home as he earnestly took notes.

All of these experiences may seem ordinary, but together they paint an extraordinary model. I've seen more than enough politicians who are slow to respond to emails or don't respond at all, who prefer the easier public gatherings to the harder work of knocking on their constituents' doors. Most politicians in my experience also don't welcome citizens into their home to talk at length with them about the issues, and take notes on what their constituents say. Yet in good democracies, this is what good politicians do.

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OBITUARY

Patricia Dowling Froggett

Patricia Dowling Froggett, Ph.D., 67 years of age, resident of Old Town Alexandria for the past 15 years, died on Oct. 7, 2013 in Arlington. Her death was caused by a rare cancer, diagnosed in late June 2013.



Born in New Brunswick N.J. on Feb. 28, 1946, Dr. Froggett traveled and worked widely in the U.S. and overseas. She completed her undergraduate studies at Kean University in N.J. with dual majors in English literature and education, and is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she earned her Ph.D. in adult education and human resource development, in addition to two master's degrees. She taught at the secondary school level in New Jersey, California, and Virginia, and was selected as Teacher of the Year while teaching in Prince William County. She was president, Prince William Federation of Teachers, a professional organization representing the interests and concerns of Prince William County teachers to the County School Board and

the school system's senior managers. She taught on the graduate level for University of Virginia as a faculty member, and as an adjunct professor for George Mason and Mary Washington Universities.

Overseas, she served as director, Navy Campus for Achievement in Yokosuka Japan, responsible for the Navy's program to bring college education opportunities to the personnel attached to approximately one hundred ships operating within the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. As distance education supervisor for WTVT 53, Dr. Froggett coordinated 14 school districts in the northern Virginia area with the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) affiliate. As access director for community television, Dr. Froggett established and operated the Columbia Cable System Community Access Channel, from its inception through its first five years of operation.

Until her retirement in 2012, Dr.

Froggett was program director, Education Graduate Programs, at University of Virginia's Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church. She planned, coordinated, and directed the activities of the Center of UVA in this area, managing 74 courses with an enrollment of over 1300 students.

Dr. Froggett received international recognition with receipt of an award for Best Research by the International Society for Education Planning, presented in Istanbul in 2008. This became the foundation for her book "Resistance to Learning: How People Cope with Perceived Threats," published by Rowe Publishing and Design. Dr. Froggett is survived by her husband Commander S. J. Froggett, and her son Stephan Froggett, Ph.D.

Memorial services will be held on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. on the Fords Landing boardwalk at the intersection of Fords Landing Way and Franklin Street in Old Town Alexandria.

Tax deductible memorial contributions, if desired, may be sent on her behalf to Capital Caring, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church VA 22042.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fire Stations Host Open Houses

On Saturday, Oct. 12, all Alexandria fire stations will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each station will open its doors to the community and provide a number of free family-oriented activities along with fire prevention educational materials. Fire apparatus and station tours will be available. Staff at each station will be available to answer questions about their facility, equipment and the department.

Suspect Arrested In Malicious Wounding

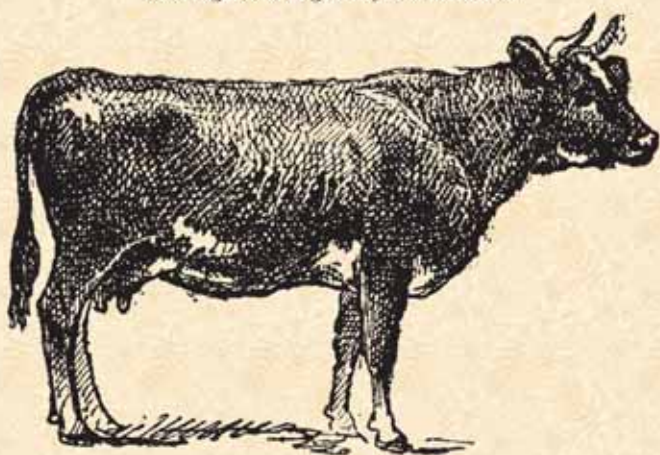
Alexandria Police have made an arrest in a malicious wounding that occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the 5400 block of North Morgan Street. At approximately, 6 p.m., officers responded for reports of a fight. Upon arrival, officers located a victim suffering from a stab wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. There were no other injuries. Initial investigation revealed that the victim had arrived in the area with a group of friends. An altercation occurred between them and another group. During the altercation, the victim was stabbed.

As a result of this investigation, police arrested an 18-year-old city resident and charged him with malicious wounding. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this incident or who might have been in the area is asked to call the Criminal Investigation Section at 703-746-6711. Callers can remain anonymous.



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PEOPLE

Costumed Dolls Aid MetroArts

From ballerinas to Barbies.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria resident Virginia Britton has come up with a creative way to raise funds for the Metropolitan Arts Collaborate (MetroArts), a non-profit organization that she started in June 2012. The mission of MetroArts, which is currently in the process of becoming a 5019(C)(3), is to provide affordable fine arts education to local students. By taking classic Barbies and selling them as transformed, artfully-costumed custom dolls, Britton is using her own fine arts skills to raise money for the budding foundation.

Currently, she sells her dolls at the gift store, A Show of Hands. She also takes requests. She will also be selling the dolls at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair at the Masonic Temple on Dec. 7 and 8.

As a ballet director, she has designed her fair share of ballet costumes, so she had plenty of doll-sized costumes for different themes.

"I could never bring myself to throw away the scraps from all the years of making costumes," Britton said. "During a summer camp one year, we were doing hand sewing for costuming. Because they were small, it didn't take that long and then I took a look at this one left over Barbie, and I said, 'Dang! I get make a costume now.'"

She said when someone saw the doll and wanted to buy it, the mass selling of the dolls for non-profit fundraising evolved.

"It turned out really well and then someone wanted to buy it so I sold it, and then I went to a local thrift

shop and bought 10 more Barbies," Britton said. "It was kind of an addiction, and I enjoy doing hand sewing a lot. Hopefully it will benefit the non-profit."

THE INSPIRATION for the organization came to her years ago, as a ballet teacher at the Alexandria Ballet. A board member, Britton is vice president of the organization. She wants to be able to provide a complete fine arts education, including but not limited to creative writing classes and an array of dance classes.

"We have five other people on the board of directors who are also cofounders," Britton said. "Since 1991, I've had the Alexandria Ballet here and I've worked for other [ballet] companies. We want to bring music, arts and dance into the public again because everyone agrees that when it comes to quality art, schools have failed us. Schools have enough to deal with without trying to provide something they have no training in — the fine arts."

MetroArts Recording Secretary Eileen Greenberg said she shares Britton's concern for this generation of students that lacks fine arts training. She said that not only do fine arts contribute to more advanced thought processes, but also to the overall wellbeing of society.

"With all the provocative dancing that kids are exposed to, there are going to continue to be children having children," Greenberg said.

Greenberg herself once started a ballroom dance program for students, so with her history, she said she was excited to join the MetroArts board of directors.

"The children in the ballroom dance program learned how to have manners, and dance, so I thought,



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Supporting MetroArts

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"Wow, this will be great, I want to start it again,"™ Greenberg said. "I am hopeful that we can get people to see the value of it and want to get the children in Alexandria and Arlington to learn manners and ballroom definitely teaches that."

Britton said the group is already a non-profit Virginia corporation, but the board is waiting for 501(c)(3) status before it starts approaching the Boys and Girls Clubs, local rec centers and even potentially school systems for partnerships. She said there has already been tentative planning, but she is eager to start official planning for affordable and convenient fine arts after-school programs.

"Hopefully I can keep on working in the area — with the Boys and Girls club," Britton said. "We've talked to the recreation department. So people can go in their neighborhoods and not have to drive far distances to get to the classes."

She said it is an expensive process, which is why she has come up with creative ways for fundraising.

"We are applying for our 501(C)(3), which costs money," Britton said. "Ev-

erything costs money. We have had a few donors, and most of the members of the board are putting their money into it. I am putting a percentage of my class teachings into it. None of us want to go get a loan from the bank. So we are pretty much doing this on a shoe string."

Both Britton and Greenberg are excited to start planning with local schools, centers and clubs to provide affordable arts classes to the youth community.

The goal is to be able to provide two full scholarships, but all other participants will have to pay an affordable price for their fine arts education.

"We've got to get out there in public," Greenberg said. "There are dancing schools but people have to pay a lot of money. My feeling is that students would have to pay a nominal fee — that way they are making a commitment to be in it. When you teach dance steps, you must be consistent."

Britton said she urges anyone who likes to sew to contact her about volunteering. She will accept all the help she can get in crafting the custom Barbie dolls.

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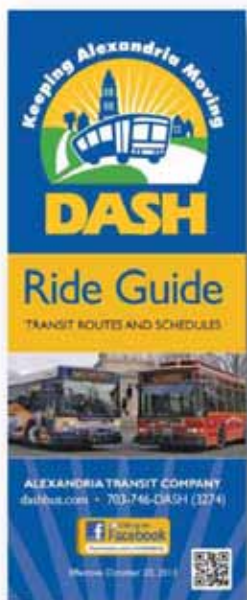
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Sharing Sept. 24

Alexandria mom Karen Masquez-Acevedo delivered her third son, Liam on Sept. 24. Liam now shares that birthday with his brothers Nolan, born Sept. 24, 2005 and Adrian, born Sept. 24, 2008 — all at Inova Alexandria Hospital. With his family is dad Gerald Acevedo. Coincidentally their nurse Jennypher Dichoso's birthday is also Sept. 24.

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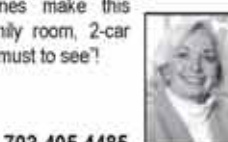


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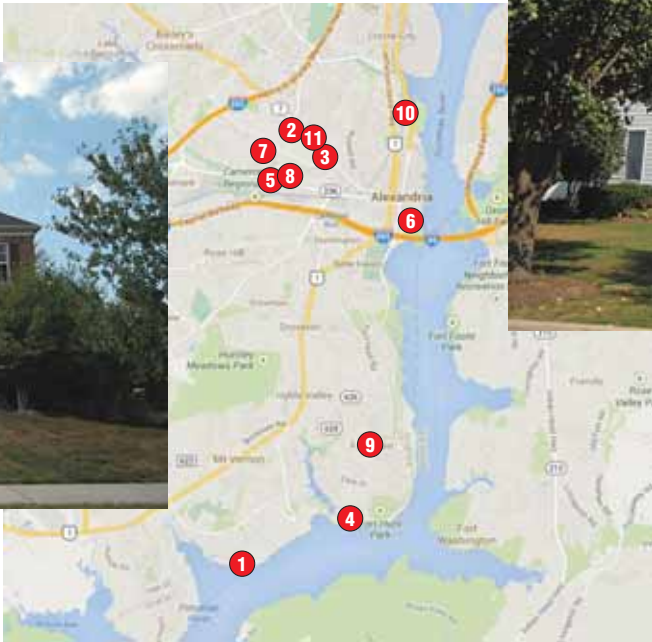




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Style Meets Function

A local designer creates a stylish and functional master bathroom in an Alexandria home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Once a modest room reserved for bathing, the bathroom has become a showcase for cutting-edge design and luxurious materials. One Alexandria family discovered this when they decided to remodel the long, narrow master bathroom in their colonial home.

"Our old fixtures were wearing out," said homeowner Pat Smith. "Also the bathroom layout was choppy and dark. There was plenty of square feet, but [the space] was inefficient."

The family hired Arlington designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. to transform the disjointed, utilitarian space into an oasis with a larger shower and additional areas for storage. "The client's request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan," said Mann. "Before the vanity space didn't feel connected to the rest of the bathroom ... and the [entire] space felt disconnected. The client wanted dual vanities ... and a more modern feel."

Smith wanted to add sparkle to the bathroom without the inconvenience of a complete destruction: "We wanted ... a space that had better flow and lighting without having to go through whole-scale demoli-



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Designer Allie Mann added a frameless glass shower and extra storage space when she remodeled the master bathroom of this Alexandria home.

tion. So the plumbing stayed mostly in the same location." The Case team did remove an interior door in the bathroom space, however. "We reoriented the swing of another existing door to make the space feel more connected and open," said Mann. "We

expanded the shower footprint by relocating a second sink. This gave the client the dual vanity she was looking for."

Senior project designer Steve Scholl said, "Because of the challenging existing layout, selection of materials and finishes were key

in making those challenges disappear." The new bathroom is outfitted with Kohler plumbing fixtures, a frameless glass shower, porcelain tile, Crystal cabinets and Cambria countertops. "We selected finishes that were current, modern and transitional, and low maintenance," said Mann.

Smith purchased matching vanity mirrors, which Mann said, "Really completed the vanity look and pulled the space together." Mann said that developing a good working relationship with the client was a key to achieving the homeowner's desires for the room. "This project was a challenge we were excited to tackle," she said. "We had a great rapport with the client from the start. We were in tune, in step with the concept and felt we could really deliver what [they] were looking for."

"The client's request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan"

— Allie Mann, project designer

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ONGOING

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. Artists share inspirations to create pieces combining the input of two or more artists. It is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. everyday except on Thursdays when it is open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 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/ for more.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at www.TheDelRayArtisans.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.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

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.

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 more from small farmers and food artisans within 100 miles of the area. EBT cards and WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted. Visit arcadiafood.org.

Theater Performance. Through Sunday, Nov. 3, see the premiere of “Gee’s Bend” at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Watch as the true story of the Pettway family unfolds during the Civil Rights Movement and they become famous for their iconic quilts. Performances for Gee’s Bend will be Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For ticket reservations call 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org. For information and group sales call 703-548-9044.

Encore Chorale. Mondays 10:30 a.m.-noon at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Register now for Encore Chorale’s fall season. The group of singers, ages 55 and up, practice classical and holiday songs to prepare for December performances. \$150 tuition. Visit encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

African American Activists Exhibition. Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria.

This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War

Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23, 2014. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia’s decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Metro Club After-School Program.

From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metroclubarts.org.

Art Exhibit. See the second Front Porch Installation by Ned Egan. “Leci n’est pas une Magrite” is on display at 18 W. Linden St.

Art Exhibit. See “Onstage” at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Composed of musicians, instruments and audiences, Cindi Lewis’ paintings allow viewers to enjoy a musical performances from a visual perspective. The display is open from Oct. 10-No.v 4. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. Artist John Gascot of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display the whole month of January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See “Disconnect” at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., through Nov. 3. This all-media exhibit showcases how technology impacts our lives. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Art Exhibit. See “Portent” in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., from Oct. 24 through Dec. 8. The works attempt to visually come to terms with, reflect or represent the magnitude of natural events. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See “Concrete, Glass and Color,” mosaic art by Jane Pettit at Crossroads Gallery at Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free. The exhibit runs Oct. 16 through Nov. 24. 703-578-7201.

Art Exhibit. “Sacred Earth, Healing Water” by Anne Bouie at Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through Nov. 11. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

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,

Bike Through History

The Center Hiking Club hosts this season’s final historic marker bicycle tour.

BY AMBER HEALY
GAZETTE PACKET

Now that last weekend’s heat wave is over and things are back to feeling fall-like, it’s time for the last historic marker bicycle tour of the season, led by Bernie Bern of the Center Hiking Club.

The ride, which starts at the East Falls Church Metro station Saturday morning, meanders along trails from Arlington into Falls Church and down to Alexandria, stopping roughly at one-mile intervals to examine and discuss the history of stone boundary markers.

Most of the markers are well over 100 years old, identifying property boundaries established by Washington, D.C.’s planners and cartographers, Berne said.

“We allow for a lot of time for talking about history,” he said, and as a result the 25-30 mile trip can take all day, should the riders want to make the full trip.

Originally, the markers were rather ornate for their time, featuring a compass mark on one side,

the year on another side, the seal of Virginia on another side, and a symbol of the U.S. on the last.

“These were the first government monuments,” Berne said.

Some of the markers are in decent shape, while others have been exposed to the elements so long, they might be difficult for the untrained eye to find.

The ones that tend to be in the best shape are those now on private property, meaning sometimes the tour will divert from the W&OD trail.

“One fellow created a path so people don’t walk into his yard,” but can still get up close to the marker, which he also maintains, Berne said.

Other markers can’t be reached easily at all, including one in the flood plane near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria. There, Four Mile Run typically covers the marker with water, but a special platform has been put up so the post can be seen at low tide.

In some locations where the markers have been lost to time, a plaque remains to identify the spot where a marker once stood. Berne said during the early 1900s, the Daughters of the American Revolution set out to dedicate the markers, putting

fences around them to preserve their locations. Of course, some of those plaques themselves have been lost or relocated, or have been rededicated several times, Berne said.

People interested in the bike tour are encouraged to take their time riding in the group, asking questions or adding anecdotes, he said.

cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and cornstalks are also available.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Everyday French Cooking

Techniques. Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Judy Harris Cooking School. Learn how to use knives and equipment while making dishes. Beginner and intermediate cooks encouraged to attend. \$85/person. Register at judyharris.com.

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.

Learn How to Make Toscana Food.

Saturday, Oct. 26 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.

Art Classes. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. For children ages 12 and up. Begin with drawing figures and lines and work up to

drawing in detail and on larger scale. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm to register.

Art Classes. Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. for children ages 9 and up.

Focuses on clay work in the studio. Begins Sept.11 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm to register.

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.

Seasonal Cupcake Decorating

Classes. Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m., Saturdays as scheduled and Sundays from 3-5 p.m. at Occasionally Cake, 207 King St. Learn four different designs for take-home cupcakes. \$60/person. Age 11 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.occasionallycake.com or 703-647-9638. Call for designs.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Submit Art for The Christmas

Attic’s Holiday Advent Calendar Art Celebration. The Christmas Attic is looking for 25 artist and/or community organizations (churches, schools, charities, businesses, individuals) who are interested in participating in this project. Each day

at sundown, one advent art piece will be revealed and illuminated. Visit www.christmasattic.com on how to submit the art. Sign up by Nov. 1.

OCT. 4 THROUGH 27

Art Exhibit. 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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Mother Goose Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. 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

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3 and up can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Oscar Film Series. 6 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1704.

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. live music will be part of the reception of "Onstage" at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Composed of musicians, instruments and audiences, Cindi Lewis' paintings allow viewers to enjoy a musical performances from a visual perspective. The display is open from Oct. 10-Nov. 4. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1702 for title.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear music by Rick Udler. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Archaeology Day at Shuter's Hill. 2-3 p.m. on the grounds of George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. See tours of the excavation conducted by city archaeologists and George Washington University field school students. Reservations required, archaeology@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4399.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Car Wash Fundraiser. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Luke's Church on Fort Hunt Road. Boy Scout Troop 1509 will wash cars to raise funds for troop equipment and trips.

Boundary Stone Bike Tour. Meet at 9:15 a.m. at the entrance to East Falls Church Metro station. See 12 historic boundary stones in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County. It is a leisurely bike ride with many stops. Bring lunch,



Old Town Theater Welcomes 'The Big Meow!'

Specially adapted for young audiences, Jane Franklin Dance offers a family-friendly performance of "The Big Meow!" Little Cat is taunted by neighborhood felines because his meow is too loud. The dance-based performance is adapted from the children's book by Baltimore author Elizabeth Spire and tells the story of an ever-hopeful cat who desperately wants to belong to the band of neighborhood cats.

Jane Franklin Dance presents "The Big Meow!" on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Tickets are on sale at \$15. Order in advance at www.oldtowntheater1914.com or purchased at the door. Box office phone: 703-533-5415. Visit www.janefranklin.com.

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There are two nomination categories:

- (1) Those who have contributed at least one tangible improvement to the quality of the city's life that would likely be missing without this person's vision and energy.
- (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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water and any type of bike. \$2/person. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more.

Lecture and Book Signing. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Jay Roberts "River to Rails: A Guidebook to Historical Markers in Old Town, Alexandria." Free. Reservations required, archaeology@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4399.

Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., enjoy a free tour of the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. The tour will highlight medicinal ingredients in the museum's collection, a professor of pharmacology will be on hand to share information about historic ingredients that are still used in modern medicines. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or 703-746-3852.

Free Meditation Workshop. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn breathing technique and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

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

Alexandria Arts Safari. Noon-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy hands-on arts and craft activities for children and their families. Children should wear clothing that can get dirty. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. "Sacred Earth, Healing Water" by Anne Bouie at Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through Nov. 11. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Get Wicked Event. 6-9 p.m. at The

Christmas Attic. Enjoy story time, face painting, spooky craft activities, tarot card reading. Get a free gift if dressed in costume. Visit www.christmasattic.com for more.

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Balalaika Society presents "Russkie Musikanti." \$20/advance; \$25/door; children are free. Visit www.balalaika.org or 703-54-0760.

Performance. 8 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King St. The Alexandria Choral Society will perform. \$25/adult; \$15/senior or military; \$10/student. Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org or 703-232-1664. Any federal employee furloughed as a result of the government shutdown may receive a free ticket at the door by showing government ID.

SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Tift Merritt. Opening for Over the Rhine at The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now. Visit www.tiftmerritt.com or www.birchmere.com.

Art Class. Enjoy a full-day workshop at Art at the Center learning how to use a Lilypad Arduino, a programmable microcontroller designed to work with traditional craft materials for development of textile projects that respond to input and interact with the environment. \$150/person age 12 and up includes a kit or \$200/parent-child pair. E-mail Kathryn@artatthecenter.org to register.

TUESDAY/OCT. 15

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.

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.

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.

Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. All skill levels can bring their own supplies and get help with their knitting, crochet or sewing project, or just come for the conversation. Free. 703-746-1703.

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

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Hear music by the National Chamber Players. Free. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or 703-933-4135.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15-16

Kenny G. At The Birchmere 3701 Mount Vernon Ave.. \$65. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com or www.kennyg.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 16

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.

Laptime Rhythm and Rhyme. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children up to 18 months with

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Lecture. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Dr. Peter Henriques, professor emeritus of history from George Mason University, presents George Washington and the Invention of Nationhood, starting with 1783-1789. \$12/person or \$10/member. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

Book Sale Preview Night. 7 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Friends of Duncan Library can browse books that are available for sale. Memberships available at the door. 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. 17

Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers Club. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Proceeds will be donated by Yacht Haven Garden Club to local charities and organizations. For tickets contact Terra at tadmommy@verizon.net.

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Browse books for all ages and genres. 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. 10:30 a.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. 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.

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Poems and Stories of Edgar Allan Poe. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Actors from Guillotine Theatre will read some stories and poems. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vanessa Carlton performs. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Death & Dying During the Civil War" lecture. Free. 703-746-4554.

FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse hardbacks/paperbacks in all genres, DVDs, comics and more. 703-746-1702.

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.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Guided Bus Tour. Learn about the events surrounding the death of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865 and the escape route of his assassin, John Wilkes Booth. The itinerary will focus on sites in Washington, D.C. and southern Maryland. Tour departs from Fort Ward Museum at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Registration required. \$95/ members of Friends of Fort Ward, and \$110 for non-members, and includes a box lunch. Deadline to register is Oct. 7. 703-746-4848.

Annual Bazaar. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. More than 30 crafters will display their wares, lunch items will be offered, silent auction, bake sale and door prizes. 703-765-4573.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. at Olde Towne Theatre, 815 King St. See a performance of "The Big Meow," adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spire. \$10-\$20/person. Visit www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5315.

Author Discussion. 10 a.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Jay Roberts will discuss and then sign copies of his book "River to Rails: A Guidebook to Historical Markers in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia." Free, but reservations required.

Nelly's Needlers Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway. Browse hundreds of handmade gifts and items for the home, as well as preserves and home prepared goodies. All proceeds benefit Historic Woodlawn. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/.

Community Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Louis School, 2901 Popkins Lane. Events include train rides, slides, games, food, bake sale, vendors and apple pie bake-off. Free admission. Small fee for each activity. 703-799-4844.

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse hardbacks/paperbacks in all genres, DVDs, comics and more. 703-746-1702.

Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. Watch a puppet show, hear music, nature center displays, face painting and more. Admission is free, but tickets required for pony rides, scarecrow building and other events. 703-746-5592.

Friends of Duncan Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Browse books, CDs and more. 703-746-1705.

Friends of Beatley Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse books, CDs and more. 703-746-1702.

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

Fall Festival. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. Features a chili and mac 'n cheese cook-off, obstacle course, games, bake sale and more. Tickets cost \$0.50 or 40 for \$15. There will also be a raffle. Visit www.plymouthhaven.org for more.

Old and Rare Appraisals. Noon at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Allan Stypek will do book appraisals. Free. 703-746-1702.

Oscar Film Series. 2 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1704.

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p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Enjoy games, live German music, authentic German food and more. Visit staidansepiscopal.com or 703-360-4220 for more.

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Spirits, Suffering, and Society: Death in Civil War Alexandria. 6-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Enjoy re-enactments of a soldier facing his death and more. \$15/person. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Italian Concert. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Features Washington National Opera singers. \$30 includes dinner by Pema's at 6:30 p.m. Call 703-360-1964 ext. 4 for reservations.

Speakeasy Party and Silent Auction. 7-10 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy cocktails, heavy appetizers, silent auction and more. \$40/member; \$45/non-member. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us for tickets. Period dress encouraged.

Cake Tasting and Decorating Contest. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Children 18 years of age and under can enter in one category; adults above age 18 can enter the second category. There will also be a Kids Zone, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, food and more. Submit an entry application online at www.celebrationMVL.com or 703-360-6925. Deadline is Oct. 14.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. See Countertop in concert. \$15 suggested donations, with proceeds benefiting United Community ministries. 703-765-4342.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Walk for Homeless Animals. 9 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy a 1.5-mile walk through Old Town to help the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria prevent pet overpopulation and curb animal homelessness. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org/walk to learn more and register.

Book Sale. 1-4:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse hardbacks/paperbacks in all genres, DVDs, comics and more. 703-746-1702.

Cauldron Tea. 2 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Enjoy a spooky afternoon tea and a tour of the museum where you can learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Costumes encouraged. \$30/adult; \$15/child age 5-12. Reservations required 703-549-2997.

In the Company of President James Madison. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Be transported back to Oct. 20, 1813 as President James Madison discusses the unfolding events. Reservations recommended. \$15/person; \$10/student. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

"All That Jazz" Benefit. 5-8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Celebrate and support At Home in Alexandria with a silent auction, music and more. 703-231-0824.

Music Performance. Focus Music presents Jack Gabriel with Michelle Swan at 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. \$18/advance; \$15/member. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Farewell Tour: Dr. Ralph Stanley. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Cost is \$35. Call 703-549-7500.

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News

Negative Campaign

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each other. After McAuliffe and Cuccinelli finished Sunday evening, Sarvis offered a critical review.

"A lot of negative attacks. Not a whole lot of substance," said Sarvis, who is polling at about 10 percent support. "And if you want to see dysfunction of voting out of fear for the lesser of two evils, look at the federal government right now."

After the candidates were finished making their pitches, many of the voters had a hard time processing what they heard. The stump speeches left many wondering what the candidates would do if elected. Many of the voters at the Annandale forum said they felt the tone of the campaign had become distractingly negative, a series of attacks and counter-attacks that left many feeling isolated from the process.

"Politics has become a blame game," said Deborah Williams of Fairfax City. "They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they

can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

RECENT POLLS have shown a clear and growing lead for McAuliffe, with the Democrat running 5 to 7 percentage points ahead of the Republicans. That lead grows even larger if the Libertarian is included in the polls, giving the Democrat an eight-point lead in one poll. Republicans reject the idea that their candidates are in trouble, though. When asked about polling numbers, McConville said Republicans seem more motivated than the Democrats.

"I think that there's a lack of feeling of that same kind of excitement on the McAuliffe side," said McConville. "He's obviously a problematic candidate."

Democrats say they feel national Republicans have delivered an October surprise that has harmed their side, the government shutdown. On the campaign trail and in interviews, Democrats are making the case that Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket are aligned with obstructionists in Washington.

"I feel that Ken Cuccinelli is at a desperate point in his campaign," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who is chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "He attacked Terry time and time again instead of talking about what he would do for Virginia."

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— Deborah Williams of Fairfax City

ACVA Offers Free 'Key to the City'

Alexandria is expanding its free "Key to the City" program announced last week — it is now available during the government shutdown to any visitor staying overnight at an Alexandria hotel.

The "Key to the City" booklet includes admission to nine historic sites (worth \$26) and more than 100 special offers at area attractions, shops and restaurants.

"We want everyone to know that Alexandria is open for business," said Patricia Washington, President of the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association. "What

better way than to offer free entrance to our historic sites and museums, just steps from Old Town's cultural, dining and boutique scene."

To receive a booklet, guests need to show their room key or receipt at the Alexandria Visitors Center located at the corner of King and Fairfax streets across from City Hall. The "Key to the City" offer is also available for free to federal government employees who show their federal ID.

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Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace (ret., second from right) is joined by his wife Lynne Pace, left, Miss America Nina Davuluri, and USO-Metro president and CEO Elaine Rogers at the USO Stars and Stripes Night gala Oct. 4 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington.

Circle of Stars USO honors top corporate donors.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The USO of Metropolitan Washington honored its top corporate sponsors Oct. 4 at the 10th Annual Stars and Stripes Night gala, naming 37 corporate donors to its 2013 Circle of the Stars.

"We are very honored and humbled that these corporate sponsors are active and generous supporters of USO-Metro," said USO-Metro president and CEO Elaine Rogers. "Because of the incredible support of these companies, we are able to provide a broad range of programs to service members and their families, including programs for children with deployed parents, support services for spouses and emergency housing programs."

Held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, more than 500 USO-Metro supporters attended the event, including Person of Interest television actor Kevin Chapman, WWE star Mark Henry, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace

(ret.) and newly crowned Miss America Nina Davuluri.

"It's a great experience to be here," said Kathleen Causey, wife of Army Sgt. First Class Aaron Causey, an EOD team leader who lost both legs in Afghanistan in December 2011. "The USO has been such an integral part of Aaron's recovery and my own recovery as a spouse."

Causey and her husband have spent the last several months at the new USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir, the largest facility of its kind in the world. The 20,000-square-foot facility offers services for recovering soldiers and serves as a family hub to support wounded warriors' families.

"The services and support provided by the USO are invaluable to our wounded warriors and their families," Kathleen Causey said. "We would not be here today without the financial support of the businesses in the Circle of Stars."

The Circle of Stars presentation was the centerpiece of the night and highlighted the value of cor

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"Because of the USO, I know that both my husband and I will be taken care of and provided for."

— Kathleen Causey, wife of wounded warrior SFC Aaron Causey.



SFC Aaron Causey and his wife Kathleen enjoy the USO gala. Causey, an EOD team leader, lost both legs above the knee in Afghanistan in December of 2011.



SFC Jonathan Grundy, 82nd Airborne Division liaison to Fort Belvoir and Walter Reed, and his wife Karen try their luck at the gaming tables during the USO Stars and Stripes Night gala Oct. 4.

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Council Declines To Set New Goals for Affordable Housing

FROM PAGE 1

ment,” said Herb Cooper-Levy, longtime advocate for affordable housing in Alexandria. “The displacement of low-income people in this city has increased the tax dollars the city collects, much more than the paltry sums of money than we are talking about here.”

In choosing to direct staff to include the options for additional funding in the appendix rather than include them as goals in the Housing Master Plan, the elected leaders have set aside the unanimous recommendation of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Members of the committee say they felt compelled to go with the most aggressive option available to make the case for funding affordable housing, although the elected officials have a range of competing funding priorities to consider.

“I feel that they would like to be in a position to choose a different option,” said Carter Flemming, a member of the advisory committee. “Why would they say they were going to commit to spending \$10 million when other things may supersede their ability to do that without substantially raising taxes?”

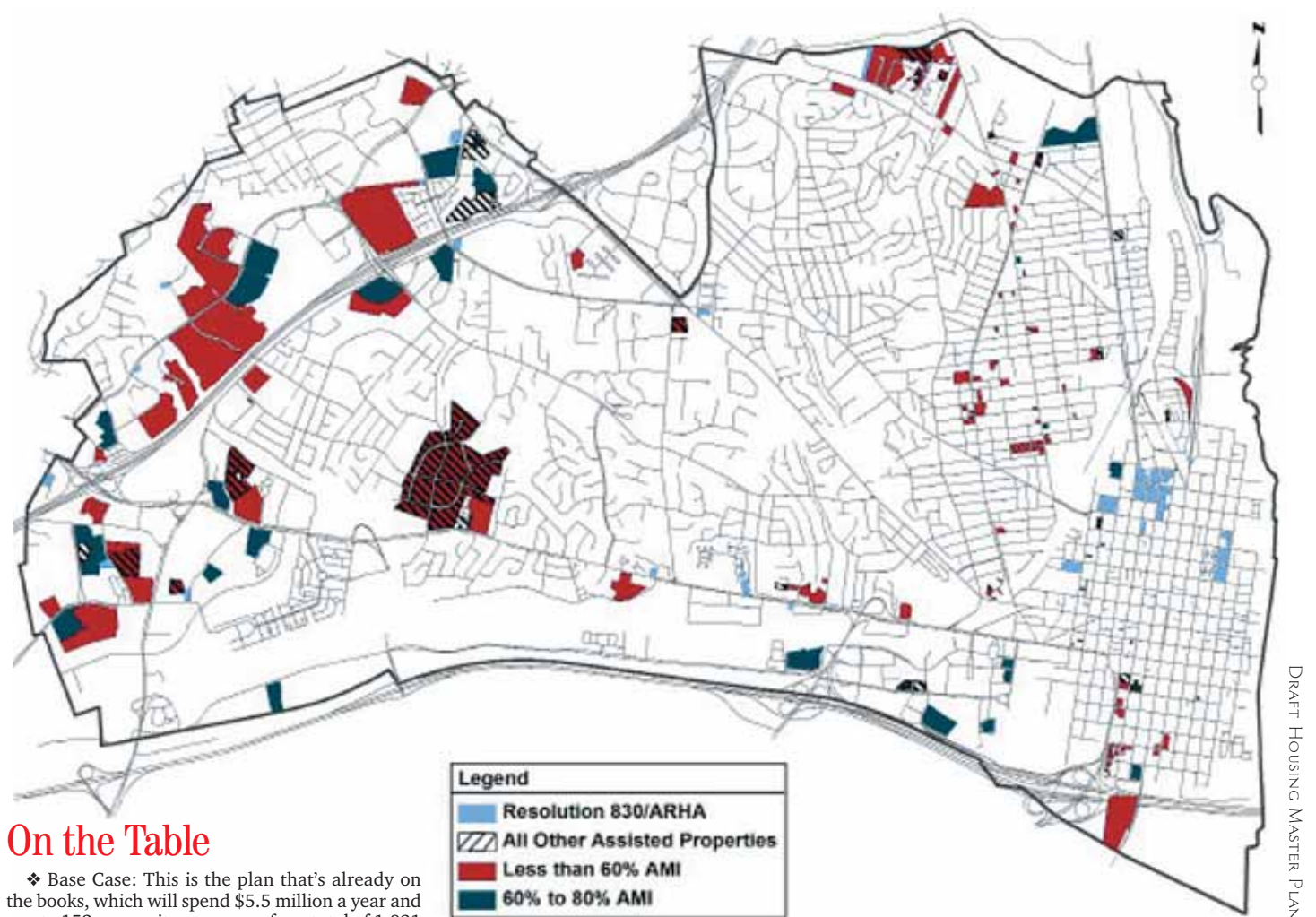
ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL last year, all the successful candidates talked about the importance of preserving affordable housing. Now that they have been elected, though, they must balance that interest with funding schools and sewers, a struggle that has become increasingly challenging as fewer dollars are available from the federal government. Meanwhile, market-rate affordable housing units continue to disappear as developers build high-end units to make a profit.

“We are going to have to decide what kind of community we want to be,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “And we are going to have to take a look at our needs and challenges over the next five, 10 and 15 years.”

For now, Euille concluded, that means going with the status quo. After an extended discussion of the options for increases Tuesday, members of the council were divided. Some believed that the Housing Master Plan should include some kind of goal for increased spending. Others believed that the goal should be for units preserved rather than dollars appropriated. Paul Smedberg took issue with the idea that the city government was standing on the sidelines letting affordable housing disappear.

“It makes me so angry,” said Smedberg. “It makes it sound like we have done nothing.”

LAST YEAR saw the issue of affordable housing take a prominent role in debate over the Beauregard small-area plan. Washington-based developer JBG plans to demolish 2,500 units of market-rate affordable housing that are now clustered along the sweeping hills of the West End. City Council members secured a deal that would create 800 units of dedicated affordable housing, a plan that is financed with \$52 million from the developer as well as tax-increment financing from future residents.



On the Table

❖ **Base Case:** This is the plan that's already on the books, which will spend \$5.5 million a year and create 152 new units every year for a total of 1,821 units by 2024.

❖ **Option 1:** This plan would spend an additional \$1.6 million a year to create an additional 407 new units every year. That would offer a total of 2,228 units by 2024.

❖ **Option 2:** This plan would spend an additional \$3.5 million a year to create an additional 880 units every year. That would offer a total of 2,701 units by 2024.

❖ **Option 3:** This plan would spend an additional \$5.7 million a year to create an additional 1,100 units every year. That would offer a total of 2,921 units by 2024.

Those units form the core of what city officials call the “base case,” affordable housing units that have already been funded.

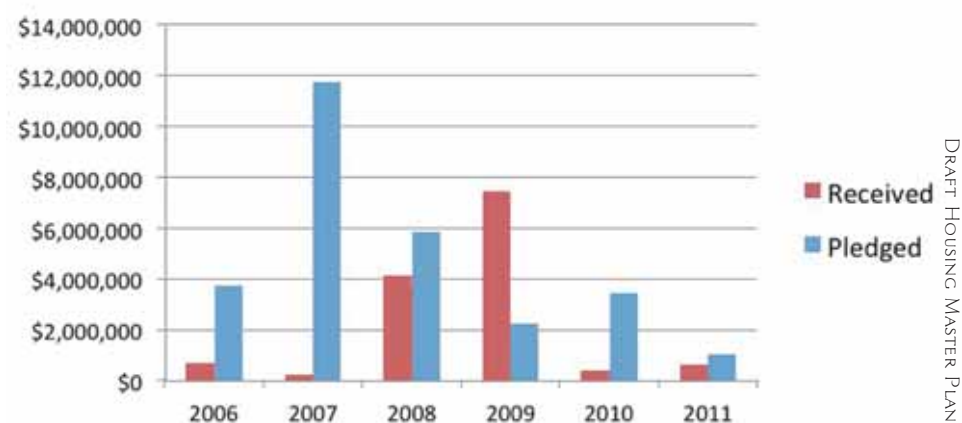
“We want to make sure that everyone can find a place in Alexandria,” said Mildrilyn Davis, director of the Office of Housing. “But the last thing we want to do is pick a target that we couldn't achieve.”

But making that goal a reality may prove to be difficult. According to a draft Housing Master Plan, the greatest need is for units at the lowest end of the scale. Alexandria currently has no committed permanent affordable units or subsidized market units for those who earn 30 percent of the area median income. City officials estimate the unmet need for units in this category is more than 3,000.

“The steady loss of affordability in rental housing due to pressures in Alexandria's multifamily market have caused many low- and moderate-income households to be priced out of the city by those who can afford to pay more for rent,” the plan concludes. “The economic reality is that many households who would choose to live in Alexandria simply can't afford to move here, while many who live here now, especially

A map of Alexandria's market-rate affordable rental housing.

Alexandria Housing Trust Fund Pledges and Contributions, FY 2006 - 2011



seniors, are worried that they won't be able to afford to remain.”

BUDGETING EXTRA MONEY for affordable housing is the real sticking point, especially considering the funding goals will appear as options in the appendix of the Housing Master Plan and not part of a larger budget. That means they are divorced from all the trade-offs that normally take place during the budget cycle, a time when the city manager presents an outline that is amended by City Council members. During Tuesday's discussion, Councilman Justin Wilson pointed out that during the last budget cycle, none of the members proposed anything more than a \$1.3 million increase to the affordable housing budget.

“The best any of us could do individually

was \$1.3 million,” said Wilson. “We just don't know what the trade-offs are going to be.”

Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg repeatedly pressed for asking the city staff to include some kind of goal for increased funding to affordable housing, even if it was an “aspirational goal” City Manager Rashad Young talked about when asked about the funding options. But the consensus was that the Housing Master Plan should include the previously funded affordable housing units as a goal while including the three additional funding options as information to be included in the appendix.

“We have to send a signal that this is a top priority,” said Silberberg. “I think we need to put our money where our mouths are.”

Board Selects Interim Superintendent of Schools

Veteran schools administrator chosen to serve as temporary head of schools.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Last year, Alvin Crawley took the reins of the Prince George's public school system after months of upheaval. Now he's taking on a similar role in Alexandria, where School Board members recently bought out the remainder of the employment contract for former Superintendent Morton

Sherman, the controversial administrator who clashed with teachers and city leaders during his five years in office.

"Our school board sought an interim superintendent who could lead our efforts to increase the achievement of all students and analyze our gap issues," said School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf. "He impressed us during a conversation on the importance of sound leadership during this interim phase when he said, 'The students cannot wait for us; we need to serve them now.'"

Crawley takes the helm of the city's school system at a critical time. Six of Alexandria's schools failed to meet minimum standards, according to standardized test scores released last month by the Virginia Department of Education.



Crawley

takeover that could seize control of the school from local leaders. That puts Crawley in the middle of an educational and political firestorm.

"Yes, this is a difficult situation. But I have no doubt that he will handle it," said School Board member Pat Hennig. "His background is excellent, and everyone I've talked to is high in praise for

his leadership."

CRAWLEY HAS a bachelor's degree in communication disorders and education from Hampton University in Virginia and earned a master's degree in speech and language pathology from Northeastern University in Boston. He also has a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He spent the majority of his career in education in Arlington Public Schools, where was assistant superintendent of student services and director of special education. He has also worked in Boston Public Schools, Chicago Public Schools and District of Columbia Public Schools.

"I feel it is essential for an interim superintendent to engage in a collaborative fashion with the school board, community, administrators and the staff to ensure a productive and successful school year," said Crawley in a written statement. "I have spent the last 33 years dedicated to children in many different communities, and

I'm honored to be able to bring that same dedication to this community."

The School Board bought out the contract of previous superintendent Morton Sherman in August after conflicts between the superintendent and board. Sherman was the second consecutive superintendent to leave under a cloud, following former Superintendent Rebecca Perry who was forced out after a drunk-driving arrest. School Board member Marc Williams was the lone member to oppose the buyout, suggesting that it would set a troubling precedent and create a roadblock to hiring a new superintendent.

"This will make Dr. Sherman the second superintendent in a row to be bought out," said Williams during an emergency session last month. "What a perverse recruitment model."

Now that Crawley is on board, School Board members will begin a nationwide search for the next superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Cortez Taylor is a member of the fall 2013 varsity football team at Stevenson University. Cortez is a graduate of T. C. Williams High School.

Vanessa Bonner graduated with a doctorate of physical therapy from Baylor University.

Chenae Jean Nelson graduated with a doctorate of physical therapy from Baylor University.

The following students graduated from Radford University: earning bachelor of science degrees were **Martin Bernard Miller**, communication; **Meron Mengestab**, biology; and **Chantell Nicole Williams**, exercise, sport and health education. Earning a bachelor of business administration degree was **Patrick J. Reiley**, management.

Three T.C. Williams High School seniors are semifinalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program: **Stephen Lockett**, **Brendan P. Kerwin** and **Carter W. Goodwin**.

T.C. Williams High School senior **Edom Tesfa**, was named a semifinalist in the 50th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Tesfa, who serves as an appointed student liaison to the Alexandria City School Board, plans to major in international relations and affairs.

Army Cadet **Lawrence J. Lincoln III** has received an Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) scholarship to the Virginia Military Institute. Lincoln is a student at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. He is the son of Lawrence Lincoln II of Alexandria. Lincoln graduated in 2012 from T. C. Williams High School.

Alyaa Alsalam of Alexandria graduated from the University of New Haven with an M.A. in industrial/organizational psychology.

Lillian Smith, class of 2016, is a member of the Denison University field hockey team. Lillian is a graduate of Episcopal High School.

Kami Richter started coursework at Fort Lewis College. Richter's major is anthropology.

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Construction Moves Forward at The Exchange

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323 residential units, broke ground last February with occupancy expected in September of 2014.

"This project is about a future generation of Alexandrians and Northern Virginians," said Moran, who also made a reference to the lack of productivity on Capitol Hill. "This will be part of a new community where residents can live, work and shop without having to deal with extended traffic interruptions."

The Exchange at Potomac Yard comprises nearly 2 million square feet of mixed-use development in Potomac Yard, a 300-acre development of a former rail yard that spans 4 miles along Route 1.

The project incorporates nine buildings surrounding a Town Square and will feature 1.1 million square feet of office and hotel space, 110,000 square feet of retail space and approximately 670 residential units.

"There was a time when someone who owned a football team thought this would be a good place for a stadium," Euille said in reference to former Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke eyeing Potomac Yard as a site for the team in the early 1990s.

"That controversy inspired many in this community to get involved and say 'We can do better for Alexandria.'"

Notch 8, named for the railroad term meaning "full speed ahead," was part of the groundbreaking ceremony and will feature 253 residential units, 12 of which are designated affordable, and a Giant grocery store.

An anticipated third phase of the development, a nearly 400,000-square-foot headquarters for the Institute of Defense Analyses, will be built on land just north of the Alric and Notch 8, which sit along the Route 1 corridor at the intersection of Main Line Boulevard and E. Glebe Road.

The future Potomac Line Metro station with Yellow and Blue Line service will be adjacent to The Exchange. The station is currently in the funding and design stages.

"Once we get the Metro station finalized and BRT done, the transit project here will be second to none and an economic boom for the city," Euille

"Unlike the folks on Capitol Hill, we are moving ahead and keeping people working."

— JGB managing partner Matt Kelly.



Attendees listen to remarks prior to the groundbreaking ceremony for The Exchange at Potomac Yard.



Frederick Rothmeijer, a principle with MidAtlantic Realty Partners, talks about future development prior to the Oct. 9 groundbreaking for The Exchange at Potomac Yard.

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U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) praises the vision of developers at the groundbreaking ceremony for The Exchange at Potomac Yard.



Alexandria Director of Planning and Zoning Faroll Hamer makes remarks at the groundbreaking of The Exchange at Potomac Yard.

said. "There is still a lot of economic opportunity here for the future of Alexandria."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Andy Van Horn, vice president of the JGB Companies, announced a contribution to Rebuilding Together Alexandria and The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

"Rather than give everyone some memento of today that may sit on your desk for a week, we decided to make a donation to these two organizations that do so much for Alexandria," Van Horn said. Each organization will receive \$5,000.



The Exchange at Potomac Yard is a mixed-use project that will be anchored by a Giant grocery store.

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Photographer Jean-Louis Montreux, right, helps customer Meghan Maloney select one of his images.



Newlyweds Megan and Bill Blackburn take a break from serving customers outside Pork Barrel BBQ.



Shennell Coit, Lt. Deborah Vaughn and Deputy Valarie Wright of the Alexandria Sheriff's Department showcase artwork created by inmates at the Alexandria Detention Center.



Sydney Huller, 5, enjoys the sand art creation at Art on the Avenue.

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Art on the Avenue Record crowds turn out for Del Ray festival.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

More than 50,000 people took to the streets of Del Ray Oct. 5 for the 18th annual Art on the Avenue, one of Alexandria's premiere events and largest arts festivals in the mid-Atlantic region.

"I believe this was our biggest crowd ever," said Art on the Avenue founder Pat Miller. "We had over 350 vendors and two kids' stages. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and the day went very, very smoothly from an organizer's standpoint."

Sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association, artisans and craftsmen from throughout the region exhibited their wares

along Mount Vernon Avenue as festival goers enjoyed entertainment, children's games and delicacies prepared by Del Ray restaurants. "This year felt very special for some reason," Miller said. "In addition to the vendors, we had a great variety of events like the chalk art mural and special children's activities. The little value-added things made it all work even better."

Miller credited the volunteer committee chairs for the success of the event.

"The day was absolutely smashing," Miller said. "And it was all due to our wonderful committee chairs. They took care of any problems that came up, which allowed me to sit back and just watch everyone enjoy themselves. It was really just an amazing day."

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Eminent Domain on the Table

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next to Young at the press conference this week, the mayor said he has changed his position.

“The time has come where, after 10 years, I must change my approach and we’ll have to do what’s in the best interest of the citizens of this great historic city,” said Euille. “And the citizens are crying out and saying to us, ‘Move on. Enough is enough.’”

THE WATERFRONT PLAN has long been a source of frustration and disagreement in Alexandria, where development pressures are calling for construction while neighbors are urging restraint. The zoning change that was eventually adopted by City Council members includes a plan to transform the parking lot at the foot of King Street into a public plaza city leaders are calling Fitzgerald Park after former Alexandria Mayor John Fitzgerald. Recommendation 3.72 of the waterfront plan calls for the city to “pursue eliminating the ODBC parking lot along The Strand, preferably through negotiation with the ODBC.”

“The elimination of the parking lot creates the opportunity for a major new public space between the Fitzgerald warehouse and the water,” according to the plan. “This would open up continuous public access along the waterfront and increase the amount of public space at one of the most important locations on the waterfront.”

Over the summer, city leaders offered an ultimatum to the boat club. If boat club members agree to reduce the size of the parking lot to 11,500 square feet, the Alexandria city government would be willing to construct a public plaza along the Strand side of the lot. City officials say they want boat storage to be moved to an off-site storage facility, an idea that boat club leaders have resisted. Many members question the idea that the club should cut a deal with city leaders at all.

“I don’t see any reason to give the city anything,” said Townsend Van Fleet, a boat club member who ran against Euille in 2003. “We had a lawsuit with the feds for more than 30 years, and the land was awarded to the boat club. And now the city comes along and wants to take parts of the same land that we fought over with the feds.”

THE BOAT CLUB never responded to the city’s ultimatum, leaving Alexandria officials in an awkward position. They can either wait for a response and hope to continue negotiations or take more drastic steps. During the press conference at City Hall this week, city leaders were clear that the time for business-as-usual has run its course. By putting eminent domain back on the table and scheduling the November public hearing, city leaders have set the stage for a confrontation this fall.

“In our view, the goalpost has moved,” said Young. “We have been unable to reach anything that looks like, on balance, a compromise position.”

Moving forward with eminent domain on a project of this size and scale would be unprecedented in Alexandria, where city leaders have traditionally been hesitant to even talk about the subject. Now that the legal challenges to the waterfront plan have receded, though, city leaders are trying to move forward with implementation. That means the stakes are higher than they’ve ever been, especially now that all three sites slated for redevelopment are rapidly moving toward some kind of development spe-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille and Alexandria City Manager Rashad Young appear at a press conference Tuesday at City Hall to threaten the use of eminent domain against the Old Dominion Boat Club.

cial use permit.

The two sides need to work together,” warned former Republican City Councilman Frank Fannon, a member of the boat club. “We see what’s going on up on Capitol Hill. That’s not the way you do business, and that’s not the way we do things here in the city of Alexandria.”

THE POLITICS of eminent domain could pose a serious challenge for council members, whose term ends in 2015. Last year, voters approved an amendment to the Virginia Constitution allowing land owners to seek damages from local governments if they can prove a loss of profits or a loss of access. That could pose a new potential hurdle for city leaders that was not there before the amendment, a change that could end up costing taxpayers more.

“The recent constitutional amendment did expand the definition of just compensation,” said City Attorney James Banks. “So any use of eminent domain after the passage of that constitution amendment potentially increases the cost of acquiring property pursuant to eminent domain.”

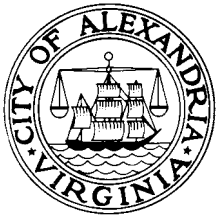
Banks said it was too early to tell how much more money would be involved because the city has not yet initiated the process of conducting a valuation of the property, one of the first steps in determining a real-market value that the city would pay during a condemnation proceeding. Advocates for the amendment say the revised Virginia Constitution offers better safeguards to property owners than were available before voters overwhelmingly approved the amendment.

“While it certainly isn’t perfect, it’s a huge improvement over the previous text,” said Ilya Somin, professor of law at George Mason University. “It can no longer be said that Virginia’s state constitution is one of the worst in the country in protecting property rights against eminent domain.”

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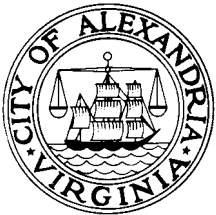
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Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-3-14 (RULES AND REGULATIONS) of Article B (PURCHASING DIVISION) and Section 3-3-36 (NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID) of Division 1 (COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING) and Section 3-3-72 (SMALL PURCHASES) Division 3 (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS), all of Article D (CONTRACT FORMATION AND METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION) of Chapter 3 (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would amend the procurement ordinance by providing the City Manager, or his designee, with authorization to adjust, by regulation, any dollar value threshold set forth in the City’s procurement ordinance up to any similar threshold authorized by the Virginia Public Procurement Act when in the best interest of the City. The amendment also repeals the requirement that notice of Invitations to Bid be published in a newspapers circulate in the City and allows the Purchasing Agent to advertise such notices by other methods. Finally, the amendment increases the small purchasing thresholds to the amount set forth in the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-200 (PARKER-GRAY DISTRICT) of Article 10 (HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS) and Section 6-403 (GENERAL REGULATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS) in Section 6-400 (HEIGHT DISTRICTS) of Article 6 (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0007

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(Implementing Ordinance for the Parker-Gray Regulations Text Amendment approved by the City Council on September 21, 2013)
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2013-0007 to revise the Parker-Gray Historic District regulations.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0005 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment. (Implementing Ordinance for the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Amendment approved by City Council on February 23, 2013)
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption Master Plan Amendment No. 2012-0005 to incorporate the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan into the Master Plan for the City of Alexandria approved by the City Council on February 23, 2013.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-2-29 (STREET ENCROACHMENTS) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 2 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended (As approved by the City Council with the revisions to the Parker-Gray regulations on September 21, 2013)
The proposed ordinance amends Section 5-2-20 of the City Code consistent with the amendment approved by the City Council on September 21, 2013 with the changes to the Parker-Gray Historic District regulations to allow certain fences to encroach into the right-of-way in such district.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 7 (BICYCLES), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by amending certain sections thereof as set forth more fully below.
The proposed ordinance makes changes to the City code eliminating antiquated and used bicycle registration procedures.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 4.2 (MASSAGE REGULATIONS) of Title 11 (HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY REGULATIONS) and repeal Section 9-1-59 of Chapter 1 (BUSINESS LICENSES) of Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) and Section 13-1-35 of Chapter 1 (GENERAL OFFENSES) of Title 13 (MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would repeal the local licensing of massage therapists and massage establishments, with the exception of massage therapists who are operating without a state license.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Division 1 (REAL ESTATE), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.
The proposed ordinance adds a new Section 3-2-190 creating the Eisenhower Avenue Science Redevelopment District, defining the boundaries of the district and setting forth the terms and conditions for and levels of partial real estate tax exemptions therein.

PUBLIC HEARING on the proposal to name the City-owned former Duron Paint Building: The Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park.

PUBLIC HEARING on the proposal to name the City fields on Braddock Road: The Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park.

Public Hearing to Obtain Citizens’ Input on the City’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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West Springfield Volleyball Sweeps T.C. Williams

Foreman leads Titans with eight kills.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

After edging the T.C. Williams Titans in the first two sets, the West Springfield volleyball team left little doubt in the third.

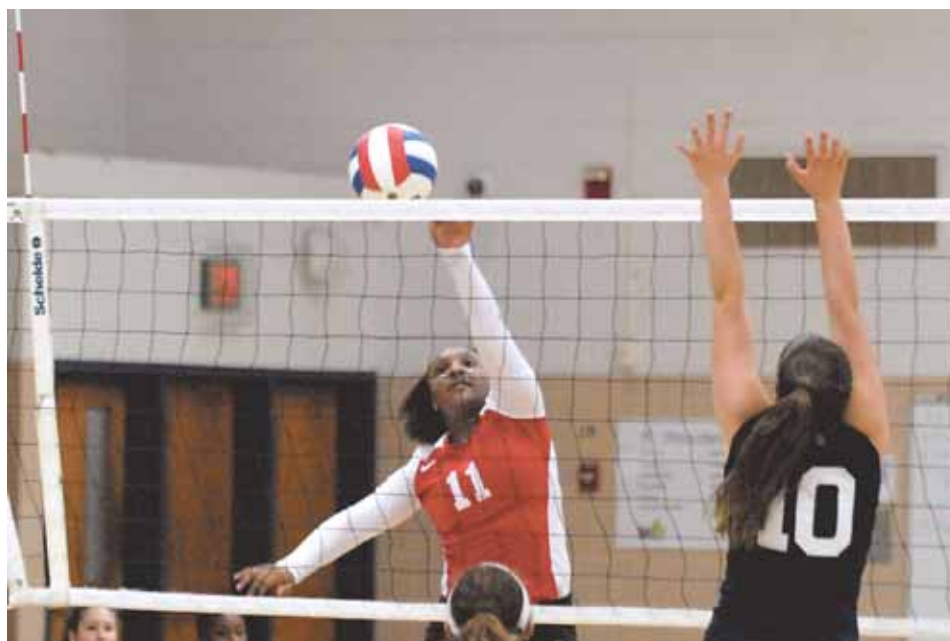
Led by a pair of aces and a kill from Monica Naderi-Colon, the Spartans opened the third set with an 11-1 run and cruised to a 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-7) victory at West Springfield High School.

In the Spartans' previous match, a 3-0 loss to Robinson on Sept. 30, West Springfield lost a pair of close sets before suffering a lopsided defeat in the third. This time, it was the Spartans coming out on top in such a manner — something head coach Stephanie Noriega credited to mental toughness.

"I was really proud of my girls for stepping up their mental game today," Noriega said. "We had a rough game last week against Robinson, where we kind of mentally collapsed, so we've been working on that for the last week, and they really did it. It was all them. They stepped up to that challenge of playing mentally stronger and I think that's what made the difference in those first two sets."

"... It's funny because the exact same thing happened to us last week against Robinson. The first two sets were super close ... and then the third set, we were the TC of tonight, where we just kind of imploded at the end."

Senior middle blocker Tina Nagel led West Springfield with 10 kills. Naderi-Colon and Jennifer Zimmerman each had eight kills for the Spartans.



Alexus Foreman led T.C. Williams with eight kills against West Springfield on Tuesday.

Sydney Cordoba and Naderi-Colon each had three aces.

West Springfield overcame a 15-10 deficit to win the second set. Trailing 23-22, the Spartans scored the final three points, including an ace from Naderi-Colon and a kill by Zimmerman.

"We really dug deep as a team and we really had to come together," Nagel said. "We started talking and once we started talking, everything just kind of fell together. We got out of our funk and we played our game."

"I think that TC is a good team and they were playing well, but I think we came together as a team and when we play really well, we can beat the best teams."

T.C. Williams (10-5) suffered its first loss since Sept. 21, when the Titans fell to Madison in the semifinals of the Stallion Stam-

pede tournament. TC head coach Michael Burch said the Titans changed their scoring philosophy after the graduation of 6-foot-1 standout Kate Whitmire, a four-year varsity athlete who tallied 549 kills as a senior in 2012. Whitmire is now a freshman on the James Madison University volleyball team. This year, TC is relying on serving and passing. On Tuesday, the Titans struggled in both areas, Burch said.

"We actually did not play very well in the first two [sets]," Burch said "... We did not pass or serve very well. ... Losing the close ones was our fault."

Sophomore Alexis Foreman led TC with eight kills. Burch said the 5-foot-2 left-hander is smart in the way she attacks.

Senior libero Savannah Devereux and sophomore Amara Edwards each had three aces.



T.C. Williams junior Audrey Dervarics sets the ball during Tuesday's match against West Springfield.

"To the credit of the girls, they've really stepped up without Kate and without Sydney [Trout]," Burch said, "and played a different style and [handled] everything that's been thrown at them."

Noriega praised TC after the match.

"I'm impressed with TC," she said. "Shoutout to them for having a strong team after kind of resting on Kate for the last couple of years."

In a lot of ways, I'm much more impressed with them this year than the past couple years. You take that team and Kate to it, they'd be unstoppable. So shoutout to them. They're a solid team. I hope I don't have to play them again."

West Springfield (11-8) will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. T.C. Williams (10-5) will host Washington-Lee.

ODBC Select Girls Capture 1st, 2nd Place at Occoquan Challenge

The Old Dominion Boat Club Select Crew team turned in another strong performance in their second race of the Fall rowing season, coming away with a victory and second place honors this past Sunday at the Occoquan Challenge.

Leading the way for the Old Town-based crew was the ODBC Select girls' first 8, who won their opening race of the season by 11 seconds in Georgetown on Sept. 29, and repeated the feat by taking top honors at Occoquan on Oct. 6. The Select girls' victory was again decisive — they crossed the finish line with a time of 15:54.95, more than 40 seconds faster than the second place boat from the Resilient Rowing Club.

Members of the ODBC Select Crew Girls First 8 include coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Jessy Willis, Kyra McClary, Katie Pickup, Rebecca Gehring, Amelia Bender, Lilly Lane, Maeve Bradley and Maura Nakahata.

The first 8 was not the only ODBC boat

that finished near the top this past weekend at Occoquan. Capturing second place honors was the ODBC Select girls' junior 4, who passed four boats in their race and finished with a time of 18:22.23, while the ODBC Select girls' second 8 captured fourth place by turning in a time of 17:04.03.

Also turning in a solid showing this past weekend was the ODBC Select boys' junior 4, who passed five boats in their hard-fought headrace and crossed the finish line with a time of 16:38.12, placing them fifth out of 15 boats.

The ODBC Select Crew is comprised of more than 80 student athletes from such area high schools as T.C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, West Potomac, Georgetown Visitation, and McLean. The crew is guided by head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt, Assistant Girls Coach Jaime Rubini, head boys' coach Audrey Shankles, and head girls' sculling coach Nick Johnson.

The crew's next race sees them return to Sandy Run Regional Park this coming Sunday, Oct. 13, for the Occoquan Chase.



Coxswain Rosa Procaccino steers the ODBC Select girls' first 8 past a boat and around a buoy on their way to victory at the Occoquan Challenge on Oct. 6. In addition to Procaccino, members of the first 8 include (from left) Jessy Willis, Kyra McClary, Katie Pickup, Rebecca Gehring, Amelia Bender, Lilly Lane, Maeve Bradley and Maura Nakahata.

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News



Children from Alive! House pose for a photo at the finish line of the Rock & Stroll 5k to end homelessness Sept. 28 at Cameron Run Park. The event benefitted local nonprofits dedicated to serving the homeless.



ACT executive director John Porter crosses the finish line with a time of 32:13.

Rock & Stroll 5K walk and run helps local homeless nonprofits.

Hundreds of area residents flocked to Cameron Run Regional Park Sept. 28 for the Rock and Stroll 5K Community Walk and Run to end homelessness.

Sponsored by Acacia Federal Savings Bank, the day-long event benefitted five local organizations dedicated to the fight against homelessness in Northern Virginia: Wesley Housing Development Corp.; New Hope Housing; Alive!; Community Lodgings, and the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless.

Kerrin Epstein ran the 5K with the fastest time of 23:15 minutes, inching out Alex Horning by one second.

ACT for Alexandria executive director John Porter finished with a time of 32:13.

"I'm not the best runner," Porter said with a laugh moments after crossing the finish line. "But it's great to be here today to support these organizations that are doing such amazing work in our community."

For more information, visit www.rockandstroll.net.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Jose Centano enjoys the festivities at Cameron Run Park with 20-month-old son Moises.

USO Honors Top Corporate Donors

FROM PAGE 29

porate supporters for USO-Metro's work with military service members and their families. A special presentation was made to A-T Solutions president and CEO Dennis Kelly for the company's longstanding support of USO programs.

"It is our honor to support the USO and its vital programs for our military troops and their families," Kelly said. "They are our nation's heroes."

The 2013 USO-Metro Circle of Stars Four-Star honorees are: Northrop Grumman; The Boeing Company; Cisco; Giant of Landover, MD; DynCorp International; and Verizon. Three-Star: Southern Management; Navy Federal Credit Union; and BMC Software. Two-Star: Lockheed Martin; SAIC; Southwestern Wendy's Advertising Group & Dayton Wendy's Co-Op; CACI; 300 Brand; CenturyLink; Dell; Southland Industries; Booz Allen Hamilton; Microsoft; WUSA 9; and ATK. One-Star: Rockwell Collins; Four Points by Sheraton BWI Airport; GEICO; Lenovo; DC Capital Partners LLC; Prudential Relo-

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USO-Metro is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides programs and services for active duty troops and their families at area military hospitals, five USO Centers and a Mobile USO. Signature programs and services include Turkeys for Troops and Project USO Elf, emergency housing and food assistance, and caring for wounded, ill and injured troops and their caregivers.

"The USO is essential to the recovery of a lot of people," said Kathleen Causey, who served as a USO volunteer at Fort Drum, N.Y. prior to her husband's deployment. "Because of the USO, I know that both my husband and I will be taken care of and provided for."

For more information on the USO and its programs, visit www.usometro.org.

LETTERS

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Thanks, Rob, for your example at a time when we could use more good politicians.

Paul Lachelier

The writer is an educator who lives in Alexandria's Rosemont neighborhood. He can be reached at paul@letlearninglive.org.

Need To Compromise

To the Editor:

Who bears the responsibility for the shut-down? Democratic Senate Majority Leader Sen. Reid and his cohorts who play along with him, and President Obama, that's who — despite the claims of liberal media who say it is the Republicans' fault.

Note that the House under Speaker Boehner has passed several continuing resolutions to fund the government, but Senator Reid has refused to take up even the bills on which he admits the Democrats agree with the Republicans. His excuse that passing individual bills is too time-consuming is patently absurd. Bills pass in an instant by unanimous consent. The President's announcement that he would veto such bills is sadly manipulative and foolish; of course, his vetoes could be overridden in a jiffy. The President should put the good of the country first and lead efforts to pass a reasonable budget — and set a better example for his party.

Refusing to negotiate is what dictators do. We citizens want to keep our federal republic operating. The Constitution itself was the product of hard compromising; surely our representatives who have sworn to uphold the Constitution know that precedent — and that it worked. We expect our legislators to work hard to find the best solutions, not refuse to meet with those with whom they disagree. Shame on Sen. Reid and his Democratic cohorts and the President. It's time for them to do the job for which they continue to draw handsome salaries.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

'Our Town in Our Times'

History Press will publish six years of Living Legend feature stories and photographs under the working title "Our Town in Our Times." Publication is expected in January 2014.

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing not-for-profit project to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. It also offers programs to encourage children and youth to document the histories of family members and create one-of-a-kind illustrated books.

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Wonderful kitchen remodel (stainless, granite, maple), and hardwood floors welcome you into this bright and cheery home. Backs to wooded common area. Walk to pools, Community Center, restaurants, shopping. Easy access to Van Dorn AND Springfield Metros.

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Location, Location, Location!

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