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Halloween: A Time To Howl

Griffin, the Day of the Dead Dog, participated in the 18th annual DelRay Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 27. More photos, page 30.

Ground Game

Democrats lead in polls as voters head to the polls for Election Day.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Democrats have the wind at their backs heading into Election Day next week, as Republican gubernatorial candidates Ken Cuccinelli struggles to overcome a deficit in the polls. This week, Quinnipiac University released a poll that had Democrat Terry McAuliffe with 45 percent support compared to Cuccinelli, who had 41 percent. Libertarian Robert Sarvis is at 9 percent. That built on a series of polls that have the Democrats in a solid lead heading into the final days of the campaign, although the race has tightened in the last week.

"This is one of the most robust field operations that I have ever seen," said Alexandria Democratic Committee Chairman Dak Hardwick. "It will be the model for

statewide races from here on out." One recent weekend saw McAuliffe supporters knock on 9,000 doors in Alexandria alone, an indication that Democrats in Alexandria have created an effort that is even more intense than the two presidential campaigns for Barack Obama. Some Democrats feel that the momentum in their favor could cause them to pick up four to six seats in the House of Delegates in addition. Republicans, on the other hand, say they are feeling troubled by their candidate's lack of success. Nevertheless, party leaders say, they are pressing ahead.

"Sometimes it's better to be the underdog," said Alexandria Republican City Committee Chairman Tom Fulton. "It makes you work harder."

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A Tale of Two Transits

Arlington set to launch streetcars; city sticks with bus-rapid transit.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Leaders in Arlington and Alexandria once dreamed of an interconnected system of streetcars connecting the neighboring jurisdictions, a modern transit system that would allow riders to connect from various points throughout the jurisdictions to Metro stations. That dream has stalled, though — at least for now.

As Arlington moves toward launching two new streetcar lines,

Alexandria is moving toward opening a bus-rapid transit system. The systems will be overlapping, with some parts of the transit corridor offering streetcars and bus-rapid transit and Metrobus.

"The nightmare scenario was once that people would have to get off of the Arlington streetcar and get onto the Alexandria bus, well that's not a problem anymore," said Alexandria Councilman Tim Lovain. "Maybe it will be just as convenient to hop on the BRT be

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Trucking Along

Should food trucks be allowed in the Carlyle neighborhood?

That was the question at issue this week as members of the Food Truck Advisory Group met at City Hall to hear from business owners, area workers and members of the general public. Food truck owners and their supporters are hoping to break into the neighborhood, which could be a lucrative market for the lunchtime crowd that floods the sidewalks surrounding the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. But restaurant owners stand in opposition.

"I'm a small entrepreneur. I'm all for the entrepreneurial spirit, and I think there's a place for food trucks at special events," said **"Mango" Mike Anderson**, restaurant owner and former chairman of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce who is a member of the advisory group. "But not in this area."

Anderson is in the process of opening a new restaurant in the Carlyle neighborhood, a venue called Sweet Fire Donna's. That means he's had to secure a location and hire land-use attorneys to help him navigate the special-use permitting process. He says that means he has much more of a stake in the community than somebody who simply sets up shop for a couple hours and then drives away.

"It's a lengthy process to get an SUP, and it can burn up six months of your time and up to \$50,000 of legal fees with **Cathy Puskar** or **Duncan Blair**," said Anderson. "But here's a food truck that can bypass all that and doesn't have to file with the Board of Architectural Review and isn't paying \$35 to \$50 per square foot for rent, but yet they come in and cherry-pick at two hours a day during the height of lunchtime."

Taxing Debate

Are business taxes too high in Alexandria? Members of a special advisory group are examining the issue, and they are expected to make an interim report in advance of the next budget season followed by a larger report with a series of recommendations. The advisory group was formed at the request of Councilman **Paul Smedberg**, Councilman **Tim Lovain** and Councilman **Justin Wilson**. The group could end up recommending lower rates for certain kinds of businesses to focus economic growth in particular industries that are seen as particularly advantageous in the city.

"We have a tax structure in Virginia that was designed around an agricultural economy, but we've gone to a services-based economy," said Wilson. "Both candidates for governor are talking about business tax reform being a central focus for them when either of them are elected, and we want to be part of that emerging conversation."

Autumn Leaves

Autumn is here, and that means the city's annual leaf collection effort is in full swing. City officials say residents have three ways to recycle dead leaves.

The first is leaf vacuuming. Residents are asked to rake leaves into piles at the curb the day before assigned collection dates, which vary by neighborhood. Stones and litter should be removed, and the piles should not block storm drains or water meter covers.

The second is picking up a leaf bag at City Hall and filling it with the pile of colorful foliage. Once again, stones and litter should be removed. City officials say the bags should be placed at the front curb the day after regular refuse collection day, which varies by neighborhood.

Last but not least is composting. Alexandria leaders say composting at home is an easy way to take advantage of the environment's natural recycling process, which creates valuable organic supplements and can be done right in your own backyard. Alexandria officials have even created a video, "How to Compost 101," which is available on the city's website.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Alexandria's Patrick Fernandez takes second place in the men's division of the Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 2:22:52.



Alexandria City Councilman Justin Wilson crosses the finish line at the 38th Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 3:22:48.

The Few. The Proud.

The 38th Marine Corps Marathon.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria resident Patrick Fernandez, a 26-year old U.S. Coast Guard officer, joined more than 30,000 runners from around the world as he took to the streets Oct. 27 for the 38th Marine Corps Marathon, finishing second with a time of 2 hours 22 minutes and 52 seconds in the race.

"I felt really good throughout the race," Fernandez said moments after crossing the finish line. "I didn't really hit a wall. I try to imagine the race as a progressive long run to maintain my effort at the end."

The 26.2-mile race was won by Ethiopian Girma Bedada, 33, who pulled away from the pack after the first mile, finishing in 2:21:32.

"It was a good race for me," said Bedada, who was running for Team McGraw, a sports training program that supports the Tug McGraw Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for people with brain-related trauma and tumors. "I have only been in this country for two months and am happy to be here today."

Fernandez, winner of the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in May, was followed by Richard Morris, 25, of Burkeville, Va. in 2:24:02. City Councilman Justin Wilson completed the course through Arlington and the nation's capital in 3:22:48. Not far behind was Brooke Curran in 3:39:46.

"This is the strongest I've felt in any of the Marine

Corps races I've run," Fernandez said. "It's very rewarding and always an incredible feeling finishing in the top three of any marathon."

Kelly Calway, 29, of Manitou Springs, Colo. won the women's race in a time of 2:42:16, followed by Gina Slaby of Virginia Beach, Va. (2:48:04) and Emily Shertzer of Jonestown, Pa. (2:47:30).

In the 10K race, 19-year-old Alexandria resident Liam O'Connor took the bronze, finishing third with a time of 0:34:13. Stephen Gendron, 25, of Lowell, Mass., won the men's division with a time of 0:33:20, followed by Glenn Collins, 28, (0:34:08) of Novi, Mich.

On the women's side, 23-year-old Falls Church resident Susanna Sullivan's time of 0:35:54 was good enough for first place on the podium, followed by Laura Garrow, 25, of Blacksburg, Va., (0:38:22) and Hannah Hanson, 33, of Frederick, Md. (0:38:44).

Alexandria resident Anthony Cook, 50, was running to raise awareness for asthma and a procedure called bronchial thermoplasty but was unable to finish the race.

"My legs gave out, not my lungs," Cook said. "I don't know how people train for a marathon and work full time. This was a great experience and I felt bad that I couldn't finish but the wheels just weren't there. But I felt fantastic breathing-wise."

Fernandez was inspired by his grandfather, who was a competi-

tive distance runner in high school and college, but discounts genetics as a requirement for success.

"I know a lot of runners who have the genetics but not the drive," Fernandez said. "Genetics plays only a small role in running success. There is no substitute for hard work."

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Honored for their volunteer service are: (front) Seena Foster, Allen Lomax, Scott Kahler and T.C. Williams student Emma West. In back are event co-chairs Cyndi Lake and Frank Fannon and Volunteer Alexandria executive director Marion Brunken.

Above and Beyond Four honored for volunteer service.

Volunteer Alexandria presented the 19th annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria Awards Oct. 25 in a tribute honoring the exceptional volunteer service of four individuals.

In a reception held at the American Legion Post 24 ballroom at Gadsby's Tavern, T.C. Williams High school student Emma

West received the first Youth Volunteer Service Award. Also honored were Allen Lomax, who received the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award, and Scott Kahler and Seena Foster, each of whom received the Joan White Grass Roots Service Award.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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"Dr. Hong has been a wonderful addition

to our veterinary team," states Jason Overman, Medical Director at Springfield Animal Hospital. "She is bringing her unique skill set to our hospital and is already working towards building a lasting relationship with our clients."

Her professional interests include soft tissue surgery and small animal medicine.

When she is not busy caring for her furry, four legged patients, Dr. Hong loves to immerse herself in DIY (do-it-yourself) projects. She has an addiction to Pinterest, which keeps her mind swirling with new ideas for interior design and decor. She enjoys gardening and loves spending time with her own babies: 6 dogs and 2 cats!

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Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

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Correction

In "Costumed Dolls Aid MetroArts," (Gazette Packet Oct. 10), the full name of the organization is the Metropolitan Arts Collaborative. The event at which she will be selling her dolls for the organization is the Scottish Christmas Walk Sale at the Masonic Temple on Friday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Free Cab Rides. Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program, the Halloween SoberRide program will operate from 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. Area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide@ phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. Visit www.soberride.com.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

November Challenge. Fitness on the Run has partnered with the Carpenter's Shelter to provide a Thanksgiving fitness and food donation challenge designed to help participants get 'fit' for the holidays and to give back to the community. The Thanksgiving 'Fit for Food' Challenge is to walk/run/hop/skip/jump 150,000 steps during the month of November and to donate at least one food basket to the shelter. The goal is to donate 100 food baskets. Participants can increase their food donation opportunities by asking their friends and family to sponsor them in their fitness journey by donating food items for each fitness milestone they achieve. Prizes will be awarded for the most steps for the month and a bonus award will be granted to the participant that donates the most food baskets, regardless of the number of steps



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Artist captures the light within.

BY KAREN L. BUNE
GAZETTE PACKET

Throughout her life, Alexandria resident Laura Clerici has impacted others in profound ways, and she continues to do so. A retired Foreign Service Officer, Clerici served in 10 countries, studied seven languages and had a total of 35 years of service before retiring from the State Department in 2006.

Clerici has always been artistic and began painting when she was one or two years old. She had stopped painting after a bullying experience in high school and, at age 50, she decided to pursue it again. While assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in 1998, she learned of a Russian who was willing to teach iconography to foreigners. "Because icons have such an unusual look, I thought I could learn to use a brush again without calling attention to how poorly I did. After studying iconography for about a year in Moscow, I came to see that even my initial efforts had more character and looked more expert than the icons done by students who were more accomplished



Laura Clerici

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painters," Clerici said.

She often travelled to the U.S. from overseas assignments to take workshops with the Prosoyon School founder, Vladislav Andreyev, and his son, Dmitri. "He really is a master. I usually take workshops three times a year," Clerici said.

As an iconographer, Clerici represents the image of the event or the person depicted in the icon. Her hope is to make people aware of the Divine, uncreated light, that permeates all things and which she says is evident in the lives of holy people. It takes her 20-40 hours to prepare an icon depending on how much detail is involved. "I've been doing this since 1999. I know how many layers it is going to take and how to get the effect," Clerici said.

The orthodox tradition of "writing" an icon encompasses gilding with gold leaf and creating tempera paints by mixing a medium of egg yolk and wine with dry pigments such as cinnabar, lead white, indigo and ocher. Color is applied in six to eight layers on a wooden board which has been prepared with cloth and multiple layers of gesso resulting in a deeply saturated, colorful image. Clerici works on two icons at once because once the board is wet, she has to stop.

"It's all basic chemistry. I use traditional materials, but they behave the way they behave," Clerici said. The first icon Clerici did gave her the feeling that it had a living presence. "An icon is supposed to manifest God's life in every person," Clerici said.

"It is a ministry of the deepest kind. You cannot look at her icons without considering the spiritual side. It is amazing," said Eric Slaughter, a part-time chaplain at Inova Alexandria and a merchant marine for 21 years.

Clerici was recently contacted by the director of the National Gallery of Art bookstore in the District of Columbia. She was asked to have some of her icons displayed and placed for sale at The National Gallery of Art. The news left her momentarily breathless. "Almost everyone has been happy for me," Clerici said.

"When Laura was posted to our embassy in Russia about 15 years ago, she, too, became fascinated by icons. Because, unlike me, she is a talented artist, Laura began learning to paint (or as Russians say, draw) icons. She gave me one of her earliest icons, and I was amazed at the depth of her artistic skill and spiritual expression. It hangs in a place of honor and is a constant inspiration," said Susan Lively, a former Foreign Service officer who served with Clerici and who remains a friend of 30 years.

Clerici has a studio at Stifel and Capra in Falls Church and is a member of Gallery West in Alexandria. In addition, she serves as a volunteer chaplain at Inova Alexandria Hospital. She has served in this capacity since June 2007. She also serves as a eucharistic minister at Blessed Sacrament church in Alexandria.

In addition to her chaplaincy and iconography, Clerici enjoys music and sings in the church choir, travels, does bird watching, hiking and enjoys reading non-fiction, science, and murder mysteries. She also works at various food banks and has worked the phone bank for WETA. She took piano lessons at age 40.

"I'm probably more active than most at age 65," she said.

Karen L. Bune is a freelance writer. She is also a national public speaker and an adjunct professor at Marymount University and George Mason University.

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LIVING LEGENDS

Will Power: 2013 Living Legend Willie F. Bailey Sr.

Where there's a Will,
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BY BARBARA HOLLEB

It has been said that there are three kinds of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who ask, "What happened?"

Captain Willie F. Bailey, known by everyone as Will, is a professional firefighter who clearly is one who makes things happen. When he sees a child in need he springs into action, taps his vast network and marshals the resources to fill the need, not only for that child but for thousands of other children in Alexandria and throughout Northern Virginia. He says he has "been blessed with a gift to get folks to do anything when it comes to helping others."

Bailey makes his living as the aide to the assistant chief of personnel services, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. But he makes his life by what he gives in his off-duty time. His generous spirit and sense of urgency fill his personal life with ever-growing acts of kindness. "The kids don't have time to wait," he says.

The first group of youngsters who caught his attention didn't have to say a word. About 16 years ago Bailey was called out on an emergency and found a houseful of children. It was Christmastime but there were no holiday decorations in the house, no tree and no presents. His heart ached and he made it his mission to bring gifts to those children for the holidays.

He approached churches and recreation centers and collected enough money to make the holidays bright for those children and that family. Since that time Bailey has never stopped. His drives to help disadvantaged youngsters have expanded into a year-round cycle of collections and giving.

Each August under the auspices of the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue, which Bailey founded and with the support of Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department and Alexandria's Fire Department he oversees the collection and distribution of approximately 3,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for children who otherwise would not have them.

During October he leads the collection and distribution of some 3,000 new coats for Operation Warm. "If a child doesn't have a warm coat to wait at the bus stop, that child is not going to go to school. Also, there

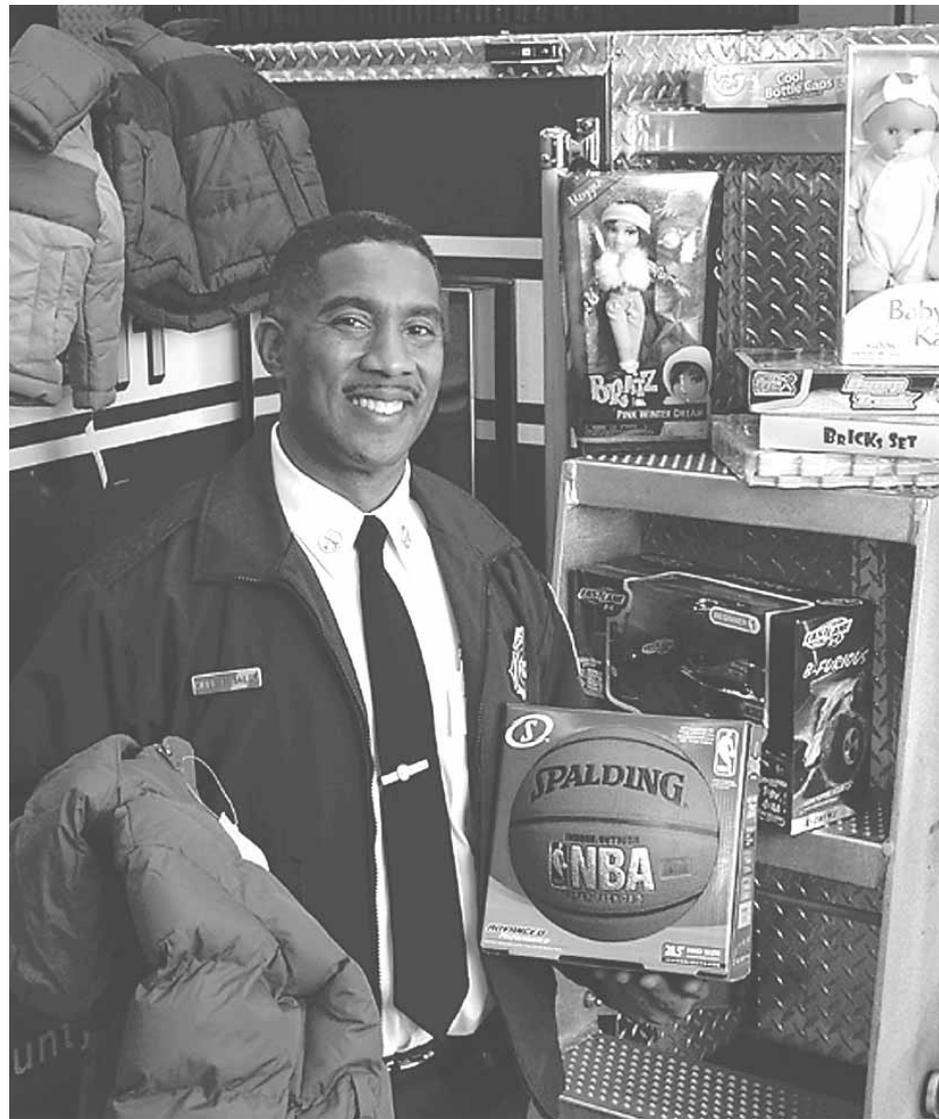


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When you ask 2013 Legend Willie Bailey Sr. where he acquired his gift of giving back he will tell you it came from his father and mother, Willie and Gertrude Bailey.

is a chance that child is on free or reduced lunch so they will miss two nutritional meals that day. And the fact that it's a new warm coat helps build the child's self-esteem."

Each December he mobilizes his forces to collect funds from the community to purchase and distribute toys to needy children for the holidays. The basement level of Fire Station 11 looks like a satellite Santa's workshop. Boxes of toys are stacked up, waiting for bright eyes and eager hands.

Bailey works with school counselors and social workers who identify the children who will be recipients of the bounty. His list of social workers and schools goes on for pages. He holds a big event in Fire Station 11 each December to which the children come to receive their gifts. Bailey is partial to buying remote-control cars for the

boys and beauty-shop sets for the girls. He buys gift cards from Old Navy and other stores he knows the older children consider "cool."

Bailey's leadership abilities and talents stem from the 21 years he served in the U.S. Army. He approaches each of his drives with tactical precision: identifying the target audience, mobilizing community resources and getting the mission accomplished.

Over the past two years Bailey has organized and produced his newest volunteer event, which he named Kids' Cuts. Through his volunteer work coaching recreation league basketball and Little League Baseball, he noticed toward the end of the summer that some kids looked a bit "shaggy" and in need of haircuts before returning to school. One of his brothers is a barber, so he mobilized a corps of barbers, transformed a gym into a big barbershop and arranged to transport the children for haircuts.

Spit-and-polish handsome in his uniform, Bailey is a fine role model. He hopes the children will emulate him and come to learn that looking great on the outside leads to feeling great on the inside.

Bailey is a single parent who has put his two children through college. His son, whose passion is music, is a senior at the Art Institute of Washington. His daughter,

a graduate of North Carolina State University, plans to return to school to earn credentials as a school counselor.

When congratulated on his nomination as 2013 Living Legend, Bailey was a bit mystified. He had never heard of the Living Legends, so he googled it. He remarked that he had "never wanted recognition" and thinks of himself as "the man behind the scenes." Drawing on lessons from military service, he says his "job was always to make others look good."

Over the past 13 years Bailey has been honored by many organizations. In 2002 the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce honored him as Firefighter of the Year. In 2003 he earned the Positive African American Men Award from Christians in Action. In 2005 Alexandria City Schools presented him with the Business and School Partnership Award and Commerce Bank named him Hometown Hero. Firehouse Magazine recognized him with its Heroism and Community Service Award. The Alexandria Gazette gave him the "Who's Who" award in 2006. In the same year he earned the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award and received the county fire department's highest award, Career Firefighter of the Year. In 2007 he earned Fairfax County's highest award for county employees, the A. Heath Onthank Award. In 2010 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of Northern Virginia honored him with its Community Service Award. In 2011 he earned Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services Award. And in 2012 the Rotary Club of Tysons Corner named him the 2012 Citizen of the Year.

When asked what motivates him, Bailey says, "I do it because it's the right thing to do. I try to live by the motto: If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." His heart goes out to disadvantaged children who are "innocent victims of the system." In them, he sees his own past.

Bailey was born in Richmond in 1964. When his parents moved further north to look for work, he moved to his grandmother's house in Scottsburg, a poor rural community in southern Virginia. He remembers the wood stove, lack of running water, single light bulb and snakes on the ceiling.

His only playmates were trees, chickens, possums and raccoons. He and his grandmother would take a Greyhound bus to Alexandria to visit his parents. He saw children playing and having fun on the equipment and wanted to be one of them. When it was time to return to Scottsburg, Bailey hid under the bed. When found he refused to come out, his grandmother left and shipped his things to Alexandria, where he has lived since he was five years old. When you ask him where he acquired his gift of giving back he will tell you: It came from his father and mother, Willie and Gertrude Bailey.

Alexandria is fortunate to benefit from the dedication of Will Bailey, whose tireless efforts have improved the lives of countless children over the years.

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Club Man-

agers Association of America; Goodwin House, Inc.; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Renner & Company, CPA, P.C.; the Rotary Club of Alexandria; and SunTrust Bank.

The 2014 Nominees will be introduced at the Northern Virginia Community College Winter Concert on Dec. 10. The community is invited to attend the free concert. Info: legends@alexandrialivings.com or call 703-625-8191.

POLITICS

Heading into Election Day

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Cuccinelli is struggling for any number of reasons. One is timing. Cuccinelli is running at a time when incumbent Republican Bob McDonnell has been mired in an ongoing scandal involving undisclosed gifts from a wealthy Virginia businessman seeking to challenge a tax bill. Another reason Cuccinelli is struggling may be about the slate of issues on his platform. One of his central issues, opposing the Medicaid expansion as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, does not cut across party traditional party lines.

"Some traditionally constituency groups, including for instance hospitals and doctors, really want it," said Kyle Kondick, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's essentially good for the bottom line for hospitals and then by extension doctors."

Because the issue has yet to be resolved, the next governor is expected to play a major role in whether or not Medicaid expansion moves forward for 400,000 of the most vulnerable Virginians, those who live in poverty and the disabled. Taxpayers in Virginia will be paying for Medicaid expansion regardless of whether or not the commonwealth decides to take advantage of the program, an argument that McAuliffe has used on the campaign trail.

"We are going to bring back to Virginia, over the course of the next seven years, \$21 billion of our money that we are paying in," McAuliffe said during the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce debate. "Why would we not bring that back?"

Cuccinelli, on the other hand, says it would be irresponsible to expand Medicaid in the long term. Although the federal government has promised to pay for 100 percent of the program until 2016, Republicans argue, nobody knows what will happen after that. The law says the Virginia would be required to pick up 10 percent of the cost. But critics argue that number could be changed, saddling the commonwealth with a potentially crippling burden for generations to come.

"I am not willing to risk Virginia's budget when the federal government is already taking the position, many of them are taking the position, that they can't afford it even if they wanted to," said Cuccinelli in the Fairfax County debate. "The hole in our budget, when this is fully implemented now, is \$200

million a year."

The debate over Medicaid expansion is emblematic of the difference between the two major party candidates for governor. Cuccinelli has called for a \$1.4 billion tax cut, although the details of how that would be financed remain unclear. McAuliffe has proposed increased spending for teacher salaries, pre-Kindergarten education and community colleges. Libertarian candidate Sarvis has been more consistent about how his platform would be financed, largely because it seeks to reduce the size and scale of the government. Recent polling has seen the Libertarian with about 10 percent of likely voters saying they'll support him.

"With the race this close, the final decision by the roughly one in 10 voters who are supporting Libertarian Robert Sarvis has become even more critical," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling. "It is difficult to see Cuccinelli winning if he can't run at least even or slightly ahead among independents. Here, too, Sarvis' voters matter greatly since the libertarian is getting 16 percent of independents, but only 9 percent overall."

The race has seen massive amounts of money attracted to the campaign, much of it from out of state because this is the only competitive governor's race in the country this year. McAuliffe has raised \$25 million, including \$157,000 from Alexandria. Cuccinelli has raised \$15 million, including \$114,000 from Alexandria. Much of that money will be spent on television advertising in the final few days leading up to Election Day. But some say it's unclear how much influence that will have on the outcome.

"An awful lot of people by mid-October have already decided which candidate they prefer," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor with the University of Mary Washington. "So the number of undecided voters out there shrinks with each day."

DOWN THE BALLOT, voters will also select candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general. The race for lieutenant governor received a great deal of attention this year because of the Republican candidate, E.W. Jackson. He's compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and opposed yoga because he believes it opens the mind to satanic possession. During a debate in Arlington last month,

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Race for Governor

TERRY MCAULIFFE'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS

- ◆ \$10,000 from Thomas Becherer, president of Delta Bridge
 - ◆ \$10,000 from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner
 - ◆ \$6,190 of in-kind contributions from Forward Together political action committee for catering
 - ◆ \$6,027 of in-kind contributions from lobbyist John Raffaelli for event expenses
 - ◆ \$6,000 from homemaker Cynthia Conner
- ### KEN CUCCINELLI'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS
- ◆ \$15,000 from WilmerHale attorney Reginald James Brown
 - ◆ \$12,500 from Campaign for Working Families political action committee
 - ◆ \$10,000 from Ourisman Automotive dealer Michael Bennett
 - ◆ \$6,000 from consultant Collister Johnson Jr.
 - ◆ \$5,000 from Winston & Strawn attorney Thomas Matthew Buchanan

Race for Lieutenant Governor

RALPH NORTHAM'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS

- ◆ \$5,000 from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner
 - ◆ \$3,000 from Sally Murray, retired
 - ◆ \$1,850 from Rafat Mahmood of Mahmood Investment Corp
 - ◆ \$1,727 from investment banker Robert Henry Dugger III of Hanover Investment Group
 - ◆ \$1,500 from Stefanie Sion Erkiletian of Erkiletian Construction
- ### E.W. JACKSON'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS
- ◆ \$1,000 from Good Fund political action committee
 - ◆ \$1,000 from State Central Republican Committee member Anne LeHuray
 - ◆ \$1,000 from Douglas Turner, retired
 - ◆ \$550 of in-kind contributions from Grace-Marie Turner for event expenses
 - ◆ \$500 from Alexandria Commonwealth Republican Women's Club treasurer Mari Patti

Race for Attorney General

MARK HERRING'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS

- ◆ \$5,000 from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner
 - ◆ \$5,000 from Bingham McCutchen attorney Mark Williams
 - ◆ \$3,319 from Lieblich & Grimes attorney Carolyn Mary Grimes
 - ◆ \$2,000 from Capitol Counsel lobbyist John Raffaelli
 - ◆ \$1,000 from McQuade & Hite attorney Martha McQuade
- ### MARK OBENSHAIN'S TOP ALEXANDRIA DONORS
- ◆ \$5,500 from Good Fund political action committee
 - ◆ \$2,500 from Craig Shirley & Associates advertising executive Diana Banister
 - ◆ \$1,010 of in-kind contributions from Redmon Peyton & Braswell for event expenses
 - ◆ \$1,000 from Black Manafort & Stone lobbyist Charles Black Jr.
 - ◆ \$1,000 from Barbour Griffith & Rogers lobbyist George Griffith Jr.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Race in the 45th

Freshman Del. **Rob Krupicka** (D-45) will face independent candidate **Jeffrey Engle** Tuesday, although the race has not been identified as a competitive contest by the University of Virginia Center for Politics. Krupicka has raised about \$84,000 compared to Engle's fundraising total of \$10,000. "The district is drawn to be a heavily Democratic seat," said **Kyle Kondik**, political analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "Krupicka should not have much trouble winning reelection."

If elected, Engle says he would introduce legislation to create a new statewide program to make schools safer. Instead of relying on local school systems and police departments to conduct their own assessments, Engle says, he wants to create a more institutionalized way of addressing the problems raised by the Connecticut school shootings. He would also have mobile training teams that would roam the state and conduct risk analysis.

"Instead of being a haphazard local program, this would be a more refined statewide program," said Engle, a combat veteran of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "But it would have a minimal amount of cost because it would be primarily executed locally."

Engle has also criticized House Bill 1502, legislation Krupicka introduced that would change how teachers are evaluated. Engle criticized the bill as lowering expectations for poor and minority students, although Krupicka said it was necessary to take into account the varying degrees of readiness among students who enter school. "When you assume every kid is starting from the same point, you are committing policy malpractice," said Krupicka. "The reality is that kids show up to school with very different levels of preparedness, and we have to build into our system a way to take that into account."

No Competition

For the first time in recent memory, an open seat for commonwealth's attorney will be uncontested on the ballot Tuesday. Democrat **Bryan Porter**, son of former T.C. Williams High School Principal **John Porter**, will be the only name on the ballot. "I'm relieved because it allows me to focus on doing what I love to do, which is prosecuting cases," said Porter, who has been a prosecutor since 2001. "It has given me the ability to focus on some very serious cases this summer, whereas if I was running a seriously contested campaign I might not be able to give as much attention to my job." Current Commonwealth's Attorney **Randy Sengel** has held the job since 1997, when longtime Commonwealth's Attorney **John Kloch** became a Circuit Court judge. In that election, Sengel faced defense attorney **Bob Battle** in a Democratic primary. This year, Porter had no opposition in the Democratic primary or in the general election. Republicans were unable to find a candidate to stand against Porter, even though the seat was open. "My philosophy is that the Republican Party has an obligation to find candidates and run them because a true democracy is best served by giving citizens choices," said **Tom Fulton**, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "But I was not successful in making that argument."

45 Percent Turnout

Alexandria Registrar **Tom Parkins** predicts about 37,000 Alexandria residents will participate in Tuesday's election, which is about 45 percent of registered voters in the city. That tracks with turnout in recent years for gubernatorial races, 46 percent in 2001, 48 percent in 2005 and 45 percent in 2009. "This is not rocket science," said Parkins. "You just sort of look at previous elections and you track from there." But one issue currently before Parkins is closer to rocket science — purging inactive voters from the rolls. The Democratic Party of Virginia filed a federal lawsuit to stop registrars across the commonwealth from using a national database of voters who are registered in more than one state. Parkins says he and his office has confirmed each and every one of the 1,000 voters that have been purged as a result of the effort individually. And even if there is a problem, those voters will be able to participate in the election anyway. "When your voter list is cluttered up with a bunch of voters that don't belong there, it increases voter officer errors," said Parkins. "It's just good list maintenance."

A federal judge denied the injunction, and the purge of voters moved forward. Parkins says he received no calls from any of the voters who were notified they had been purged from the Alexandria rolls.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Vote Nov. 5 or Before

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5

For voters in Virginia, it is hard to overstate how important it is to go out and vote next week. All Virginia voters will see statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race. In addition, there are a few local races in Alexandria and Arlington, a bond question in Fairfax County and a referendum question about the housing authority in Arlington.

EDITORIAL

These off-year elections attract many fewer voters.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the Commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

This week's Connection includes what you need to know about the mechanics of voting and what is on the ballot.

Don't be among the missing.

Voter Identification Rules Same as Last Year

Virginia's existing voter ID requirements will change

in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013, but this new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification this year when voting, any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

On the Ballot 2013

Check what is on your ballot at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

GOVERNOR

- ❖ Terry R. McAuliffe (D) www.terrymcauliffe.com
- ❖ Ken T. Cuccinelli (R) www.cuccinelli.com
- ❖ Robert C. Sarvis (L) www.robertsarvis.com

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

- ❖ Ralph S. Northam (D) www.northamforlg.com
- ❖ E.W. Jackson (R) www.jacksonforlg.com

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- ❖ Mark R. Herring (D) www.herringforag.com
- ❖ Mark D. Obenshain (R) www.markobenshain.com

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013 ELECTIONS

Every Virginia voter will vote for delegate in the voter's district. Delegates serve two-year terms.

- ❖ District 45 — Incumbent Rob Krupicka (D) faces Jeff Engle (I)
- ❖ District 46 — Incumbent Charniele Herring (D) is unopposed

LOCAL BALLOT IN ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria voters will also vote for Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney, although Dana A. Lawhorne is unopposed for Sheriff and Bryan L. Porter is unopposed for Commonwealth's Attorney.

Vote Now

From now until Saturday, Nov. 2, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of rea-

sons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

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

In the City of Alexandria, Office of Voter Registration & Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100.

In-person absentee voting at the Voter Registration Office runs through Saturday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Extended hours at the Voter Registration Office:

- Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.;
- Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Nov. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31, noon-8 p.m.; Nov. 1, noon-6 p.m., and Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more on absentee voting in Alexandria, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>.

Contact

State Board of Elections, 804-864-8901 Toll Free: 800-552-9745 FAX: 804-371-0194, email: info@sbe.virginia.gov, http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.html

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>, 132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misleading Implications

To the Editor:

I write in my personal capacity only. I was surprised and disappointed by the Gazette Packet's front-page story ["Conflict of Interest," Oct. 24] concerning the city's internal and external legal counsel. It was replete with inaccuracies.

First, the story was misleading as to the overall context. McGuireWoods LLP is the largest law firm based in Virginia. The Alexandria City Attorney's office is a small office, many of whose lawyers are devoted exclusively to certain child-protection, family law, juvenile, and related matters that are statutory service obligations. Like numerous other Virginia cities and counties, Alexandria engages outside legal coun-

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PHOTO BY JAY PALERMINO

Bewitching

Dee Bodkin as Witchie-Poo and John Chapman (not pictured) were on hand for a special Halloween reading of "Doggie Tails With Alex and Andria" at the Old Town Farmers' Market Oct. 26. Written and illustrated by local author and artist Patricia Palermino, "Doggie Tails" introduces young readers to the adventures of living in a small colonial city through the eyes of two little Scotty dogs. The canines go to the many events in Alexandria which are dog friendly and also fun for children. A portion of book sales went directly to support the Alexandria PTAs of William Ramsey, Samuel Tucker and Douglas MacArthur elementary schools.

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Keep Old Town Old Town

BY ALLISON SILBERBERG

Driving through Old Town Alexandria on my way to City Hall in the early evening or on my way home after a night of meetings, the quiet streets of Old Town always provide an enduring sense of calm.

There is a lasting beauty; the scenery gives me pause. I tell myself I must never take our historic preservation for granted.

I have been thinking about some of the overarching issues facing our city: about growth, about development, about having a vision and about how we are at a crossroads. Old Town became a historic district in 1946. It is the third-oldest historic district in the nation, behind Charleston, S.C., and New Orleans.

Many historic districts have faced similar, transformative moments. We, as a community, need to be extremely careful about our decisions or all that has been given to us may be lost forever.

As we allow new construction in the historic district, including on the waterfront, we need to keep Old Town looking like Old Town. Otherwise, we risk the possibility of Old Town becoming similar to thousands of places. It is our authenticity and uniqueness that make our home an international destination.

Today, the concerns are about the look and size of new construction. Does it fit with our historic district? A shared vision is needed as we move forward and start thinking beyond legal discussions. So in addition to historic preservation, we also need to ensure that all new buildings — whether hotels or residential — reflect Old Town's look. A brief recap: In March, after a divisive community debate, the Alexandria City Council voted 6-1 to implement the water-



front plan. I cast the lone dissenting vote, having fought for a compromise that would have taken into account the impact that the plan would have in terms of density, added traffic and altering Old Town's character.

Alexandria is now implementing this plan and moving full steam ahead. Developers have bought the two Robinson Terminals from The Washington Post Co.

Hotels there and at another site, as well as residential properties and the waterfront's landscape design, are all under discussion. The council

also is considering eminent domain to seize waterfront property owned by the Old Dominion Boat Club. But in all the meetings, emails and news reports, one overarching consideration can sometimes be forgotten: Old Town's look and character.

Some improvements to the waterfront are certainly needed, but we are a historic community — first and foremost — and therefore have a historic look. It is our No. 1 asset. Our Old Town look is what binds us and is something to treasure and protect.

We must hold the line, so that Old Town will remain a national treasure for generations to come.

We have a shared core value that runs through all of our veins no matter where we live in the city, and that is our sense of pride in our historic architectural beauty of Old Town. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Virginia recognize Old Town as a national gem.

It's not only the restored homes and buildings of the 1700s and 1800s, the gas lampposts, the historic waterfront, the brick side-

walks, and the few remaining cobblestone streets. It is also the farmers market, the many American flags, and the historic markers that show us where President George Washington's lawyer, banker and physician lived or where Robert E. Lee lived as a boy.

This is about gratitude and what we must never take for granted. I am grateful that others before us had the foresight to save Old Town's historic architecture from urban renewal, as redevelopment was called at the time.

The city council of the late 1960s voted to tear down 23 blocks of Old Town in order to make way for the new. After six blocks were demolished, residents spoke out. The council listened and stopped the demolition.

I am grateful to those who have served as our architectural and historic guardians. I am grateful to those who transformed Founders Park into an oasis on the water. I am grateful to those who had the foresight to create the Torpedo Factory.

We, as a community, are making choices that will have an impact for generations to come. What will be our legacy? What will future generations see and savor? What will they say about what we did or did not do? Were we wise? Were we careful enough?

We must have a shared vision when it comes to new construction. We must know in our core that our historic look exists only because of many decades of careful, thoughtful preservation.

Our history and historic look are our future. Insisting on that look is in everyone's best interest.

Old Town was a gift we inherited. Only together can we preserve what our ancestors left to us. We are all the temporary stewards of this national treasure called Alexandria. Keep Old Town Old Town.

The writer is the vice mayor of the City of Alexandria.

COMMENTARY

Alexandria Shoo-ins, Clichés Abound

BY HARRY M. COVERT

The old cliché, all politics is local, hits Alexandria and the Commonwealth Tuesday. Every registered voter has a distinct duty to select the two unopposed local candidates and the statewide ticket.

Clichés are supposed to be a bane to journalists, writers and other verbalists. Such words have run amok in recent times so we'll just (forgive me) "continue on." Another irritation is this redundancy, "lower down." That's for another time.

The lack of voting has been lamented in detail on these pages many times in the past. But, Tuesday, Nov. 5 is creeping up and people should take this seriously so it can be broadly said that "the people have spoken."

Locally, Alexandrians have an easy task. Both popular Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter are shoo-ins. No challengers.

Lawhorne has been exceptional in his service and will have a third term on Mill Road. Porter has distinguished himself as a pro-

secutor and will replace retiring Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel in the King Street Courthouse.

It's incumbent here that there are no incumbents in the Virginia-wide campaign for governor. This is an interesting one, could possibly be close between current attorney general Ken Cuccinelli, and businessman Terry McAuliffe (names in alphabetical order). Races for lieutenant governor and attorney general will be something, too. No predictions. No more comments here.

It was Mr. Reagan's tipting friend, Mr. O'Neill, from Massachusetts, who led word merchants of all sorts to talk about the basis for all "fun and games" between the "public servants" who always find "the clock is ticking."

It will be interesting to see what the political partisans will be saying and doing the day after election day. Imagine the partisans meeting in "circular firing squads."

Naturally leaders in the Commonwealth will enjoy their "gravitas" and won't have to express "regrets of any pain" they "may have caused." There's been enough aches

already. There will be more.

This space has been attempting to find a local "fatuous contrapuntist" of late during the campaign. The hunt continues and there are several names in mind. Still borrowing from the cliché files "it's time to move on" and get to the business of electing leaders Tuesday — duty, honor, city and state.

Alexandria's quality candidates on all sides are well known. Even though they've had one-man races, the sheriff and Mr. Porter have left "no stones unturned." They've worked hard, knocked on doors, attended all kinds of events to "meet the people," used some letters to help the postal system stay alive and pundits have found "no smoking guns."

A recent report says senior citizens are among the fastest growing segment in the Old Dominion. This is exciting and important, surely a sign that "gravitas" abounds. That word again.

Instead of "jobs, jobs, jobs," as has been blasted about endlessly, today's chant is "vote, vote, vote." Locally, it's easy. Statewide there are those old timers "turning over in their graves."

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sel for high-risk financial matters, for selected specialized and unusual litigation matters, and for issues that are outside the scope of a locality's internal counsel's regular work. McGuireWoods is engaged by a number of other Virginia localities. Alexandria's practices are fully consistent with those of peer localities.

Second, the city's engagement of McGuireWoods long predates the arrival of City Attorney Jim Banks. McGuireWoods has worked on a number of other public finance, conduit bond finance, and other matters for the city that long preceded — by a factor of years — the appointment of Jim Banks. Third, the story's implication that Jim Banks has some sort of implied financial or other interest in McGuireWoods is not only baseless but bizarre. Like most large law firms, McGuireWoods is established as a partnership, and persons not actually practicing law as part of that partnership typically cannot — for reasons ranging from tax liability, to insurance coverage, to equitable distribution entitlements — hold equity interests in the partnership. A lawyer who retired or withdraws from a partnership must typically sever any such interest as of the effective date of the withdrawal.

Fourth, it was wildly misleading for the story to quote a former assistant city attorney as a source without noting that the former assistant is also the former officer of the Old Town Civic Association, was OTCA's vice president during much of the underlying waterfront litigation, and may herself have some interest in the outcome of the disputes that are central to the story. Quoting the former assistant without even bothering to mention her direct involvement in relevant matters falsely made the former assistant appear to be some sort of neutral lawyer, which is not a reasonable opinion — or a reasonable news report.

Fifth, as the Gazette knew or could have determined, a conflict waiver itself is often confidential, and Jim Banks owes it to the city to do precisely as he did and decline to release that document. The Gazette Packet is an essential local news outlet. Its work on this story fell far short of its role in the civic life of Alexandria, and cast an unfair and editorial light on a well-known law firm and a superb city attorney.

Mark C. Williams
Alexandria

Beyond Conflict Of Interest

To the Editor:

When the Virginia journalism

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awards come out, I hope Michael Pope's exposé of city hall using the same law firm as the waterfront developers gets an award for investigative reporting. Michael's feature ["Conflict of Interest," Oct. 24] is on par for the local level with what major dailies do on a national scale.

City hall's waterfront plan is trail-blazing in a sense because it understands that development has politically evolved into a de facto "public-private partnership." Once the land owners, who behind-the-scenes (let's face it) helped shape the deal, have bought into the framework, they have become de facto partners with city hall. That is why having the same law firm represent the three developers and city hall isn't a conflict-of-interest. They all are "working together" on the same project where the quid pro quos have already been worked out between city hall and the land owners.

Early on, city hall laid out the specs: so much explicitly designated open space, public access, nuisance flooding mitigation money, etc. in exchange for tripling currently existing density and a radical change in permissible uses (two hotels where none before were allowed). Whereas, a conflict-of-interest potentially existed before these terms were worked out, once the waterfront plan was adopted with mutually acceptable terms, city hall and the developers became de facto business partners in the waterfront venture. That's why Vice-Mayor Silberberg was unable to get a second to her compromise cutting the number of hotels to one; it would have violated the terms the "business partners" had already agreed upon.

Other developmental special use permits (DSUPs) are also evolving in this direction. In the Beauregard Plan, the developer is backing transit improvements and paying for a new fire station in exchange for an enormous density increase. At some point, if these developments are large enough, the quid pro quos between the developer and the city government become sufficiently pervasive that the city government and the developers become de facto business partners.

The complaint about a "conflict-of-interest" is almost quaintly passé. The real complaint should be that a large segment of the people city hall represents, such the waterfront and Beauregard neighborhoods' current residents, have been sold out in order for these de facto "public-private partnerships" to fly. And the real question which folks should be asking is whether they feel comfortable with their government entering into this kind of arrangement, although we should not assume that their answer is, "No."

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Elections Have Consequences

To the Editor:

I write in reaction to an article published in the Alexandria Gazette October 24 edition titled "Conflict of Interest?" by writer Michael Lee Pope. The article discusses the



Newest Little Free Library
Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and state Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45) cut the ribbon at the grand opening party for Del Ray's newest Little Free Library, at West Alexandria and Hancock Avenues. The

Little Free Library is open to anyone who wants to come by to take or donate books. The area's newest Little Free Library — the third in Del Ray — has been up and running for about a month at the corner of West Alexandria Avenue and Hancock Avenue.

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hiring of the McGuire Woods law firm by the City of Alexandria to provide legal services in connection with the waterfront development.

Let me say initially that I am not a resident of the City of Alexandria, I don't have an office there and I have no business interest in any of the proposed developments.

I have practiced law in northern Virginia for more than 30 years, I have served as an elected official in Herndon for six years, I have served on various boards and commissions my entire adult life. I have acted and testified as an expert on legal fees and ethics in numerous courts in Virginia. I have served on the local legal ethics committee, acting as chairman for two years. I believe my background enables me to comment on the issues raised in the article.

The first comment in the article that troubled me was the quote from my friend Barbara Beach. I have known Barbara for 20 years and worked with her when she was the Herndon Town Attorney. She questioned the hiring of McGuire Woods but states that "There is no question that McGuire Woods is a good firm ..." That is why they were hired. I don't think the Alexandria City Council would want to hire a firm that is not conversant with the issues and highly capable of performing the legal work needed.

Next, the article describes some concern among some people that a conflict waiver was signed by the city attorney. I would have been more surprised if one was not signed. Such waivers are routine when multiple parties may be involved. Furthermore, given the volatility of the waterfront development issues, it is prudent for McGuire Woods to request such a waiver. If, in the future, the composition of the City Council were to change, the new council may want to claim a conflict, even though none exists. It is just good practice to have a waiver.

There were comments in the article that some residents are opposed to having the

city pay for attorneys to fight against the residents. I suppose the best answer is that elections have consequences. McGuire Woods represents the city as directed by its elected and appointed officials. The City Council has decided in favor of the waterfront development and the attorneys they hire will represent that position.

I understand the waterfront development has been a difficult issue for the city to work through. However, the issue of the development should not be clouded by misinformation or a lack of understanding of the role of the city's attorneys.

Michael L. O'Reilly
The O'Reilly Law Firm
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Prudent Governance

To the Editor:

Over the past year a majority of the current City Council has, through public conversation and legislative action, given the distinct impression that contributions to affordable housing preservation and creation are the highest priority of this local government. The Alexandria City Council has effectively placed affordable housing above schools, public safety, human services, transportation, sewer infrastructure, and the myriad of essential services of our city.

Our entire region has suffered the loss of a great number of market rate affordable housing chiefly due to rapidly escalating property valuations. We all want to ensure that our city remains a place where a variety of housing is available in order to ensure a diverse and vital community. This remains an important priority of government — but certainly not the only one.

We believe that the politics surrounding affordable housing are unfortunately

trumping sound fiscal policy and allowing local representatives to make commitments that may ultimately be counterproductive. This overzealous desire may result in extensive cuts to schools, public safety, and human services at a time when our residents are relying on these services more than ever. Alternatively these commitments may force the city to levy higher tax increases than city residents, battered by an unpredictable economy and austerity at the state and federal level, can afford.

With our support, council recently approved the largest commitment of taxpayer dollars to affordable housing in Alexandria's history as well as approving the largest developer contribution of affordable housing ever. Furthermore, we strongly support the robust collection of new land-use tools contained in our city's draft Housing Master Plan that will place us ahead of our neighbors in aggressively using our zoning authority to create and preserve affordable housing.

Good stewardship of taxpayer dollars requires that we carefully weigh the priorities of our community and focus our resources on our most critical needs. Spending dollars that we have not even received before we know the demands of the future is no way to provide that stewardship and is not a prudent way to govern.

Paul Smedberg
And Justin Wilson
Alexandria City Council

Second-Hand Smoke's Dangers

To the Editor:

The Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission has determined that a major tobacco-related public health threat to the Alexandria community is the exposure of our young children and youth to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke (SHS).

Nationally, secondhand smoke exposure is among the leading causes of preventable or premature death in the U.S., accounting for more than 50,000 excess deaths annually, including sudden infant death syndrome. Moreover, the Surgeon General of the United States has consistently declared: "There is no risk free exposure to secondhand smoke. Even a brief exposure to secondhand smoke can be harmful. And more frequent exposure causes disease and premature death in nonsmoking adults and children."

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The commission recently urged City Council to take another bold step on behalf of protecting our young children and youth from secondhand smoke exposure where it

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POLITICS

Ground Game

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Jackson tried to personalize the debate about mental illness.

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

Jackson said it was a mistake to abandon the model of institutionalizing people with mental illness, pointing to recent mass shootings as evidence. That prompted Democratic candidate Ralph Northam, a pediatric neurologist, to shoot back.

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

Perhaps the most dramatic race of the evening will be the race for attorney general. Because the Democrats have such a lead in the race for governor and lieutenant governor, party leaders are hopeful that they can sweep all three statewide races. But Democrats have not won a race for attorney general since 1985, when Mary Sue Terry was elected. The race features state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) and state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33).

"The GOP candidate for Attorney General, Mark Obenshain, may not give fiery, rhetorical speeches like you hear from Rev. Jackson, but he's just as dangerous," said Herring in a written statement the night he won the Democratic primary. "That's not the Virginia we want. We are sick of the abuse of authority and this fall we will end it."

On the campaign trail, Obenshain has been critical of Herring for declining to say how he would perform in office on a number of important issues. For example, Herring has declined to say whether he would defend the strict new hospital contraction standards that now regulate abortion clinics. He also says he does not know whether or not he would defend the state's constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. "Senator Obenshain and Senator Herring both voted for Virginia's marriage amendment, both clearly at the time believing that it was constitutional," said Paul Logan, communications director for the Obenshain campaign. "Senator Obenshain has said consistently that as attorney general, he will defend Virginia's laws — including this one — against any challenges, whether he agrees with the policy behind the laws or not."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Taste of Hollywood comes to Alexandria

Bringing a hint of Hollywood to Old Town, the seventh annual Alexandria Film Festival kicks off Nov. 7.

BY AMBER HEALY
GAZETTE PACKET

It might be Patti North's favorite time of year, but it's certainly one of the most stressful.

As chair of the Alexandria Film Festival, North has spent months preparing for this year's event, pulling together movies ranging from a few minutes to an hour or more in length from around the world and helping to line up Q&A sessions with as many filmmakers as possible during the festival's four-day run.

This year, she's particularly excited to host a discussion with Benh Zeitlin, director of the film "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which was nominated for Best Picture in last year's Academy Awards.

"He comes from completely outside the whole Hollywood fishbowl," she said of the director, who has two short films included in this year's list of more than 60 offerings at four venues across Alexandria. "Now Hollywood is on bended knee for him," but Zeitlin seems determined to keep his "street cred" as an independent filmmaker.

Zeitlin is currently filming a movie and will be appearing via Skype, and North said he hasn't been sure where he'll be calling from on Nov. 9, following a screening of two of his short films, "Glory at Sea" and "I Get Wet." These films were

made prior to *Beasts*, but "you can really see the development of *Beasts*" in these works, North said.

North has been involved with the festival since its creation seven years ago, first as a member of the city's arts council and now as the festival's chair. A "huge movie buff" for many years, North said she's glad to have the backing of the city council for the largely volunteer event that she sees as a celebration of digital art.

Her long-term goal is to help Alexandria's reputation as a hub for traditional art forms, like the painting and sculpture that take place within the Torpedo Factory, expand and evolve to become a breeding ground for filmmakers, composers and directors.

"Without art, Alexandria would be like Williamsburg inside the Beltway," she said. "More than anything, I'd like to see the city embrace the notion of digital art."

There are several local filmmakers involved in the event as well, including the world premiere of a new movie, "Ass Backwards," from T.C. Williams alum and former "Saturday Night Live" comedienne Casey Wilson. The movie, which stars Wilson and Alicia Silverstone, will premiere in Alexandria before its national release, North said.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL will kick off with a red-carpet event on Nov. 7 and feature series of six food-



Director San Banarje, who won Best Foreign Film at the 2009 Alexandria Film Festival, is back this year with new material. He's joined here by Trisha Ray, left, and Patti North, the festival's chair.

themed films, ranging from the near mythic respect for red and green chilies in New Mexico to the struggle for safe sources of drinking water in developing countries.

Another film to be featured opening night is "Capital Food Fight," a 26-minute film from Springfield resident Robert Paschen that takes a look at the dispute over the increasingly popular food truck phenomenon in Washington, D.C., and the challenges posed by and to established brick-and-mortar restaurants, which contributed more than \$250 million in taxes to Washington to help keep the city safe and clean.

The film started out as a student film at American University, studying the explosion in popularity in food trucks, which made their first appearance during President Obama's first inauguration in January 2009. Seizing upon an opportunity during that "super cold, super crowded" day along the National Mall, one proprietor, whom

Paschen nicknamed the "godfather of the local food truck scene" rolled out his cart and kicked off a firestorm.

Since then, Washington has become the fourth largest market for food trucks in the country, Paschen said. But "it happened so fast the law couldn't keep up."

"The argument, in general, or my sense of it, from the food truck organization is that if you live in a free market society, let the market decide, don't over-regulate it," because that could squash the entrepreneurial spirit of the endeavor, Paschen said. Traditionally, that's been the rallying cry of more established, longstanding industries, but food truck operators have embraced it as their motto.

There's also the fascinating timing of the food truck phenomenon, taking off at the same time that social media became a ma-

SEE FILM FESTIVAL. PAGE 27

Details

The Alexandria Film Festival will run from Thursday-Sunday, at four locations, including the Old Town Theater, the Lyceum, the Gates Learning Center Auditorium of the United Way, and the Charles Beatley Central Library. Find a full schedule and purchase tickets (\$12 in advance or \$15 at the door) at www.alexandriafilm.org. Festival films shown at the Beatley Library are free; all other events require purchased tickets.

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

ONGOING

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.

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.

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.metroarts.org.

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.

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.

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-Nov. 4. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

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.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Colors of Autumn" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit runs Oct. 22-Nov. 17. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. See never-before-seen hats from Dr. Seuss's private collection along with prints and sculpture from the art of Dr. Seuss Collection. Runs Nov. 2-17 at P&C Art Gallery, 212 King St. Visit www.pcart.com.

Theater Performance. See "Shiloh Rules" by Doris Baizley, the second part of "A Salute to the American Voice." Performances are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees Nov. 16, 23 at 2 p.m. All performances are at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. \$18/adult; \$16/senior, military and student; \$14/groups of 10 or more. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

Theater Performance. See "High

School Musical" by Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. \$12/person or \$11 for groups of 10 or more. Visit mvccct.org for more. Features over 40 members from local schools.

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. See "Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Subject matter ranges from landscapes to portraits and a little bit of everything in between and the select photographers approach their craft in different ways—as traditional film shooters, digital image-makers, darkroom junkies, print makers, and experimentalists. Exhibit runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 1. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Exhibit. Photographer Everitt Clark presents "Cities in the Air" from Nov.

7 through Dec. 2 in the Art League at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will reveal how Richmond, Va., past and present intertwine. Free. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

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.

Friday Affair Market. Noon-4 p.m. at Historic Hollin Hall on the grounds of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Held the first and third Fridays through December. Vendors vary from week to week, but usually include baked goods, jewelry, pet items and more. Visit <http://mvuc.org> for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Photographers at the Factory" Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Hours are Thursdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Holiday Sizzle" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit starts on Nov. 19, additional items will be added Dec. 9 and the exhibit closes Jan. 5. Free. Some items will be for sale. Visit www.potomacfiberarts.com or 703-548-0935.

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 through 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.

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.

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

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

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

Pumpkin Parade. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children up to age 5 can SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 22

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ENTERTAINMENT

'The 39 Steps' Spies, sleuths and spoofs at LTA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Forget the films. Forget even the book. Patrick Barlow's stage adaptation of "The 39 Steps" is filled with sleuths and spoofs in a send up of John Buchan's classic thriller, now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Directed by C. Evans Kirk, Barlow's Olivier and Tony Award-winning play hitches the storytelling of Buchan to the thrills of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 spy thriller. With a cast of just four, the dialogue hurtles along at break-neck speed to tell the tale of spies, betrayal, murder and romance.

Richard Hannay, played by the suitably dashing Jeff McDermott, is the hero who is plunged into adventure and intrigue as he races against time to stop an evil foreign spy ring and clear his name after a mysterious woman is found murdered in his apartment.

In Barlow's inventive comedy farce, the remaining 139 roles are played by only three other energetic actors: Elizabeth Keith as Annabella/Margaret/Pamela; and Bob Cohen and Erik Harrison as "Everyone Else," which includes an oddball collection of characters conjured up from seemingly nowhere with a quick swap of costume or use of quirky props.

Hitchcock aficionados will be happy to see that "The 39 Steps" pays comic homage to a number of



Bob Cohen, Erik Harrison, Jeff McDermott and Elizabeth Keith star in The Little Theatre of Alexandria production of "The 39 Steps."

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his other films: A crop-dusting plane tries to run down our hero, flocks of birds perch on a house sign, Pamela suffers from vertigo and the Bates Motel is still open for business.

With its knockabout humor and visual gags, Kirk has crafted a production that cleverly makes use of shadow puppets and the brilliant quick-change artistry of Harrison and Cohen. The result is a thoroughly enjoyable evening of vintage spy-jinx

"The 39 Steps," adapted by Patrick Barlow from the movie by Alfred Hitchcock and the novel by John Buchan, is playing now through Nov. 16 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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enjoy stories and songs while parading around the library for non-food treats. Costumes or pumpkin orange colored clothing encouraged for both children and adults. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

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

Children's Photographs. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pink & Brown Boutique, 1212 King St. Children in costume can have their photos taken and then be eligible to win a gift card. Visit www.pinkandbrownboutique.com/ for more.

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.

Trick-or-Treaters Welcome. 3 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children can stop by the library before going trick-or-treating and receive a prize. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-746-1703.

Exhibit Opening. 6-8 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. "Beyond the Battlefield," which depicts a Civil War Union hospital room, medicines and instruments are on display and more. \$3/person. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org or 703-548-1789.

Spooktacular Story Time. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-7 can enjoy Halloween stories, songs and more. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-746-1704.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a

film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

Marc Broussard. At The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now. Visit www.marcbroussard.com or www.birchmere.com.

Halloween at the Athenaeum. Twilight-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Drop by for hot cider and trick-or-treating. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Halloween Musical. 7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Mantua Finials will play selections from their 26-song musical work that tells the story about the life of local urban legend The Bunnyman. Free. Visit www.legendofthebunnyman.com, www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

Dailey & Vincent. At The Birchmere 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com or <http://daileyandvincent.bombplates.com/>.

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.

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. see "Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Subject matter ranges from landscapes to portraits and a little bit of everything in between and the select photographers approach their craft in different ways—as traditional film shooters, digital image-makers, darkroom junkies, print makers, and

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experimentalists. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.
Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Watch "Alice in Wonderland." \$5/person. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

Art Sale and Exhibit. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. The Kingstowne Area Artists will exhibit and sell a variety of media including acrylics, pen and ink, photography and more. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org.

Gardening on the Edge. 1-2:15 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the latest gardening trends. \$15/Fairfax County resident; \$17/out-of-county visitor. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-222-4664.

Huntley Harvest Festival. 1-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., and Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Make crafts, see puppet shows and re-enactors and more. Children can earn a small trinket at each station, and then get a finger puppet prize for visiting them all. \$10/person, children under 4 are free. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Author Signing Event. 3 p.m. at Dunbar Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria, 401 N. Payne St. Monet Bradley will sign copies of her book "The Prodigal Daughter." Free.
Reception. 4-9 p.m. see never-before-seen hats from Dr. Seuss's private collection along with prints and sculpture from the art of Dr. Seuss Collection at P&C Art Gallery, 212 King St. Visit www.pcart.com.

Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 551 John Carlyle St. in Alexandria. Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia is hosting the fundraiser. Enjoy a silent auction, tasting samples, games and more. Tickets start at \$75/person. Visit www.scanva.org/support-scan/upcoming-events/toast-to-hope/.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. IONA performs. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit focusmusic.org for tickets.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Christmas Sale. 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish House Meade Room, 121 N. Columbus St. The Historic Christ Church Gift Shop holds its annual Birthday Bash Christmas Sale featuring Christmas decorations, cards, calendars, gift items and more. All profits go to outreach and missions. Free.

Music for All Saints Day. 10:45 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Hear a string prelude followed by four movements from Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna. Free. 703-549-5500.

Art Sale and Exhibit. Noon-4p.m. at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. The Kingstowne Area Artists will exhibit and sell a variety of media including acrylics, pen and ink, photography and more. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N.

At the Library

Beatley Library. 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

Duncan Library. 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-746-1705.

Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road. Call 703-746-1704.

Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen St. Call 703-746-1703. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

Homeschool Game Hour. 10 a.m. at Duncan Branch Library. Educational game time for homeschool children ages 5-10. Free.

Movie Matinee for Children. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children in grades 1-8 can enjoy a movie. Free.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Spanish Story Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 2-5 can enjoy stories and more in Spanish. Free.

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more.

Babbling Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Songs, fingerplays and bounces for babies up to 11 months. Free.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free.
Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

Friends of Beatley Library Meeting. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library. Learn how to become more active with the Friends. Free.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free.

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

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley

Library. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free.

ESL Intermediate Level. 3-5 p.m. at Beatley Library. Drop-in workshop. Free.

Tech Zoo Tuesdays. 3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library. Learn about the latest e-reading devices or bring own equipment for hands-on help. Free.

Survival at the Edge of Space. 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Learn how high altitude pilots and astronauts survive at the edge of space and beyond.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 8-12 can play games against friends or meet new people to play against. Free.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

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

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free.

Children's Crafting. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy a new craft each month. Free.

Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children in grades K-8 can learn more about animals in homes and backyards. Free.

Hitchcock Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library. Watch a movie and then discuss it at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Free.

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Charles Belfoure will discuss and sign his book "The Paris Architect." Free.

Family Story and Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. All ages can enjoy stories and crafts. Free.

Union St. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of "The New-York Tribune" detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site. Free. Visit alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Artist Talk & Reception. 4-6 p.m. 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. 703-578-7201.

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Enjoy an All Saints' Sunday Choral Evensong. Free-will offering taken for the Lazarus Ministry. 703-549-3312.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

R.E. Lee Camp Dinner. Social hour starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by a

catered dinner and then a presentation by author Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried who will discuss "Lee Invades the North: How the Two Invasions Compare and Contrast." Located at the American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron St. \$25/advance; \$30/door. RSVP to J.J. Smith at 703-299-1725. Visit www.leecamp.org for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

Lecture. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Artist Jessica Beels will present a background on paper making and describe some techniques used for handmade paper. Free. Food and drink available for

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Taylor Run

Doug's Dixie Devils filled the air with exhilarating music and small children danced happily as Taylor Run Civic Association celebrated Hallowe'en at their annual block party on Hilltop Terrace. The band played "When the saints come marching in" as the children paraded in their Hallowe'en costumes, many of which had been very artistically created by their parents.

Alexandria's Fire Department aided the party as they always do by parking a fire truck in the middle of the street for the children to admire. Sandy Wiener was there with her dog Gracie. The entire Rotkis family was there, as was Kellie Meehan, Wilma and Chuck Linderman, Lisa Beyer Scanlon, Darlene Johnson, Newbie Richardson, Andy Dies, Joe and Rick Eckard, the Swindells, Councilman John Chapman and one very energetic two-year-old we called Dave the Dancer. Refreshments, mostly brought by the association members, were hotdogs, hamburgers, beef barbeque, macaroni and cheese and a great many delicious salads and fruit plates. Refreshing beverages were also served.

Doug Powell, the trombonist, brought back happy memories by reminding me of Nick's in Greenwich Village, where I heard that same kind of music many years ago.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of the Taylor Run Civic Association are President Jesi Carlson, Vice-President Lisa Beyer Scanlon, Membership Chairman Brett Edusa, Treasurer Jay Kennedy and Board Member Mercer Fannon.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

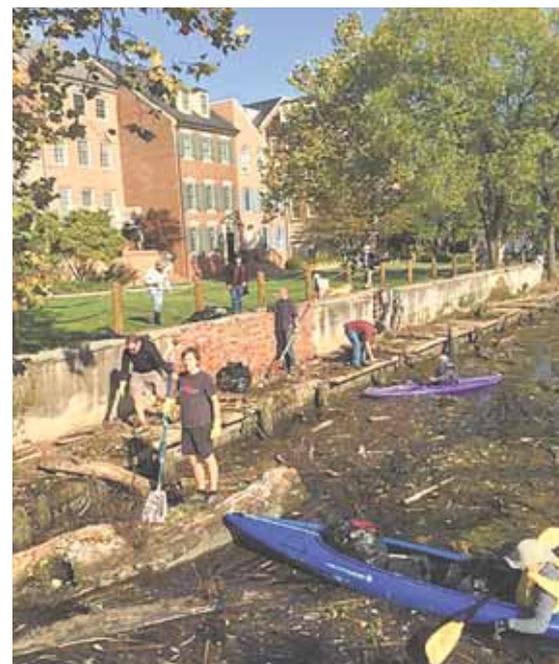


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Harborside Clean-up

Every year for the past few years, Harborside residents sponsor a "harborside" clean-up, removing hundreds of plastic bottles, containers of all shapes and sizes, and the occasional football from the Potomac River's edge in Old Town. A car tire and bed mattress were among the more novel discoveries this year. Shaun Sullivan coordinated the people and the supplies.

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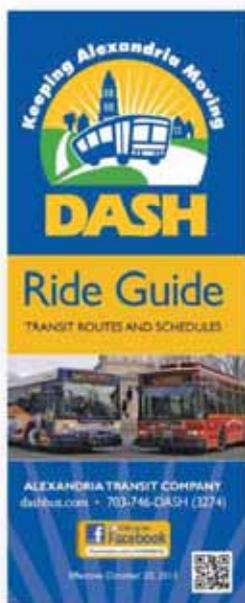
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HAUNTED



210 East Monroe Ave. takes the 2013 1st place award.



106 Stewart Ave. came in third in the annual contest.

Del Ray Haunts

Winners of the 2013 Haunted House Decorating Contest were announced at the Del Ray Halloween Parade on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27. Judges this year included state Del. Rob Krupicka and his daughters.

1st Place: 210 E Monroe Ave.; 2nd Place: 2943 Hickory St.; and 3rd Place: 106 Stewart Ave. Del Ray resident and Realtor Jen Walker sponsored the contest. Pictured are all the finalists and the winners.



24 West Del Ray Ave.



102 West Alexandria Ave.



109 Stewart Ave.

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2943 Hickory St. was awarded 2nd place.



308 East Windsor Ave.



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OPINION

What To Know To Avoid Being Scammed

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

On Oct. 19 Senior Services of Alexandria teamed up with the Alexandria Bar Association for the 2013 Senior Law Day: "Avoid Scams — Don't be a Victim!" First Baptist Church in Alexandria was filled with seniors looking for the latest information on how to spot a scam and protect against identity fraud.

The morning kicked off with Deborah Matthews, Esq. moderating a panel focused on recognizing scams that included: Det. Daniel Plank from the Alexandria Police Department, David Lord, Esq., Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, and Robert Blancato, Virginia president of AARP. They all agreed that seniors need to remember to be wary of strangers. Some common scams mentioned were:



SSA's Executive Director Mary Lee Anderson and SSA's Former President Barbara Anderson.

❖ Bogus contests and lotteries that ask for bank account information, social security numbers or a fee to cover "taxes."

❖ Handymen that come to your door offering to do yard work or home repairs that wind up costing way more than licensed

contractors.

❖ Mysterious calls or emails from relatives or friends who claim to be stranded overseas and need money wired to get home.

Eleanor Blayney, the consumer advocate for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards gave the keynote address, talking about ways the financial community is responding to fraud and financial abuse. One important message she drove home was that promises of unusually high rates of return are a red flag for "get rich" quick schemes. She is the author of the book, "Consumer Guide to Financial Self-Defense." Detailed information may be found on the CFP's website <http://www.cfp.net/learn/advocate.asp>.

SSA's board chair, Gregory Murphy, Esq., moderated the second panel, which addressed some of the tools available to protect against fraud. Natalie Page, Esq., with Life & Estate Planning Law Center; Michael

Maschke of Sensei Enterprises, and Frank Schiller from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service shared some simple rules everyone should follow:

❖ Use multiple passwords for on-line accounts — a minimum length of 12 characters.

❖ Never pay bills or do on-line banking on a laptop in a public place.

❖ Password protect your home Wi-Fi.

❖ Never opt to have your password saved on the network.

The next Senior Speaker Series event will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Beatley Central Library from 9:30 a.m.-noon. We'll be talking about Staying Connected: Employment and Volunteer Opportunities for Seniors in Alexandria. Light refreshments will be served at this free program which is open to the community. To register online, and get more information from Senior Law Day, go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call SSA at 703-836-4414, ext 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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is most pernicious and pervasive and where they are most vulnerable — in the homes where they live and spend most of their time. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics indicate there are likely a few thousand children and adolescents in the City of Alexandria who are needlessly exposed to secondhand smoke on a fairly regular basis — either because a parent or relative or visitor smokes in the home (and most likely in the car as well), or because they live in a multi-unit residential facility and secondhand smoke drifts in to the apartment through the walls, under the doors, and/or through shared ventilation systems.

Evidence-based research points to only two specific strategies for addressing this problem: (1) promoting smoking bans and restrictions; and (2) increasing the level of smoking cessation among the adult population. At the urging of the Public Health Advisory Commission and the Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air, the City Council increased the local cigarette tax by 20 cents a pack (now at \$1 a pack, compared to only 30 cents a pack at the state level), and agreed to dedicate \$35,000 in new revenues toward a smoking cessation program within public housing.

At its September 2013 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) unanimously endorsed a Smoking Cessation and Secondhand Smoke Reduction project at ARHA. The project has two major goals: (1) to adopt and implement a comprehensive smoke free housing policy for ARHA; and, (2) to expand the availability and accessibility of affordable smoking cessation services (clinics, counseling and approved nicotine replacement therapies) to all ARHA residents interested in quitting.

Of course, the problem of secondhand smoke exposure to our children and youth and to non-smoking adults is not limited to

residents of the ARHA community. It is our hope that the positive benefits of secondhand smoke reduction and decreased smoking at ARHA will stimulate further action within the private multiunit residential sector in the City of Alexandria.

Richard E. Merritt, Past Chair, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission and Co-Chair, Alexandria Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air
Ripley Forbes, Co-Chair, Alexandria Coalition for Clean and Smoke Free Air

Candidates' Characters

To the Editor:

Terry McAuliffe has no experience in elected office, is running a negative campaign and has no record of trying to improve life for Virginians despite having a home here for 20-plus years. Ken Cuccinelli has a long record of private and public service to improve Virginians' lives and protect our liberties. His word is reliable and his campaign platform is realistic and good for our citizens.

McAuliffe has attacked Cuccinelli as "anti-women." As an undergrad, Ken stood up for his raped housemate and initiated measures UVA still uses to protect women against such violence. He regularly commutes 90 miles to get home to help his family of five daughters and two sons. McAuliffe insinuates that Ken condones violence against women because he didn't sign a letter supporting the Violence Against Women Act. Other State Attorneys General who respect the line between federal and state operations didn't either.

Cuccinelli, a man of principle and action, upon seeing a problem, acts immediately, unafraid to challenge the powerful. I am proud he challenged Obamacare because it introduced the requirement that all citizens must buy a specific product offered by a

private company. That is still a terrible precedent. I am thankful that Ken hastens to protect individual liberty and the proper allocation of government power in our federal republic.

McAuliffe claims Cuccinelli is too extreme for Virginia. Why is it extreme to hold traditional Christian values, including integrity and concern for others, especially the needy and wrongly imprisoned?

Cuccinelli has run the Attorney General's office on steadily declining budgets, achieving increased efficiencies and productivity, providing bonuses for excellence and even returning funds to the state. Ken has mastered a business owner's challenges.

The candidates' characters, values, knowledge, experience and record of service to Virginia are starkly different. Vote for Cuccinelli to preserve good government in our state.

Ellen Latane Tabb
Alexandria

Move Forward, Not Slide Back

To the Editor:

I am a woman with daughters and a granddaughter. The very idea that they could have their lives, and decisions about their health care, restricted by a governor and an attorney general who, because of their personal beliefs, would effectively punish women of many backgrounds, situations and beliefs, makes me very afraid.

And, I want my granddaughter and grandson to breathe the air and drink the water, and not be adversely affected by denial about climate change.

If that's not enough to be afraid of, the possibility exists that gun violence issues, research at public universities, LGBT rights, and positive reform for immigrants might not move forward under a restrictive administration in Virginia.

I am doing what I can — voting, volun-

teering for the campaigns by knocking on doors to try to motivate others to vote — to make sure that Terry McAuliffe, Ralph Northam, Mark Herring, and Rob Krupicka are elected on Nov. 5 as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Delegate to the Virginia House.

I want the Commonwealth of Virginia to move forward, not backward. We have this election now, our one chance for many years, to make sure that we don't slide backward into restrictive social policies.

Marianne Anderson
Alexandria

Focus on Economy

To the Editor:

Virginia's abortion laws are unlikely to be any different four years after the new governor's inauguration from what they are on the day of his inauguration, no matter who is elected. The Democratic Senate would not allow any additional restrictions, and the Republican House would not go along with the relaxation of current law.

And on the topic of contraception, candidate Ken Cuccinelli has publicly repeated his position that government should not have a role in regulating contraceptives.

There are more important issues facing our Commonwealth right now, such as protecting Virginians from the burgeoning ObamaCare disaster, paring back special interest tax exemptions that do not directly benefit our citizens, and maintaining a sound job-producing economy.

The choice is between an experienced, principled, fiscally minded Ken Cuccinelli and an inexperienced, wheeler-dealer Terry McAuliffe.

Ken Cuccinelli is the clear choice for Virginia.

Rosalyn Bellis
Alexandria

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch an Alfred Hitchcock movie and then discuss it at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call for title. 703-746-1705.

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Charles Belfoure will discuss "Paris Architect." Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1751.

Music Performance. Turnpike Troubadours will perform on the Birchmere Flex Stage, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Teresa James when she opens for Delbert McClinton. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Music Performance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Marianne Matheny-Katz will sing Joni Mitchell songs in honor of Mitchell's 70th birthday. \$20 plus a minimum tab per guest. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com or 703-548-8899.

Historical Lecture. 7 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, visitor center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Why is it Called Lockheed Boulevard? Find out at the Friends of Historic Huntley Annual Meeting. Did you know Beacon Mall on Route 1 used to be an airport? Retired pilot and author, Charlie Davis, will lecture on the numerous former airports of Route 1. Free.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 7-10

Alexandria Film Festival. With more than 60 films by independent filmmakers, there will be something for everyone, including late-night blocks of macabre, mysterious films, foodie films, family-friendly movies at Beatley Library and "Best of Fest" program. There will also be a Q&A with Benh Zeitlin, a comedy co-written by and starring T.C. Williams High School graduate Casey Wilson. A full schedule can be found at www.alexandriafilmm.org. Tickets for most screenings are \$12/advance; \$15/door. Programming at Beatley Library is free.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Watch "Alice in Wonderland." \$5/person. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Civil War Tours. Two 90-minute tours will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Learn about the history of Fort Ward, life in the Civil War Defenses of Washington and more. Free. 703-746-4848.

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-4719.

Artisan Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Charles Barrett Rec Center. Browse handmade knits, ornaments, fine art,

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Film Festival Returns

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for communication tool. Food trucks could not operate without social media, as they have no other way to tell their potential patrons where they are located on any given day, he said. "Social media is the lifeblood of the food truck industry," he added.

Paschen is excited for his first film to be shown during the Alexandria Film Festival this year. "I'm really glad to be a part of it," and though he admits he's a little nervous for the Q&A session following the film, he's looking forward to seeing the other films showing on opening night.

THE SEVEN-MINUTE FILM "Pedestrian," by Claire Ensslin, an Alexandria native who now lives and works in New York City, tells its story with no dialogue at all. The short film shows a man struggling with his urges to attack a young girl.

Ensslin, who received her first video camera at the age of 12 but always thought of herself as an artist, filmed the movie in Alexandria and Falls Church, using locations she frequented when she lived here and attended T.C. Williams High School.

This film is based on a short story from the 1930s which was set in New York City and "really haunted" Ensslin when she read it. She kept the storyline the same and changed the era and the location, but stayed true to the subject over the course of the three-day shoot.

"This guy is obsessed with the idea of this small girl, but he always gets scared" when he sees her, she explained.

Ensslin said she submitted her script early last year to Panavision in order to be able to use their revered camera equipment, a request that was granted for three days worth of shooting, despite her wishes for six. Without dialogue, however, the mood of the film comes through lighting and "tons of music," made by two instruments she won't name.

"No one's ever guessed them correctly," she laughed. "It's very creepy music."

jewelry and more. Free face painting for children. Visit cbrecac.org/ artisan-market for more.

Play Expo & Fall Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane. Enjoy games, obstacle courses, crafts, pony rides and more. Food and beverages will be for sale. Free, but tickets are required for some activities. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com.

Eco-Conscious Decorating Class. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Sherry Ways will lead an interactive workshop on eco-conscious and holistic holiday decorating. Free. RSVP at 703-746-4356. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org for more.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. Discover Graphics Atelier, Inc. is celebrating 30 years with an exhibit at the Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road, N.E., Vienna. The exhibit runs from Nov. 6-Dec. 15. They have a print shop in Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit www.discovergraphics.org for more.

Performance. 4:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jane Franklin Dance presents "The Big Meow," adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spire. \$15. Adapted for young children. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Watch "Alice in Wonderland." \$5/person. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Family Day. All families can tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., as junior docents discuss the history. \$5/adult; \$3/child. All

veterans, active duty military personnel and their immediate families will receive free admission with valid ID. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/gadsbystavern or 703-746-4242.

Author Signing. 1-3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Army veteran Gordon Helsel will sign copies of his book "The Day God Showed Up." Free.

Cocktails in La Zona Rosa. 4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy Latin-inspired music, food and drink and more. \$50/person. Buy tickets at www.nvfaa.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Al Stewart performs. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

DMZ to Delta Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight at Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Military veterans, their families, Red Cross and civilian employees and the general public can dance the night away with music of the Vietnam War era. Enjoy finger food, cash bar, silent auction and more. Proceed benefit Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., Chapter 227's community programs. Tickets at www.vva227.org or 703-255-0353.

Fundraiser Comedy Night. 6-9 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Community Lodgings will host Fall Back to Comedy. Executive Director Bonnie Baxley will be honored for her eight years of service. Comedian Denny More will perform while patrons can enjoy a buffet dinner, an open bar with a selection of wine and beer, and auction. \$95 in advance, \$125 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at www.communitylodgings.org or at 703-549-4407.

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A Tale of Two Transits

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cause it will eventually go all the way to Pentagon City.”

In other words, the destination will guide the transit choice. Those who want to arrive in Crystal City will get on a streetcar. Those who are headed to Potomac Yard will use BRT. Meanwhile,

across the river in the District of Columbia, transportation officials say the city's new streetcar service is set to open early next year. Alexandria will launch its bus-rapid transit line next year. Arlington's streetcar line is still a few years down the line.

“They still have yet to come up with a way to pay for it,” said Peter Rousselot, of Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit. “Now they've launched new studies to try to plug the holes, but we have yet to see an independent cost-benefit analysis.”

THE DEBATE about the streetcar system in Arlington has become one of the most contentious issues to face the county in years. Opposing sides can't even agree on basic facts. For example, the federal government estimates the project is most likely to come in at \$310 million, and it could be as much as \$410 million. But county officials are sticking by their original estimate, which is \$249 million. Each side views the other with suspicion.

“Criticism of the streetcars is, in part, politically motivated,” said Randy Swart of Streetcar Now. “People who are opposed to this are people who are opposed to everything the County Board does or they are opposed to certain individuals.”

Ever since the federal government declined to kick in \$60 million for the streetcar system as part of the Small Starts program back in April, opponents have been calling for a cost-benefit analysis. Like many aspects of the debate about the streetcars, various sides are in disagreement about whether or not a cost-benefit analysis has even been conducted. Supporters say all the necessary studies have been conducted and that calls for a cost-benefit analysis are just a veiled effort to delay and obstruct.

“Just saying that a cost-benefit analysis hasn't been done doesn't make it true,” said Zimmerman during a County Board meeting in July. “I suspect if we did another one and they didn't like the result they'd still be saying we hadn't done one.”

NOW THAT Alexandria has decided to move forward with BRT and Arlington has committed to streetcars, the neighbor jurisdictions are hoping to move forward in a way that can be beneficial to both communities. For now, that means overlapping systems. But leaders in Alexandria who support streetcars say the city's BRT infrastructure is being constructed in a way that will allow for the system being upgraded to streetcars in the future, a scenario that will



Alexandria will have the region's first dedicated lanes.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

still leave room for a seamless system in the future. Lovain made that point during a public hearing last week, even though he knows many in Alexandria are critical of streetcars.

“I saw a lot of people rolling their eyes,” said Lovain. “But, hey, once people get a taste of streetcars we might have a different kind of situation where people will really clamor for it.”

Critics of streetcars say the system is costly and may be repetitive. When the issue was debated last year in Alexandria, then-Councilman Frank Fannon was one of the leading critics. He argued it would be unwise to invest in a streetcar system while the city is in the process of borrowing money to build a Metro station at Potomac Yard.

“We are going to have the BRT line out there to get through Potomac Yard. You can drive your car, you can take a taxi, you can bike, you can walk, you can take the Metro — so that's already six modes of transportation,” said Fannon. “Do we really need a seventh mode of transportation?”

Fannon lost the election, but he may have won the argument. City leaders are reluctant to fund streetcars — at least for now. That leaves Alexandria constructing the region's first dedicated lanes, which will soon be home to a bus-rapid transit line. Although Lovain says he is pleased the line could eventually upgrade to streetcars, he said he is also concerned about something he calls “BRT creep.”

“People start off by saying let's build a really fancy BRT that looks just like a light rail line with a sleek looking vehicle and dedicated right-of-way raised platforms,” said Lovain. “But then when they actually start building it, they just start cheaping out.”

The next budget cycle is expected to open a new discussion about the cost of the project in Arlington. Although county officials are conducting a study in anticipation of securing money under the New Starts program, the capital improvement plan include some numbers about how much local money will be involved and where the money will come from.

“Up until now it's been a very nebulous conversation,” said County Board member Libby Garvey, who has been critical of the streetcar initiative. “The upcoming capital improvement plan is going to make it clearer what the trade offs are. In other words, if we do a streetcar what are the things we can't do or don't do or delay longer.”

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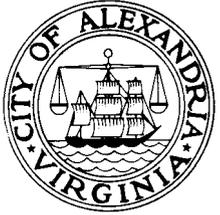
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A Teenage Ninja Turtle Stealthmobile arrives at the Mount Vernon Community School playground.

Lake Braddock QB Wins Battle of Future UNC Teammates

Henderson's Bruins beat Titans, lineman Clarke, linebacker Carney.

By JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

With the Lake Braddock football team threatening to score early in Saturday's contest, T.C. Williams linebacker Malik Carney tackled Bruins quarterback Caleb Henderson for a 3-yard loss on second down.

Two players later, with Lake Braddock facing fourth-and-short inside the TC 5-yard line, Carney smashed Henderson to the ground short of the first down.

Lake Braddock again drove deep into TC territory on its next possession but failed to reach the end zone. Titans defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke stopped Lake Braddock running back Trevor O'Brien for a 1-yard loss on first-and-goal from the 5 and the Bruins would eventually settle for a field goal.

The Lake Braddock-T.C. Williams matchup on Oct. 25 pitted future University of North Carolina teammates against one another. Carney and Clarke, who will play defense for the Tar Heels, had their moments, but the rest of the afternoon belonged to the Bruins and UNC quarterback commit Henderson.

Henderson threw a touchdown pass and rushed for two more scores as Lake Braddock cruised to a 44-0 victory at T.C. Williams High School, improving the Bruins' record to 8-0. Lake Braddock has outscored its five Conference 7 opponents 271-0.

T.C. Williams linebacker Malik Carney (28) makes a tackle during a game against Lake Braddock on Nov. 12.



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Henderson completed 11 of 26 passes for 182 yards and carried 12 times for 120 yards against TC, according to stats from the Post's allmetsports.com. Henderson's 45-yard touchdown run gave the Bruins a 24-0 advantage in the second quarter. His 16-yard scoring scamper extended the Lake Braddock lead to 31-0 with less than two minutes left in the opening half.

The Bruins' first possession of the second half ended with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Henderson to AJ Alexander.

T.C. Williams entered the game with a 5-2 record, but the Titans and their Division I defensive duo had no answer for Henderson and the Bruins.

"It's a lot of fun," Henderson said about facing his future UNC teammates, Clarke and Carney. "I get to see what my team's going to look like. They look pretty big and athletic so I'm excited to play with them."

Henderson was the first of four Northern Virginia prep football players in the class of 2014 to commit to the University of North Carolina, committing as a junior on April 11. Clarke (June 16), Carney (June 22) and Yorktown running back/defensive back MJ

Stewart (July 15), who will play DB for the Tar Heels, eventually also decided to play at Chapel Hill. Henderson said he tried to convince former West Potomac teammate DeMornay Pierson-El to choose UNC, but Pierson-El committed to the University of Nebraska, where he will be a slot receiver and kick returner.

"I talked to Jeremiah and Malik every time I saw them at 7-on-7s," Henderson said, "and I would text Jeremiah and just say, 'Hey, keep Carolina in your mind, blah, blah, blah,' because he had a ton of offers, same with Malik. It's a really big grab for us to have Jeremiah and Malik."

Henderson, who was selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, is listed at 6 feet 4 and 217 pounds. ESPN.com ranks Henderson No. 187 in its latest list of the country's top 300 college recruits. He's rated the No. 11 quarterback recruit in the nation, receiving a grade of 83 out of 100 and four out of five stars. Other schools that offered Henderson include Virginia, Virginia Tech, Maryland, Michigan State, Purdue and Miami.

Clarke was the next Northern Virginia

player to commit to UNC. Listed at 6 feet 4, 265 pounds, Clarke is rated by ESPN.com as the 48th-best defensive tackle recruit in the nation, receiving a grade of 79 and three stars. He also received offers from Virginia, Virginia Tech, Tennessee, Penn State, Nebraska and Miami, among others.

Clarke, who also plays left tackle on the Titans' offensive line, finished with two tackles against Lake Braddock while battling ankle and Achilles tendon injuries.

"It's fun going against somebody that's going to be your future teammate," Clarke said. "... It's fun to get a last play in before you're not allowed to hit [Henderson]."

Clarke said already knowing a few of his Tar Heel teammates will help with the transition to college.

"It's great because you already have some friends," he said. "You don't have to worry about that awkward stage."

Carney, listed at 6 feet 2, 208 pounds, said UNC coaches are looking at him as a weakside linebacker. ESPN.com ranks Carney as the No. 111 outside linebacker in the nation, giving him a grade of 74 and three stars. Carney also received offers from Tennessee, Connecticut, Marshall, Pittsburgh and Toledo, among others.

Against Lake Braddock, Carney tallied six tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack.

"Just seeing what [Henderson is] going to bring to the table," Carney said when asked about the experience of playing against future college teammate Henderson. "Just going against [him], being competitive. Just acting like I don't know him at all."

Carney is also a running back for the Titans. He carried 15 times for 46 yards against the Bruins.

Lake Braddock will host South County on Friday, Nov. 1 in a game that will likely decide the top spot in the Conference 7 standings. TC will travel to West Springfield.

ODBC Brings Home Gold Medal from Philadelphia

The Old Dominion Boat Club select crew team continued its winning ways this past Sunday at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia, where ODBC rowers not only brought home a Gold Medal, but captured a bronze medal and three other Top 10 finishes as well.

The gold medal was won by the ODBC Select women's quad, who made it down the 2.5-mile Schuylkill River course with a time of 16:38.27, nine seconds ahead of the boat from Bachelors Barge Club and faster than the 13 other boats in the field. Members of the Quad include Meghan Cleary, Kaela Wilbur, Emerson Solms, and Taylor Stirling. The Quad is guided by ODBC Select head girls' sculling coach Nick Johnson.

Also winning a medal at the Schuylkill were ODBC select scullers Alex Zele and Sarah Beougher, whose time of 17:16.72 in the women's high school doubles competition was the third fastest in the field, earn-

ing them the bronze. Zele and Beougher are coached by Johnson.

Rounding out the top 10 finishers for ODBC were: the women's high school non-varsity 8, who captured fourth place; Kyra McClary, who claimed fifth place in the high school singles competition for age 17 and under; and the women's high school varsity 8, who took seventh place out of 59 boats in one of the largest and most competitive fields of the day. The two 8s and McClary are guided by ODBC select girls' head coach Patrick Marquardt and assistant girls' coach Jaime Rubini.

Solid performances at the Head of the Schuylkill were also turned in by the ODBC select boys' crew, who claimed 14th place out of 39 boats in the men's high school 4 w/cox competition for rowers under the age of 17, and by the ODBC select men's high school varsity 8, who claimed 28th place out of 68 boats in what was also one of the

largest and toughest fields of the day.

The ODBC select boys are guided by head boys' coach Audrey Shankles.

The Head of the Schuylkill Regatta was first raced in 1971. This year's contest featured more than 6,500 competitors from across the country and around the world. The ODBC select crew is composed of more than 80 student athletes from such area high schools as T.C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, West Potomac, Georgetown Visitation, and McLean.

The select crew concludes their season this coming weekend at the Head of the



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Members of the ODBC select women's quad prepare to overtake another boat on their way to a Gold Medal at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia on Oct. 29. Members of the quad include (from left): Meghan Cleary, Kaela Wilbur, Emerson Solms, and Taylor Stirling.

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All the classes are included and each class has its own set of caterpillars. The release is a fun-for-everyone event. Even our Old Town Campus of our school comes and takes part in this activity which usually happens between the end of September to the middle of October.

Our study of the Monarch includes raising them from egg to adult butterfly. When asked what his favorite part of raising the butterflies is, Cody, 12, responded, "Feeding them by hand with pure apple juice. We get to hold the butterflies and actually see the proboscis sip the juice."

The caterpillars eat a lot of milkweed. They grow from 0.3cm to 8 cm in length before they make their chrysalis. The chrysalis is two centimeters long and hangs from the bottom of leaves in nature. The chrysalis is a bright green jade color with gold dots and lines on it. The chrysalis will slowly crack open after 10 days and the butterfly will emerge. The butterfly's wings are crumpled when it comes out

because there isn't any fluid inside the wings for flying. The butterfly then pumps fluids from its body.

"Seeing the children's enthusiasm and the incredible moment when they emerge, is my favorite part," said Ms. Walker another elementary teacher, "I learn something new every year." After the butterflies emerge from their chrysalis, we let them fly around in their flight cages until we tag them.

"I liked watching them fly around in their cage," said Isabella, 6. The tag, which is half a centimeter in width, is peeled off a sheet and rolled onto the butterfly's lower right wing. The tag is printed with a unique identity number. If a scientist along the migration route or in Michuacan, Mexico finds the butterfly, its number can be typed into a databank giving information about where the butterfly came from. Then the scientists send a message to us through the website saying the butterfly made it to Michuacan.

When asked if raising and studying butterflies increased their interest in them, Alex, 10, responded, "Yes. I liked to watch them hatch out of their chrysalis. I didn't know that much about butterflies before and I definitely want to do this activity again."

This annual activity is fun, and Aquinas students hope for it to continue for years to come.

When asked if she learned anything from this experience Grace, 8, said, "In nature, the butterflies don't have the chance to live as long as they do when we raise them."

Mrs. Messenger, another elementary teacher, said, "I loved to see the excitement in the children's faces when they see a butterfly emerge and see little caterpillars. It's great to see little children who were afraid of insects enjoy the beauty of butterflies."

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Program. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dr. Suleiman Alibhai, O.D. will talk about rehabilitation for individuals who are visually impaired. Free. 703-765-4573.

Halloween Candy Exchange

Program. During business hours, children can bring in their unopened candy to Dental Associates of Northern Virginia, 1500 Belle View Blvd., and get a goodie bag that will include a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and more. Dental Associates will match all candy gifts by donating dental supplies to the troops. 703-768-4777.

Meeting.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The meeting will discuss the Waterfront Small Area Plan Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design process. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/waterfront for more.

An Evening of Wine & Chocolate.

5:30-7:30 p.m. at Artfully Chocolate, 506 John Carlyle St. Join the Alexandria Chamber's Professional Women's Network for an evening of wine, chocolate and networking. \$35 members, \$45 non-members. To register click here <http://lyris.newtarget.com/t/12441/56884/1794/7/>.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Operation Christmas Child. Pick up an empty shoebox from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. at Chick-fil-A, Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. Return the gift-filled shoebox on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The shoeboxes will go to needy children overseas. Visit samaritanspurse.org for more.

Ornament Decorating Workshop.

10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriarchaeology.org or

703-746-4719.

Blood Drive. 2:30-8 p.m. at Alexandria Chapter House, 123 North Alfred St. The American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region will hold a blood drive. Call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

6250.

Forum. 10-11 a.m. (social hour at 9:30 a.m.) at Ernst Cultural Center on the NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Professor Richard Rubenstein from the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University will talk about how poverty and inequality endanger America and what can be done about it. 703-503-0600 or <http://lli.nova.org>.

"Understanding Condominium

Living." 7-9 p.m. at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive. Learn about the rights and responsibilities of condo associations and those of the homeowner. Free, but seating is limited. E-mail shane.cochran@alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

College Night at T.C. 6:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. Pizza dinner and presentations on why college is important, choosing the right college, scholarship searches and more. Free. Opportunities to win scholarships and prizes. 703-578-



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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
207 NORTH VIEW TER	7	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,000,000	Detached	0.21	22301	ROSEMONT
733 UNION ST S	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,805,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	BACKYARD BOATS
312 MANSION DR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,275,000	Detached	0.35	22302	COLONIAL PARK
1604 WALLESTON CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.32	22302	NORTHRIDGE
112 CAMERON MEWS	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,149,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	CAMERON MEWS
118 COLUMBUS ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,125,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHURCH SQUARE
219 MASON AVE E	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,025,500	Detached	0.17	22301	DEL RAY
321 PITT ST S	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,004,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
600 SECOND ST #101	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,000,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	LIBERTY ROW
611 TIVOLI PASSAGE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$937,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	PORINERS LANDING
3103 EDGEHILL DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$919,000	Detached	0.17	22302	BEVERLY HILLS
41 BELLEFONTE AVE E	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$895,000	Detached	0.25	22301	DEL RAY
1876 CARPENTER RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
2908 MAPLEWOOD PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$870,000	Detached	0.24	22302	BEVERLEY ESTATES
609 UPLAND PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$865,100	Detached	0.22	22301	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
106 NELSON AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$855,000	Detached	0.25	22301	DEL RAY
635 FIRST ST #205	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$850,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	LIBERTY ROW
1219 RUSSELL RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$834,900	Detached	0.16	22301	ROSEMONT
403 FAYETTE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$830,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
2405 CONOY ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$819,900	Townhouse		22301	POTOMAC YARD
5143 BRAUNER PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$815,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
220 FAYETTE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$800,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
604 VIEW TER S	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$800,000	Detached	0.18	22314	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
613 FAYETTE ST S	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$780,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.10	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES
3102 EDGEHILL DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$780,000	Detached	0.21	22302	BEVERLY HILLS
5015 WAPLE LN	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$772,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION
27A HOWELL AVE E	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$765,000	Detached	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
752 FIRST ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$749,900	Townhouse		22314	NORTH WASHINGTON ST COND
806 OVERLOOK DR N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$749,000	Detached	0.16	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
212 LURAY AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$745,000	Detached	0.11	22301	BRENTON
204 ALEXANDRIA AVE W	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$734,000	Detached	0.14	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
1017 ORONOCO ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$730,000	Detached	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN
239 MONROE AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$720,000	Detached	0.14	22301	DEL RAY
3306 HOLLY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$719,000	Detached	0.18	22305	DEL RAY
320 WEST ST S #401	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$718,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	DUKE CONDOMINIUM
1066 DEL RAY AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$715,000	Other	0.11	22301	DEL RAY
207 COMMERCE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$699,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	CHELSEA
1001 VIRGINIA AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$685,000	Detached	0.20	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
3203 RUSSELL RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$679,900	Detached	0.21	22305	DEL RAY
2211 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY #102	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$675,025	Garden 1-4 Floors		22301	POTOMAC YARD
2500 SANFORD ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$669,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
309 WILKES ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$664,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
517 ALFRED ST N	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
2511 KING ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$640,000	Detached	0.15	22301	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
163 HILTON ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$637,000	Detached	0.11	22314	GLENMORE
2523 GADSBY PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$631,000	Townhouse	0.03	22311	STONEGATE
18 CUSTIS AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$629,100	Townhouse	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1509	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$625,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS

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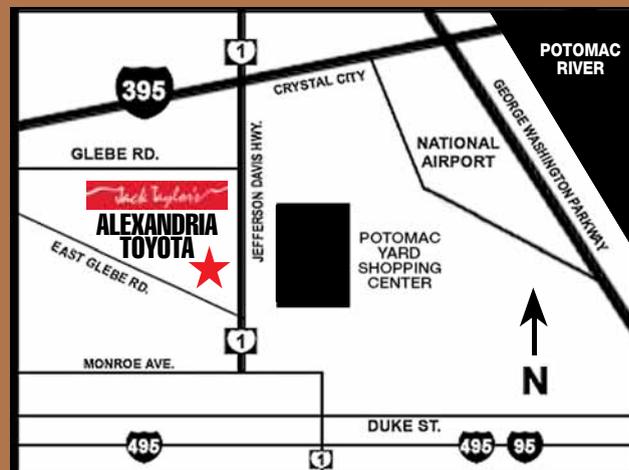
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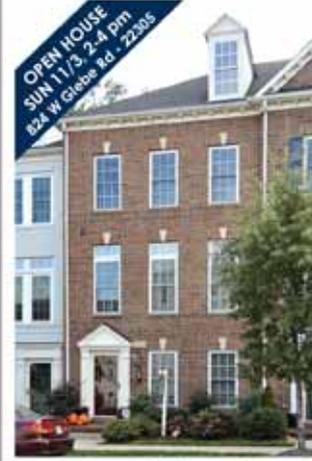
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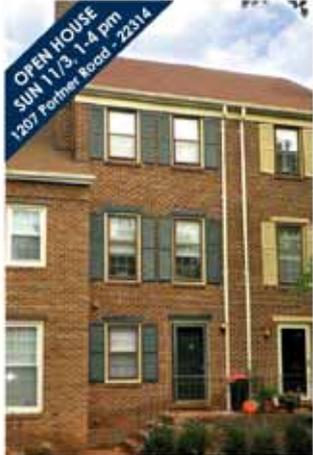
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