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For the second year, the USATF will hold its 12K Championships in Alexandria on Nov. 16. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Alexandria Police Foundation.

Fall Fun A Ride on the 'Fun Side:' Things to do this fall in Alexandria.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Not so long ago, Alexandria was known as "the Fun Side of the Potomac." But while tourism slogans come and go, the destination is still one of the most visited in the state, with autumn providing a kaleidoscope of colors as the backdrop to explore some of the neighborhoods and events that draw millions of visitors to the historic cobbled streets of Alexandria.

"For me, this is the perfect time of year to take friends on a ghost tour," said financial wealth advisor Adron Krekeler. "Yes, you can do it year round but with the shorter days, it gets darker earlier and creates an atmosphere perfect for a ghost tour."

Ghost tours are just the beginning of the many things to do be-



The popular pumpkin patch sale at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill begins next week and runs through the end of October.

fore the holiday season arrives. Known throughout the region as an arts destination, Del Ray's Arts on the Avenue, set for Oct. 4, is the unofficial kick off to the fall season.

"This is our 19th year," said founder Pat Miller. "It's amazing how it has grown yet still retains its local, community spirit."

From the obvious – the Torpedo Factory – to the often overlook Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum at the U.S. Patent and Trade Office, there is something for everyone to explore from the waterfront

to the West End.

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

1 Alexandria Seaport Foundation Seaport Day – Celebrate Alexandria's waterfront Sept. 27 at Seaport Day. Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Waterfront Park at the foot of Prince Street, the family-friendly event features live music, children's model boat building, gutter boat races and a chowder cook-off. www.alexandriaseaport.org

2 19th Annual Art on the Avenue – A multicultural arts and music festival for and by locals. Entertainment, art activities and a pie-baking contest along with 350 artisans displaying and selling their work. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 4 on Mount Vernon Avenue

between Hume and Bellefonte Avenues. www.ArtontheAvenue.org.

3 Arts Safari – Free hands-on arts and crafts activities for children. Oct. 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Children will enjoy the Clay Experience, Arts Safari Painting, Fabric Collage, Origami

Art, Giant Papier-Mache Animal, and more. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. www.torpedofactory.org.

4 Halloween Canine Cruise – Enjoy the fall foliage Oct. 30 with a sail along the Potomac River with cos

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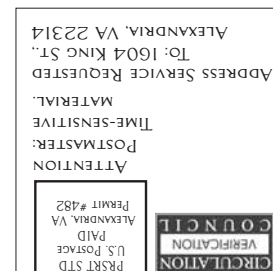
Jamethiel Risacher, 6, works on a collage art project at last year's annual Art on the Avenue festival as older sister Megan, 9, looks on. This year's festival is Oct. 4 in Del Ray.



Adults can enjoy events such as the Art League's Art on Tap, taking place Oct. 3.

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Who's on First?

Should Prince Street and Cameron Street have bike lanes? That's a question that city officials will be asking city residents starting Sept. 30.

That's the date of the first community meeting on a proposal that would add bike lanes to the two major Old Town corridors, one eastbound and the other westbound.

It is scheduled to happen at Minnie Howard Middle School at 7 p.m. That will be followed by another community meeting in October.

"We want to hear from people," said **Yon Lambert**, acting director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Science. "We are doing an overview of the plan and the process. We are looking at existing conditions, and we are identifying conditions and needs."

But Old Town Civic Association President **Townsend Van Fleet** is skeptical that the city really wants public input. Appearing before members of the City Council during a public hearing on Sept. 13, Van Fleet accused city leaders of conducting fraudulent meetings to get input on a decision that's already been made. Taking aim at City Manager **Rashad Young's** "What's Next Alexandria" initiative, the civic association president said the bike lanes are already a foregone conclusion.

"It's becoming more and more apparent that these meetings are nothing more than pro forma occurrences to meet the requirement for public input," said Van Fleet. "Instead of What's Next Alexandria, perhaps it should be Who's on First Alexandria?"

Full Disclosure

When automobile mogul **Jack Taylor** appeared before members of the City Council to increase the hours of operation at his Jefferson Davis Highway dealership, elected officials were tripping over themselves to disclose their financial relationship with him. Mayor **Bill Euille** was first.

"I need to disclose that I have, within the last 12 months, benefited from a campaign donation from Mr. Jack Taylor," said Euille.

"But I don't find that it will put me in a conflict of interest situation, so I will be participating in the discussion and the vote on this matter."

Councilwoman **Del Pepper** was next.

"May I note that I have received," Pepper began.

"Not within the last 12 months," the mayor interjected.

"Oh, not within the last 12 months," she responded.

"That's the new requirement," explained Euille.

"I think she was just complaining," said Councilman **Justin Wilson**.

"Is it OK if we drive Jack Taylor Toyota?" asked Councilman **Tim Lovain**.

Fewer Taxi Drivers

Speaking before members of the Alexandria City Council recently, Yellow Cab President **Spencer Kimball** said the city is suffering from a glut of taxicab drivers. He told the elected officials, who have the power to regulate the industry, that Alexandria has about five times as many drivers as it needs.

Councilman Wilson suggested that the city manager consider reducing the number of authorizations during the upcoming review of the industry.

"I would ask the manager to strongly consider that type of direction," concluded Wilson.

"Thank you," responded Young with a chuckle.

Reducing the number of authorizations would likely put the city manager in hot water with drivers, who would oppose the move because it would take away their livelihood.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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The YMCA fired the Sea Dragons swim team's coach after he failed a police background check.

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HELEN LLOYD

Parents Support Fired Coach

Background check yields three-year suspension from USA Swimming team meets.

BY HELEN LLOYD
GAZETTE PACKET

Young swim team members and their parents staged a sit-in protest at the YMCA on Wednesday, Sept. 17, when they arrived for the first training session of the season to find their head coach had failed a police background check and been fired.

Days earlier Sea Dragons coach Solomon Robinson, 53, had notified the sports facility that he had been suspended for three years from participating or coaching USA Swimming team meets. He had failed a background check which is part of the USA Swimming coaching qualification. The YMCA terminated his employment on the spot.

According to Robinson, the police check revealed he had been arrested for grabbing his wife's wrist during an argument in 2012 in Howard County, Md. He then breached a court order banning him from returning to the home. He said he had been arrested following a second altercation with his wife's 23-year-old son six months ago.

Members of the Sea Dragons complained that the YMCA had failed to let the swimmers and their families know that Robinson was no longer eligible to coach. Many had paid well more than \$1,300 each to specifically train with the former Paralympic and Olympic trials coach. Swimmers come from all over the district and Maryland to swim with the Sea Dragons because of Robinson's coaching reputation.

Swimmers feel that they have been left without adequate coaching to succeed this season.

More than 15 Sea Dragons and their parents refused to move from the YMCA lobby on Wednesday night until they had met with the facility's aquatic director. They wanted to know why Robinson's contract had been terminated six days before the start of training yet team members had not been notified. Aquatic director Jim Heffel eventually agreed to discuss the situation privately for an hour with five parent nominees.

"The situation is that we do not have a head coach



Robinson

right now. We are searching for a head coach. There were some HR issues with Solomon Robinson. He is also not qualified to coach USA Swimming meets, that's another problem. The background checks are included in that process," Heffel said.

USA Swimming spokesperson Cindy Hayes confirmed that Robinson had been suspended. "He had a hearing and that penalty was decided on. It was not just his background check. There were other issues — other extenuating circumstances surrounding the decision," Hayes said.

Heffel said that swimmers' cases would be treated on a case-by-case basis and refunds would be given to those who were no longer happy with being part of the team. However, parents felt it was too little too late as the swim season has already started and other distinguished swim teams in the area are full.

Eric Toppin said he had brought his 10-year-old son, Jamari, to the YMCA explicitly on recommendations that Robinson was the best coach in the area.

"Jamari has started to take things seriously and has been a competitive swimmer for the last three years. We came here to improve his competition timings with this coach. We had one meeting with him to lay out a coaching schedule but now he's not here," Toppin said.

Toppin added: "Parents want Solomon back. There is no one like him in this area. Quality head coaches are very difficult to find. Obviously he did an outstanding job and the parents were supportive of him. I don't think this was because he didn't do a good job coaching."

"There were a lot of parents here on Wednesday. The lobby was full. They took a group of five and met with them. They said they were going to give parents information about what was happening but we never heard anything more. I don't know what we're going to do now. They have let the kids down."

Robinson said he felt the YMCA had overreacted. He had willingly given them the information about his past history ahead of the start of the swim season.

"Yes, I have a checkered past. I didn't get the arrests expunged from my record. My wife and I had

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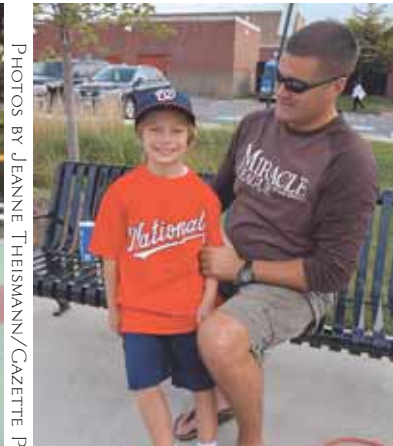
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Players and volunteers listen to the National Anthem Sept. 19 prior to the opening game of the 2014 Miracle League fall season at the Nannie J. Lee Center.

With help from his father Dan, Brayden Kemp, 8, prepares for his first game with the Miracle League of Alexandria.

Batter Up! Miracle League opens fall season.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Brayden Kemp was all smiles as he stepped up to the plate at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field Friday night. Wearing the colors of his newly adopted hometown Washington Nationals, the 8-year-old was taking his first at-bat as a participant in the Miracle League of Alexandria.

"We were a part of the Miracle League in San Diego for two years," said Brayden's father Dan, a Marine chief warrant officer now stationed at Quantico. "Brayden couldn't wait to start playing again after our move here."

Sponsored by the department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the Miracle League of Alexandria kicked off its 2014 fall season Sept. 19 at the Nannie J. Lee Center. For the first time, the league is splitting up the youth and adult participants of the Alexandria Therapeutic Recreation Department, which serves children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Youth games will be played on Friday nights with the adult games taking place on Saturday evenings.

Also taking to the field were members of the Alexandria Aces youth travel team, who were acting as volunteer "buddies" to the Miracle League participants.



Matteo Torrico, 7, is joined by his sister Lily, 11, as he rounds third base during the Miracle League season opener Sept. 19.

"The Miracle League is just awesome," said Kemp, who was joined at the game by his wife Jolyn and daughters Annabelle, 5, and Sofia, 3. "It's a great opportunity and my son Brayden absolutely loves it. He and everyone has a blast."

For more information, visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.



Sesi Atiase, assisted by a Therapeutic Rec staff member, takes her first swing during the opening game of the 2014 Miracle League fall season.



Miracle League of Alexandria founder Bill Rivers gives pre-game instructions to members of the Alexandria Aces youth travel team, who were acting as volunteer "buddies" on opening day.

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Patching City's Potholes

A matter of teamwork.

BY SHIRLEY L. RUHE
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Earplugs in, yellow vests zipped up and protective eyewear in place. A large white knob on the back of the protective helmet adjusts it to an individual's head size. The 65 -pound jackhammer blasts into the 6 x6 foot square of asphalt at the High and Orchard intersection in Alexandria. A 7x3 foot piece of asphalt has been marked and is waiting.

Robert Henderson, labor supervisor for the City of Alexandria Transportation and Environmental Services Division of Public Works Services, says "we should be able to finish

these in about half an hour."

He turns the jackhammer over to Andrew Smith, one of his crew. Henderson jokes, "when I get tired they take over." He walks down the road where he has put up an arrow board and has blocked off one lane with orange cones for safety. He waves the large flag to direct traffic around the work area. It's all about safety. Everyone waves as another city truck drives by.

Smith and Flo Gomez-Duenas, another crew member, earlier had fired up the propane on the back of crew truck #4152 to 350 degrees. "See the flame — stand back. It takes less than 5 minutes to get hot and ready for the asphalt." They had driven by the compound yard where they have all of the sand, rocks and trucks. Smith points to the salt bins and white tank of liquid calcium. He says, they are getting ready for snow removal way in advance so they don't have a backlog in December. They arrive at Virginia Paving Company and head for the chutes.

Today they pull into 2B and wait for 1.5 tons of asphalt to be dumped into the tank. The loaded truck lumbers toward the first repair of the day. Smith said Henderson would be at the site already preparing the work area for the rest of the crew. They expect to repair 15-20 potholes today. Last winter when things were really bad, they would sometimes do 100 in a



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Flo Gomez-Duenas and Devon Scott with Alexandria's Division of Public Works Services fill a newly dug 6 x 6 foot hole with fresh asphalt while Andrew Smith brushes out the debris from a 3 x 7 foot pothole in the rear.

day. "Salt on the roads for melting ice eats up the asphalt; it really does." Arriving at the site, Smith pulls the asphalt truck behind Henderson.

Henderson says, "Everyone on the crew can do everything; we are interchangeable and even the sewer guys can come help if we need it, and we can help them, too. I wouldn't change my crew for the world."

After the jackhammer breaks up the asphalt, the debris gets shoveled into a truck for recycling and the hole gets swept clean. Gomez-Duenas shovels in the new asphalt and then levels it off. Henderson says, "You have to watch the bottom of your loop to make sure it is level. After all of these years, I just eyeball it. They tell me you got four eyes. You see better." He turns to Gomez-Duenas and says, "Looking good baby, looking good."

Devon Scott, a contract employee on the team, has been helping shovel asphalt and then heads for the tamping machine. He pushes it back and forth, and steam rises as the machine sprays water to cool down the hot asphalt. Today's potholes are a permanent patch. Some days they do "stop and drop" repairs where they shovel in asphalt for small areas; sometimes they fill alligator cracks. Residents report potholes to the city and if it is an emergency they try to get to them as soon as possible. "Sometimes people gets disgruntled," Smith says, "especially if we are making repairs on a hot 'red' route (main road) and they are in a hurry to get somewhere. But then they realize we are fixing their problem, and they are glad we're there."

Henderson said he has been working for the City of Alexandria most of his life. His first job had been with the phone company but he didn't like it very much. Now he works 10-hour days Monday-Thursday. He said he started in 1979 and worked 12 years as a labor 1, then four years as an operator 1, followed by a heavy equipment operator. He has done it all from street sweeping to sucking up leaves, repairing bricks to eliminate hazards for citizens to all-purpose salt box. "I come to go to work. If they need me as a backhoe operator, I'm a backhoe operator."

He said people drive by and they think they see one person working and four people standing around. But they don't know all of the steps it takes to do this job."

Henderson has lived in Alexandria his whole life and attended T.C. Williams High School. He has been working around Alexandria for so many years he knows the individual fire hydrants, potholes and streets. He says, "The city is like your own backyard."



Andrew Smith and Flo Gomez-Duenas are closing up the door of the pot after loading up 1.5 tons of asphalt from Virginia Paving Company. This is enough asphalt to fill 15-20 potholes around Alexandria the rest of the day.



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Inside the Torpedo Factory

Torpedo Factory artists Lisa Schumaier and Jolande Goldberg as Frida Kahlo and the cat meet up with mixed media artist Fierce Sonia in the studio lobby on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13.



Artist Fierce Sonia works on a new work in her studio at the Torpedo Factory.



Sculptor Tatyana Schremko shows of sketch of her proposed Saturday afternoon ice sculpture demonstration.

Police Arrest Six for DWI

Alexandria police conducted a DWI enforcement effort to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers from 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, to 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Vehicles observed committing traffic infractions were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by

alcohol or drugs.

During the enforcement effort, six arrests were made for driving while intoxicated (DWI). In addition, 28 summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses, seven vehicles were impounded and three criminal arrests were made. Eleven Alexandria police officers participated in the enforcement effort.



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Things To Do

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tuned-pups in tow on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's festivities. potomacriverboatco.com

5 Immanuel-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch – Bundle up in your coziest sweater and head out to pick the perfect pumpkins and gourds for fall dining and decorating treats. First shipment arrives in early October. Through Oct. 31 at 3606 Seminary Road. www.icoh.net.

6 18th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade – Join in the fun Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. by either participating or just watching the decorated strollers and costumed kids, adults and pets parade along Mount Vernon Avenue. Sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association, they also collect and distribute costumes to children in need. www.visitdelray.com.

7 Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon – Join or cheer on runners Oct. 5 in this fifth annual race from Mount Vernon Estate to National Harbor. www.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

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

9 The National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum, located inside the US Patent and Trade Office, is a look inside inventions from the cotton gin to 3D printing. www.invent.org

10 Get moving with one of the many charity races to support local nonprofits. One event is the third annual Family Fun Day and 5K at Cameron Run Park on Oct. 5. It's a family affair that includes a 1-mile kid's fun run and a 100-yard



Day or night, Alexandria's bustling waterfront is a popular place to hang out.

tot trot. Everyone gets hot-off-the-griddle pancakes at the finish. The course is paved, shady, and scenic. Strollers welcome.

11 T.C. Williams Football games – Show hometown Titan pride by supporting this year's team. Remaining home games on Oct. 2, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1. www.tcwilliamsathletics.org.

12 Get Spooked – Take a haunted hike through the historic streets of Old Town with a Ghosts and Graveyard Tour from Alexandria

Colonial Tours. Great for a group of friends or family visiting during the holidays. www.alexcolonialtours.com.

13 A Taste For Giving, set for Oct. 24, is the premier event raising tens of thousands of dollars for numerous local charities. Help the community while sampling some of Alexandria's finest cuisine. www.tasteforgiving.org

14 Fall Harvest Family Days – Mount Vernon Estate welcomes the autumn sea-



The Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum located inside the U.S. Patent and Trade Office is a fascinating yet often overlooked place to visit.

son with Fall Harvest Family Days Oct. 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, apple-roasting, corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price. www.MountVernon.org.

15 Take a Bow – The Little Theatre of Alexandria offers many classes for budding thespians and playwrights. thelittletheatre.org

16 Autumn Firefighting History Walking Tour – In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria, three major fires and the five volunteer fire companies. Oct. 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse, 107 S. Alfred St. Reservations required. 703-746-4994 or www.friendshipfirehouse.net

17 Del Ray Turkey Trot 5-Miler – A Thanksgiving Day tradition for 39 years, the Nov. 27 race will also feature a food drive for the Alive! food bank. www.visitdelray.com/turkeytrot

18 Doing the Most Good – The Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army will hold its annual flea market Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. rain or shine at 1804 Mount Vernon Ave. Stop by during Arts on the Avenue, shop and help the community. 703-836-2427

19 Spend a night with the stars – The T.C. Williams High School Planetarium is one of the best kept secrets in town and provides an opportunity to escape the city and enjoy a monthly program that educates and entertains. Monthly programs begin at 7:15 p.m. Registration is required and opens the first Monday of each month. Upcoming dates include Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 703-824-6805 ext. 6300.

20 Bless Your Pets – All creatures great and small are welcome to be blessed at the 7th annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church in Del Ray. In addition to the blessing there will be other activities including pet adoptions and a petting zoo with farm and exotic animals. Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. 402 E. Monroe Ave. 703-683-3343.



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MetroStage is home to some of the region's best, award-winning theatre. Playing now through Nov. 2 is "Three Sistahs," with Bernadine Mitchell, Roz White and Ashley Ware Jenkins.



By JEANNE THEISSMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Fall road races abound to raise awareness and funds for local charities. Above, children from Alive! House pose for a photo at the finish line of the last year's Rock & Stroll 5k to end homelessness. This year's event will be held Oct. 11.

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Protest over Firing

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an altercation but this is private. I came here with 33 years of USA Swimming coaching experience. If I had not told them a single thing about being suspended I would still be teaching now. Because I chose to be honest and brought it to their attention, I'm now terminated," Robinson said.

He said his wife did not follow through on the December 2012 accusation and so the assault charges were dropped. Similarly, in March this year his wife's son did not press charges and so that assault charge was also dropped.

The couple are currently going through a divorce.

"The YMCA need not have reacted as they did. In my view this was an overreaction. It's because USA Swimming has a zero tolerance policy that I have been suspended from coaching with them. The same does not need to apply to the Y," Robinson said.

Robinson started coaching at the Alexandria YMCA in January 2013, shortly after the incident with his wife. He was coaching there in the spring when the incident with his wife's son took place.

He is renowned for coaching Paralympic swimmer Antoinette "Toni" Davis, born with one arm, in the 50 meter butterfly, 100 meter butterfly and 200 meter individual medley. He also coached Nenza Almonds to the 2000 to 2004 Olympic trial and took Howard University up through the rankings to second place at the Northeast Conference Championships.

Robinson, from Fort Washington, Md., is the owner of Team Elite swimming team. On his website he stresses that the key to success is how you train.

"I am going to carry on teaching privately, away from USA Swimming and away from the YMCA for the next three years. They can't stop me teaching privately," he said.

To qualify to coach as part of USA Swimming prospective trainers have to undergo Athlete Protection Training, Foundations 101 coaching for new coaches and Foundations 201 for second year coaches. They also have to hold a certificate in CPR and Safety Training for Swim Coaches, and undergo a police background check.

BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Power-On and Power-Up after school recreation programs. Organized by age groups, youth will maintain a full schedule of age-appropriate activities incorporating play, learning, cultural enrichment and positive social interaction. Activities include creative and performing arts, homework time, sports, fitness, holiday and family events and much more. Call 703-746-5414 for more information or visit our website at alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

❖ Power-On for grades K-6 is offered weekdays from 2:30-6 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Charles Barrett Recreation Center, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and William Ramsay Recreation Center.

❖ Power-Up for grades 6-8 is offered at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, weekdays from 3:15-6 p.m. A transportation option is available for students attending George Washington Middle School.

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Alexandria is seeking community input on existing walking and bicycle issues and needs, and

ideas for improving the environment for walking and biking. An online survey and interactive map can be accessed from the project webpage www.alexandriava.gov/pedbikeplan. Visit alexandriava.gov/PedBikePlan for more on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Church of St. Clement, 1701 North Quaker Lane. The "Native Plants for Northern Virginia" guide showcases the variety of plants native to Northern Virginia. For information and to download a free copy of the guide, visit www.plantnovanatives.org

Public Input. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Individuals living near Montgomery Park, Lee Center and Powhatan Park will have the opportunity to share their opinions on these particular public parks. Contact Dana Wedeles, Park Planner, at 703-746-5491 or Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov for more.

Pet Blessing. 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. All creatures are invited to be blessed individually by the pastors in memory of Saint Frances of Assisi. Each pet will receive a Certificate of Blessing. Call 703-549-5500 for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Special Sermon. 10:30 a.m. at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church, 4916 Franconia Road. The Rev. Rebecca Stelle, founder and director of Becoming Church, will lead the sermon. All are welcome to attend both the class and service. Call 703-971-1171 for more.



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OPINION

Deadly Medicaid Debacle

Literally killing poor people who could have health care, while refusing to give Virginia's economy a boost.

The poor people of Virginia are so seriously harmed by the actions of the Virginia General Assembly in refusing to expand Medicaid at little additional cost to the Commonwealth that those harmed should have some legal recourse.

The damage will cost many lives and the productivity of many. People who will needlessly die of cancer undetected until it is too late. People whose productive lives will be cut short because of untreated diabetes. People who will finally qualify for Medicare and Medicaid because they are permanently disabled after stroke or heart attack that could have been prevented.

Examples of health harm beyond the poor: There are the extra flu cases because a working person who doesn't have health insurance so doesn't get a flu shot also can't afford to be off work and infects other by being at work

while sick.

With whooping cough on the rise, people who will be around infants are advised to get a booster shot to protect the infants for whom the disease can be deadly, but if you don't have health coverage, you are unlikely to get the booster.

Vulnerable people, elderly, young children, people with chronic illness, people on chemotherapy, will get sick more than necessary even though they have insurance because of the 200,000-plus people integrated in all aspects of our communities who do not have access to basic health care.

Meanwhile, leaders lament the loss of federal dollars in Virginia due to the sequester and reduced spending on defense, homeland security and other programs. Here is the one place where Virginia's economy could get a

boost. Expanding Medicaid would create an estimated 30,000 jobs and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Virginia's economy. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations. So far, Virginia has lost out on about \$1 billion that could be creating jobs and making our local economy healthier in addition to protecting health in our communities.

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act.

In Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is almost nonexistent, limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income. Refusing to expand Medicaid is hurting all of us, but the most vulnerable are hurting the most.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciative Of School, Staff

To the Editor:

My husband and I attended Back-To-School night at T.C. Williams last week. We were so impressed by the teachers, the student assistants, the facility and the organization of the event. We are fortunate that our daughter at-

tends such an excellent school. Congratulations to Principal Maxey and the T.C. Williams staff.

Eileen Wallace
Alexandria

Poor Site for Recycling Plant

To the Editor:

Your article headlined, "Sound

Argument," shows the sound reasons this junkyard must be rejected by the City Council. This dispute is not about recycling. All of us opponents recycle. Alexandria has a reputation as a green city. This is about a noxious, diesel-power crushing machine that would smash junked cars, junked refrigerators or junked ovens. The junkyard would be located next to the Alexandria Police Department,

a multi-million dollar architectural jewel. Do we really want a junkyard next to a police station we taxpayers spent so much money building?

The site also houses a historic mill built as early as 1776. Why aren't we thinking of preserving or restoring this historic site? Wheeler Avenue is no longer an industrial wasteland. It is home to office buildings, an Islamic charity, a day-center for poor children and residents of every race and income.

James Morrison
Alexandria

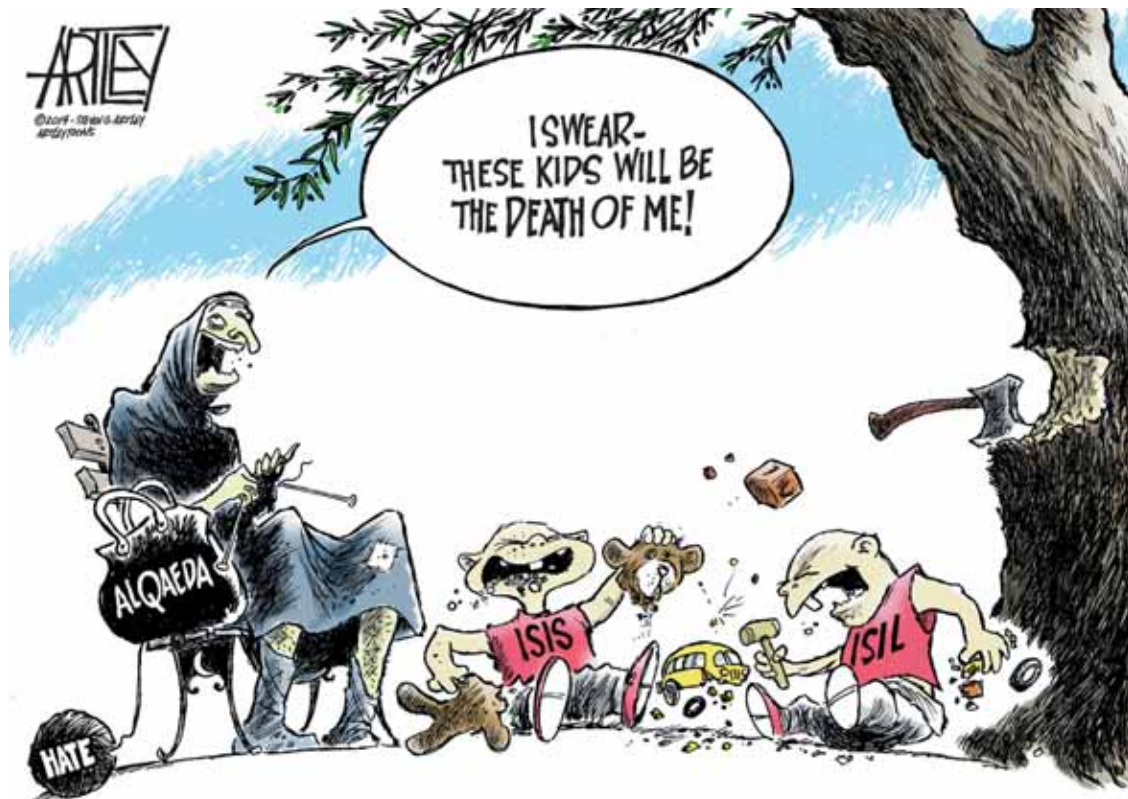
Low Impact Development

To the Editor:

Established on a mini-watershed, the City of Alexandria is riddled with streams and below ground waterways. Prior to rapid urbanization, the pervious landscape, one that allows water to seep through and filter the water for healthy people and a livable river for animals and plants, was the norm. It was also free.

Today's continued large and rapid loss of porous landscape has become Alexandria's greatest contributor to a dirty and polluted Potomac River. Internal city memos indicate that even using every "best practice" available may not be enough to clean up the

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OPINION

Coping with Loss of a Pet

BY KATHY REITER
PET LOSS SPECIALIST

For many who are pet owners, grieving the loss of a companion animal can be more of a challenge than any human loss people have faced. One of the main reasons for this is that your animal was such a major part of your life, daily routine, and existence. Questions that surface are: What do I do now? How am I going to survive this pain? Do I get a new pet or wait? My Rx: Seek bereavement support through a local animal shelter group to discover that you are not alone and to find the answers to your questions.

AWLA Why is pet loss so hard on humans? Unlike many of our human relationships, our pets love us unconditionally and do not judge us. Once one has experienced the joy of that human-animal companion bond, the loss of those reciprocated feelings and friendship over the years can be devastating. Unfortunately, some people who don't have pets perceive our behavior as abnormal, not recognizing that for years our "best friend" has been a major part of our life.

On another level, many religions do not acknowledge that animals have souls. The decision to euthanize a pet takes great courage, yet is the greatest gift and testimony



Cyndy Guarino reads to Jake, her beloved companion of 15 years, as they celebrate his life and prepare to say goodbye.

of our love. We are ending our pet's pain and suffering.



The most important thing grieving pet owners can do is to acknowledge that they are in pain. If one dodges one's feelings and does not overtly express them, both physical and emotional illness can occur. Grieving compromises the immune system; it is very important to get adequate rest, nutrition, and exercise during these times.


Everyone grieves uniquely in his own way and at his own pace. What may console one person may not work for another. If your pet died suddenly, and you did not get a chance to say good-bye, consider writing the animal a letter to express your feelings. As with human loss, having a memorial ser-

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Snapshot

Hummel Bowl at Episcopal High School, Sept. 20, 3:02 p.m.: Ireton fans do a white out in the stands as their team advances towards the goal during Saturday's game against Episcopal.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 10
 water. The best measure, ratio of pervious to impervious land, is fast moving to "poor."
 Smart Growth means Low Impact Development (LID), which was pioneered in Prince George's County in recognition that standard development practices did not go far enough to hold harmful effects of design and construction in check and to stem the contamination of local water systems and the Potomac. Today, it is embraced

by EPA as a critical way to return sick watersheds to health.
 Fundamentally, two things need to happen: 1) city practices for stormwater filtration need to grow faster than development and 2) development needs to slow until landscape design for LID is in place. It is time for change that goes far beyond green roofs and tree wells.
 Rainwater itself is mostly benign, but once it washes tar roofs, building walls, sidewalks, street pavement or any other building materials it carries away metals, fuel oil, fertilizer, paint, solvents, and insecticides and pesticides. Even pet waste captured in runoff is a source of bacterial infection. The combined sewer system of Old Town already contributes to the dirty water problem, as we know from the warning signs at the foot of Oronoco Street.
 On the waterfront, a highly polluted and artificial construction,
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PRESCRIPTION FOR DANGER
 Drop off medications on September 27 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

<p>Properly Dispose of Medications September 27 10 a.m.—2 p.m.</p> <p>Alexandria Police 3600 Wheeler Avenue</p> <p>Del Ray Pharmacy 2204 Mt Vernon Avenue</p> <p>First Baptist Church 2932 King St</p>	<p>DID YOU KNOW?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many people believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs because a doctor prescribed them—they're not. More people die accidentally from prescription drugs each year than all types of illegal drugs combined. Combining pain killers or anti-anxiety drugs with alcohol multiplies the effect--your heart or breathing can stop. Drug-induced deaths now exceed deaths from motor vehicle accidents in more than 17 states. Most kids who abuse prescription drugs report they get them from their home medicine cabinets or from friends.
<p>SIGNS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes in mood Changes in sleeping Curfew violations Drug paraphernalia Lack of grooming Loss of appetite Low energy Missing work/school Slurred speech Unexplained weight loss/gain Temper outbursts <p>Suspect Problems? Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)</p>	<p>SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal pupil size Agitation Convulsions Delusions Paranoid behavior Difficulty breathing Drowsiness Hallucinations Nausea and vomiting Non-reactive pupils Staggering or unsteady gait Sweating or extremely dry, hot skin Tremors Unconsciousness Violent or aggressive behavior <p>Suspect Overdose? Call 911.</p>

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LETTERS

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LID must use the full-range of devices to produce clean water. The developers in partnership with the city will need to capture, filter, store, and re-use overtopping flood water before returning a small, purified amount to the Potomac. Tree wells will need to be connected, and because of heavy marine clay soil, like ours, will require engineered filtration systems beneath them. Every flat-top building must have a green roof. Pervious pavements must be installed everywhere.

For the proposed extensive underground garages in the southern developments, a network of pipes to capture and return runoff to a filtration system may be the only solution, since marine clay in our area acts to capture water. Marine clay does not allow water to seep away, and the river's high (and rising) water table will ensure water collects around the garage floor and walls. The continuous cycle of clay soil shrinking as it dries and expanding as it absorbs stormwater runoff causes well known crack patterns in walls and foundations. Either these walls will need to flex in order to avoid pressure cracks or sit on top of a network of pipes engineered

to remove the pond the development floats on.

Right now, Eco-city Alexandria is preparing a federally mandated plan to comply with the new, and much needed, change-over to forward-looking stormwater management for drinkable, swimmable, and biologically alive river water. And to credit our director of Environmental Services, he has made fine decisions with the limited resources the city gives him. Many of the above LID devices have been used already.

Listening to the architects for EYA, it was heartening to learn that their landscape architect is an innovator and pioneer in LID. Surely we require his design expertise and contribution to make this development an example of what a true Eco-city is all about. The vision of Fitzgerald Square that is totally pervious is inspiring and very, very possible. A promenade that features a natural shoreline and is well-shaded by water-loving trees is what we want.

It's all possible; if we try to make the historic shoreline of Alexandria so unique it can only be admired — as all iconic designs are.

Kathryn Papp

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OPINION



From left: Friendly Visitor volunteer Toni Dawsey, Program Director Sarah Drexler and Friendly Visitor volunteer Bonny O'Neil.



Meals on Wheels Volunteer Robert Bussler with daughter Mary Edwardsson

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The Power of One Volunteers making a difference.

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

It only takes one volunteer to make a difference in someone's life. This was the inspirational message shared at Senior Services of Alexandria's recent annual Volunteer Luncheon, hosted by the Fountains at Washington House. Meals on Wheels and Friendly Visitor program volunteers were honored for their commitment and dedication

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to improving the lives of seniors in the City of Alexandria. Special recognition went to two long-time volunteers who recently retired as Meals on Wheels coordinators for their churches. Robert Bussler, representing Trinity United Methodist Church, and John Smucker, of Immanuel Church on the Hill, have more than 60 years of service in the program. Friendly Visitor Volunteers Toni Dawsey and Bonny O'Neil were also honored for their devotion to the seniors they have visited weekly since the program began in 2012. Program Director Sarah Drexler told the audience about the many ways both women have made a positive impact on the lives of their senior friends. Luncheon guests were treated to fascinating pre-



MaryAnne Beatty, SSA; John Smucker, Meals on Wheels volunteer; Dolores Viehman, SSA, and Ellie Fossier, SSA.

sentation by Rhonda Williams, director of the Geriatric Mental Health Team in the City of Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Services. She pointed out that SSA's volunteers are helping the seniors they serve, and at the same time helping themselves too.

Studies confirm that staying active and involved in the community helps maintain and improve brain health. For more information about volunteering for Senior Services of Alexandria go to www.seniorservicesalex.org/programs or call 703-836-4414.

Coping with Loss of a Pet

FROM PAGE II

vice is also beneficial, as it marks the formal beginning of the grieving process. Your service can be as simple as saying a few words, collecting photos, lighting a candle, or putting your pet's collar on your rear view mirror.

Over time memories fade. Write down as many of those memories as you can of your pet's life. This bereavement exercise will help your emotions surface.

Yes, you may cry — that's the goal of this task.

When you feel you are ready, begin replacing those memories of pain with the hundreds of memories that brought you joy. If you find you do not have anyone who understands your situation, consider attending a pet loss bereavement and support group at a local animal shelter or individual coaching to better help you cope with your loss.

Kathy Reiter leads support groups at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on the first Wednesdays of each month (the next session is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5) and the third Wednesday of the month at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. For details, go to www.alexandrianimals.org or <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter>.

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OPINION

The Glass Half Full

BY KATHARINE DIXON
PRESIDENT, REBUILDING
TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA

Tom* is just that kind of person — the odds may seem stacked against him but he still sees the good and positive in the world around him.

As a retired Navy electrical engineer, Tom hails from a family of service members. His oldest brother is in the Air Force, the next is another Navy veteran, his younger brother is a Marine veteran, and his father was an Army photographer in the Korean War.

His family's tradition of service reinforced his can-do attitude, which has helped him continue to live life on his terms after a debilitating injury in his 20s left him a paraplegic. After a day of waterskiing, he found a rope swing and used it to flip into the water. Unfortunately, the water wasn't deep enough, and he sustained this life-changing injury.

Despite being in a wheelchair and having limited mobility in his right hand, Tom has worked hard to be independent, which being an Alexandria resident has helped. The city has been his home for nearly 24 years, and he has lived in his condo for over 15 years — in the same complex as his father.

Living in Alexandria satisfies his interest in politics. A self-proclaimed "political

junkie," he loves being so close to the hustle and bustle of the nation's capital. It also affords him the conveniences of being close to the Veterans Affairs offices and incredible medical care. Most importantly, city living has kept him from being isolated.

As a great networker, he has friends and connections in many places, which is one reason he loves dinner parties.

His trusty cat named Gwen — who he rescued when she was just six weeks old — is a great companion to him.

In addition, Rebuilding Together Alexandria has been an important partner in helping him maintain his independence. Our committed volunteers have given Tom more space in the bathroom by adding shelves, replaced carpet with hardwood flooring so he can get around in his wheelchair, and installed new cabinets, helping make his home safe, healthy, and accessible.

Most recently, volunteers from Wells Fargo gutted and remodeled his kitchen, making it his favorite room in the house. This seems fitting for an inspiring man who finds so much joy in living. With his new kitchen, he now has more room to store his "glass half full" — if only for a moment.

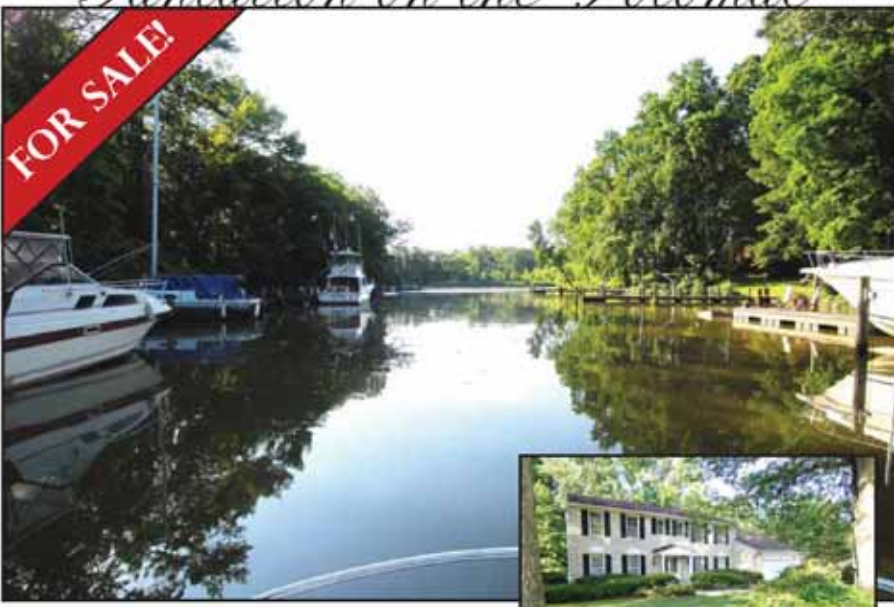

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Cast members celebrate following the Sept. 21 performance of "Three Sistahs" at MetroStage. Pictured are Bernadine Mitchell, Ashley Ware Jenkins, Roz White, Carolyn Griffin, Thomas W. Jones II, William Hubbard and William Knowles.



Thomas W. Jones, left, and William Knowles, right, get in on some selfie fun at the post-show reception of "Three Sistahs."



Bernadine Mitchell, center, with Ashley Ware Jenkins and Roz White star in the MetroStage production of "Three Sistahs."

It's All Relative "Three Sistahs" returns to MetroStage.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It's the third funeral in as many years for Olive, Marsha and Irene, sisters brought together by tragedy in "Three Sistahs," a poignant tale of family relationships now playing at MetroStage Theatre.

Set in Washington, D.C., in 1969, the social turmoil following the assassinations of Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy engulfs the trio as they reunite at their childhood home after the funeral of their younger brother Andre, a victim of the Vietnam conflict.

"This was healing," said Ayanna Gregory, daughter of Civil Rights activist Dick Gregory. "As I listened to people weeping in the audience, I thought 'This is what we need.' The show breaks color, social and economic

lines and touches everyone's heart."

Written by Janet Pryce and Thomas W. Jones II with original music by William Hubbard, "Sistahs" is a gospel musical inspired by Anton Chekov's "Three Sisters." The show made its worldwide debut at MetroStage in 2002 and is now opening the theater's 2014-2015 season.

Reprising her role as Olive, a single academic and the eldest of the three sisters, is the internationally acclaimed Bernardine Mitchell, a 2005 Helen Hayes Outstanding Lead Actress winner for her role in MetroStage's production of "Mahalia."

Mitchell is a powerful presence with an unassailable voice, soothing in her soulful ballads and soaring in hilarity in songs like "Basement Kind of Love" and "Barely Breathing."

Roz White, another Helen Hayes award winner, is Marsha, the melancholy middle

sister who has married and moved to Ohio, getting everything she thought she wanted yet pondering why her life is still so unsatisfying.

Rounding out the trio is MetroStage newcomer Ashley Ware Jenkins as Irene, the baby sister with a militant Angela Davis '60s attitude.

The vocal performances of Mitchell, White and Jenkins are astounding, creating musical poetry from the lyrics and music of Jones and Hubbard. As director, Jones uses subtle but significant symbols, such as a triangular folded flag, or combat boots and duffle bag, to convey the heartbreak

and tragic loss that hangs in the air throughout the show.

"The show breaks color, social and economic lines and touches everyone's heart."

— Ayanna Gregory, daughter of Civil Rights activist Dick Gregory

"Three Sistahs" is a compelling production that showcases the extraordinary voices of Mitchell, White and Jenkins, who take the audience on a journey that ultimately celebrates the unique and unbreakable bonds of family and sister-

hood.

"Three Sistahs" is playing now through Nov. 2 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. For ticket information, call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

CALENDAR

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Port City Playhouse's 37th Season. Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season with the premiere of Black Hole by Jean Koppen. Performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27 at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more. Visit portcityplayhouse.org.

"Metamorphosis" Juried Art Exhibit. Runs Friday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Reception Friday, Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m. Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Transformative art embodying 'change'. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Display. Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibition of New York. Through Oct. 12 at 105 N Union St. studio 312. View work by French impressionist Danny Conant and Shadow Series by E. E. McCollum. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 2-9 p.m. Call 703-683-2205 for more.

Hacking Objects of Desire. Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 6 at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Showcased inside the historic Gilpin house built in the 1790s, the gallery is highlighted by its original fireplaces, signature rust-colored walls and beautiful open skylight. Sunday and Monday, noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Contact Jessica at 703-739-9326 or info@principlegallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. "All Creatures Great and Small" is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA for more.

National Treasure Tour. Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N

Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed for more.

October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition. George Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written. A day of activities focused on the manuscript and its connection to Mount Vernon will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Photography Exhibition. Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by

photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org.

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FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

ASO Season Opens on a 'Dare'

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE
MUSIC DIRECTOR,
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

I am very excited about the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's opening night concert on Saturday, September 27th at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center. "Dare to... Embrace the World" is the title of this colorful and exuberant concert that launches our 2014-2015 "Dare to..." Season.

Some music aims primarily to delight the senses. Other music engenders escapism and fantasy. The music on the ASO's 2014-2015 "Dare to..." Season does indeed ravish the senses and it does provide a much needed respite from our daily concerns, but it

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does something else that goes even further. This music has an intensity of feeling and such a passionate poetry about it that it almost seems to dare the listener to feel more deeply — to live more fully. I know that this may sound like an exaggerated claim, but I can say in my defense that this music has affected me personally exactly in that way. I feel that the music to this "Dare to..." Season has changed me in significant ways. It has shaped who I am, my values and the way I perceive and relate to the world. It has dared me to feel more deeply, to transcend my own perceived self limitations, and to more fully embrace life and the world around me. I feel a deep sense of gratitude for being able to encounter and experience this music in such a personal way.

There is a long tradition of this type of "daring" symphonic music (which I will explore in a subsequent "Musing"). Suffice it to say, that a certain composer with the first name of Ludwig had a lot to do with establishing this kind of music.

The ASO's "Dare to..." Season will explore — through five different concerts — five different ways that music can "dare." Our opening concert, "Dare to... Embrace the World" draws on many rich cul-

tural traditions ranging from American jazz and the Broadway musical, to Latin American and Middle Eastern influences, to the great Russian musical tradition. What unifies this extraordinarily vivid music is its visceral quality and a powerful immediacy of feeling. The daring element heard in Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" owes much to Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" upon which it is based, and inspires the listener to contemplate the meaning of forgiveness. Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony represents an entire world of emotion and such profoundly felt sentiment that I feel simultaneously exhausted and elated after conducting it.

Another all-important quality shared by the music on our "Dare to...Embrace the World" concert is its "universality" of appeal and accessibility. This music dares to speak directly and simply to the heart through beautiful soaring melodies and sensuous harmonies and textures. These qualities help to give this music its global and "everyman" appeal.

I am especially pleased and proud that all of these elements can be found in the music of this year's winner of the Kluge Young Composer's Competition, Nebal Maysaud. His "O Great Mystery" will receive its world premiere at our "Dare to...Embrace the World" concert. Maysaud's music embraces so many of the qualities that I find in this new generation of composers' music — eclecticism, strong individuality and deep sentiment and feeling, and a globalist world-view and desire to reach across cultural and national boundaries. I strive for these qualities in my own musical compositions that I write with my wife Kathryn, and am heartened to see them embraced by so many young composers. The future of symphonic music is exciting indeed.

See you at the concerts.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra opens their season with "Dare to... Embrace the World" on Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

CALENDAR

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noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

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Sewing Classes. Introduction to Machine Sewing for Kids — Thursday, Sept. 25, 4:15-5:45 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn Collage for Kids — Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids — Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/

registration-fall2014.htm to register. **Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Photography Exhibit. Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit www.dannyconant.com or

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SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

Art Gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. In "Architectural Interpretation," artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tower of Power. \$55. Visit www.towerofpower.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Banned Book Read-Out. 7 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The public is invited to read 5-7 minute selections from banned or challenged books. A discussion will follow. Email admin@nvfaa.org to reserve a spot to read. Free. www.alexandria.lib.va.us

Icons of the American Culture Opening Reception. 4 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. David Allison is a master photographer and has created a series of portraits of the objects he considers icons of American culture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035

Library Survivor. 7 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Library Survivor is a game where participants pretend that the library is on fire and the trucks are loaded with books to be saved. Five books remain on the shelves, but there is only room on the truck for one more book. Five banned books (played by five actors) will defend their importance to the audience, who will decide their fate. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.25-OCT.5

Arts on the Horizon. 10:30 a.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Imagine a theatrical world designed especially for babies and young toddlers to enjoy, inspired by the wonders of the rainforest. Whistling flowers, a clacking caterpillar, and brightly colored umbrella birds await. Under the Canopy is a 20-minute, interactive, nonverbal show geared for children 0-2 (and their 3-4 year old pals). Performances are Sept. 25-26, 28, and Oct. 1-3, 5. Tickets are \$5 for children and adults and can be purchased online at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door on the day of the performance. Call the box office at 703-967-0437.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Swing Dance with Rock and Roll Relics. Drop-in beginner swing lesson 8:30-9 p.m., 9 p.m.-midnight dance. Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Join Tom Koerner and Debra Sternberg in swing dances to The Beatles, Beach Boys and The Mamas and The Papas. \$15. Visit www.gottaswing.com or call 703-359-9882.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Community Health Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Free Health screenings available. Call 703-683-2222 for more.

Costume Symposium. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Speakers will explore the influences on fashion in 1814, the cut and construction of 1812 military

uniforms, the creation of race based fashions in the new nation, and a detailed look at one fashionable wardrobe. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Historic Alexandria Homes

Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The public can step inside and get a glimpse of six gorgeous homes and gardens in Old Town Alexandria, all within walking distance of one another. Contact 703-746-3301 or visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

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Waterfront. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Waterfront Park (foot of Prince Street) Old Town, Alexandria. Live music, wooden boat show, gutter boat races, boat building demonstrations, exhibits and chowder cook off. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org for more.

Community Festival.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. A community festival, will showcase the best schools, businesses and community groups. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.

Historical Tour.

1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Tour this unfurnished villa built in 1825 for Thomas Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.historichuntley.org for more.

Library Survivor.

2-3:30 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Part of Banned Book week, a game in which to pretend the library is on fire and the public has to decide which book gets the last spot on the rescue truck. Free. www.alexandria.lib.va.us

Live Music.

7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Maysa performs. \$55.00. Visit www.maysa.com or

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Musical Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall. "Dare to Embrace the World" conducted by Kim Allen Kluge will feature several symphony performances. Call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Beginner Christmas Cookie Decorating. 10 a.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Learn how to decorate, bake and ice cookies from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit www.lacuisineus.com for more.

Fall Festival. 12:30-2 p.m. Front lawn, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Live music from a local band and activities for children including carnival games, a petting zoo, face painting and balloon twisting. Food trucks will be at the festival with lunch and dessert items for purchase. Call 703-765-6566 or visit www.aldersgate.net.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of The New-York Tribune detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama of a heating system to warn hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860's and more. Please visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Summer Chamber Series at the Lyceum. 3-5 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association continues its Summer Chamber Series at The Lyceum. This week's program features the Eclipse Chamber Recital: Jan Chong (violin), Eugena Chang (cello), Ellen Hwangbo (piano). Brahms: Violin Sonata No. 3; Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No. 2. Free, donations are welcome. Please visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Autumn Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 400 East Monroe Ave. Visitors are invited to drop by and tour the demonstration gardens. Native plants and plants for pollinators will be featured, along with light snacks and drinks flavored with herbs from the scented garden. Visit www.ext.vt.edu for more.

Crave Returns. 7-9:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105.N Union St. This dinner will connect innovators with enthusiasts and supporters to fund new creative community projects. Visit torpedofactory.org/crave for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. \$35. Visit <http://dralphstanleymusic.com> or www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Library. Join the discussion about "And the Mountain Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini. Visit va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

Live Music: Uriah Heep. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Uriah Heep. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 2

Ford Evening Book Talks. 7 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation's founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

Senior Services Oktoberfest. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. This event will support Senior Services programs and services. Space is limited. Call 703-836-4414, ext 10 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Fall Block Party. 6-9 p.m. Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco will host the festival in the courtyard, pulling in market vendors for a night time pop up market. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/soil-soul-tickets-12666821805 for more.

Art on Tap. 7-10:30 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Sample the creative combinations in a take home Art on Tap beer tasting glass and vote for your favorite and the end of the event. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/art-on-tap-tickets for more.

Free Concert. 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Reed Quintet, featuring members of the Concert Band will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

The Hope Grows Gala. 7 p.m. Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. Rising Hope's annual fundraising dinner, dance and auction. Visit www.risinghopeumc.org for more.

Civil War Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Five course meal with wines from Gray Ghost Vineyards. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or call the museum at 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Wine Festival. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Live music and a view of the potomac while sampling wine from 16 Virginia wineries. \$38 per person Friday and Sunday and \$44 on Saturday. Fruit and cheese boxes are \$26. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Survive the 5 — 5K Run/Walk. 7:30 a.m. at Cameron Run Trail. The ART of Driving is an award winning educational awareness program for teen drivers and parents. All proceeds will go to educational programs and an annual college scholarship fund. Call 703-968-0975 or visit www.theartofdriving.org for more.

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mount Vernon Ave. This annual festival includes more than 300 juried artists selling handmade wares across ten blocks along with four stages for live entertainment. Visit www.artontheavenue.org for more.

Gardening with Spring Bulbs. 10 a.m.-noon. Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. VCE Master Gardeners of Arlington and Alexandria will present a program on Gardening with Spring Bulbs. Topics covered will include what to plant, which bulbs are less attractive to squirrels and other wildlife, how to select and

store the bulbs until planting time. Free. Advanced registration is required. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Marathon. 7 a.m. Starts at Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and ends at National Harbor, Md. Packet pick up Oct. 3, 4-8:30 p.m. and Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the U.S. Patents and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. Minimum age is 13. Half marathon: \$105, for military: \$95. 6K: \$45, For police, fire and EMTs: \$40. After Aug. 31, prices will increase by \$10. Visit register.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

Wreathlaying Ceremony at Washington's Tomb. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Listen to brief remarks about Washington's legacy and its impact on saving Mount Vernon during the War of 1812. A performance of The Star-Spangled Banner will take place while the wreath is laid at the tomb of George Washington. Part of the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition. All activities included in admission: \$18/adult, \$9/child, children five and under free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

A Musical Tribute Celebrating the Star-Spangled Banner. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Robert H. & Clarice Smith Auditorium at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Early American music expert David Hildebrand performs authentic music of the War of 1812. Hildebrand sings and plays upon period guitar, fretless banjo and a variety of flutes. Part of the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition. All activities included in admission: \$18/adult, \$9/child, children five and under free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Member Appreciation Party. 6-8 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join now at the Supporter level or above and be a guest at Cocktails in La Zona Rosa. Enjoy a night of wine tasting, live music, and enter a drawing for great prizes. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/OCT.6-OCT.9

Mental Health Awareness Week. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. This year's topics will include suicide prevention, hoarding a mental illness, the causes and treatment of PTSD and how living with a chronic illness or a physical disability can affect mental health. Visit the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign Facebook page for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 6

'Fore' the Kids Golf Tournament. Registration 9:30 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m. at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club programs for underprivileged, at-risk youth in Fairfax County. Individual golfers, \$250; foursomes, \$900. Includes greens fees, cart, driving range, post tournament awards dinner, boxed lunch, contests, raffles, prizes, live and silent auction. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/forethekids2014> for more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Amir Capriles at amir.capriles@microsoft.com or 703-362-6970.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Macy Gray: The Way Tour 2014. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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73rd Annual TWIG Historic Homes Tour

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Six historic Alexandria homes are featured on the 73rd annual TWIG Home Tour on Saturday, Sept. 27. The tour includes a recently restored home on the National Register of Historic Places that was home of George Lewis Seaton. Seaton was the first African-American legislator from Alexandria elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 1873. Other homes on the tour include a federal-style home with its original “flounder” wing, dating from the late 1700s; a home that was once a grocery and another that was first a tannery, and a very small home, built in the 1800s that has been remodeled with creative use of space.

The TWIG Historic Home Tour is Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each if purchased in advance and \$40 on the day of the tour.

Tickets are now available online at thetwig.org. Tickets are also available during business hours at the Twig Thrift Shop, 106 N. Columbus Street and at the Ramsey House Visitor Center on King Street in Old Town.

On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at the Twig Thrift Shop, at the Ramsey House Visitor Center on King Street, Old Town, and at the Elliott Garden, Old Presbyterian Meeting House.



Climbing vines of flowers overflow over the top of the picket fence at 519 S. Lee Street.



The gourmet kitchen, in the renovated and expanded 19th century home on S. Lee Street, features an Aga oven.



The dining room of the George Lewis Seaton House features original artwork by the current owner.



The original 19th century door lock was moved to the exterior of a storage closet in the front parlor.

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

The Murray Hill Show. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

Free Concert. 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band “An Evening of Music for Brass Quintet,” with the Blue 82 Brass Quintet, featuring members of the Concert Band will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Live Music: Bob Schneider. 7:30 p.m. at the birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Bob Schneider. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

Photography Exhibition. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. “The Man in the Bowler Hat” is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Stay Active 10K and 5K. 10K starts at 8 a.m., 5K starts at 9 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Benefits the effort to eliminate homelessness in the community and chance for some great physical activity. \$30 participation fee. Free parking. Visit

<https://runsignup.com/rockandstroll> for more.

Rock and Stroll to End Homelessness.

8 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Six nonprofits throughout Northern Virginia, will come together to host the event, which includes a 10K/5K timed run, 1K Fun Run/Walk as well as a festival of activities for all ages as a way to raise awareness and funds to support those at risk. Visit runsignup.com/rockandstroll for more.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Phil Vassar. \$45. Visit www.philvassar.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Walking Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the “Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History” tour. Participants learn about volunteer firefighting in Alexandria, three devastating fires and five volunteer fire companies. The tour begins at the Friendship Firehouse, goes east of Prince Street and returns to Friendship via King Street. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net

Concert. 7 p.m. Church of St. Clement, 1701 North Quaker Lane. Focus Alexandria presents Anne Hills in a CD release concert for her new recording “Tracks.” Admission is \$18,

\$15 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Whispers perform. \$75.00. Visit www.thewhispers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Beginner Halloween Cookie Class. 10 a.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Take this class to learn how to decorate spooky cookies from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit www.lacuisineus.com for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

Lani Hall: In The Mood. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14-15

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Shimabukuro ‘2014 Uke Nations Tour.’ \$45.00. Visit <http://jakeshimabukuro.com> or www.Birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

“All Mozart” Benefit Concert. 7:30 p.m. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St.. The NOVA Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Mark Whitmire. The program will include Mozart's Solemn Vespers of the Confessor, K. 339; Concerto No. 10 for two pianos,

K. 365/316a, with Christine Hagan and David Hagan, pianists; and the violin Concerto in G, K. 216 (Movement 1), with Sean Ganous, violin. Free admission for NVCC students, faculty and staff with NOVA ID and for anyone under 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and are available by calling 703-845-6097 or emailing mwhitmire@nvcc.edu

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Members Preview Fall Book Sale. 4-8:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Fall Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Fall Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more. **Photography Exhibition Opening Reception.** 3-5 p.m. Artist's talk at 4 p.m. Schlesinger Center Margaret

W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. Opening reception for “The Man in the Bowler Hat”, an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Raven's Night 2014 ‘Sci-Fi Phantasm.’ \$25. Visit www.ravensnight.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Concert. 7 p.m. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Road, Falls Church. Focus Falls Church presents Jennifer Cutting, Andrew Dodd and Lisa Moscatiello, of Ocean Orchestra. Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Fall Book Sale. 1-4:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An Evening with Andy McKee. \$25.00. Visit www.andymckee.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Intermediate Halloween Cookie Class. 2:30 p.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Venture beyond decorating a pre-cut cookie shape and learn how to draw shapes on a cookie, create more intricate designs and fashion layering effects with royal icing from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit www.lacuisineus.com.

HOME SALES

In August 2014, 213 Alexandria homes sold between \$3,195,000-\$120,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$3,195,000-\$452,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR .	FB .	HB ...	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
601 FAIRFAX ST N #609	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,195,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE ORONOCO
601 FAIRFAX ST N #402	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,195,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE ORONOCO
628 LEE ST S	5	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,725,000	Semi-Detached	0.16	22314	OLD TOWN
472 UNION ST S	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,700,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE
304 COLUMBIA RD	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,699,000	Detached	0.43	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
820 RAPIDAN CT	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,550,000	Detached	1.00	22304	MOORE HILL ESTATES
601 FAIRFAX ST N #215	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,525,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE ORONOCO
601 FAIRFAX ST N #410	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,395,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE ORONOCO
25 MAPLE ST E	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,305,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT
115 QUAY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,227,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	BRANDT TOWNHOUSE
509 PRINCESS ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BULFINCH SQUARE
908 BRADDOCK RD W	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.22	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
720 UNION ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	FORDS LANDING
610 HOWELL AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,600	Townhouse	0.06	22301	POTOMAC YARD
828 SLATERS LN #402	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,034,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	OLD TOWN CRESCENT
106 POMMANDER WALK ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,019,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POMMANDER
320 THIRD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$980,000	Townhouse		22314	PRINTERS ROW
104 GIBBON ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$972,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POMMANDER
328 THIRD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Townhouse		22314	PRINTERS ROW
4202 MAPLE TREE CT	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.48	22304	DOMAIN PLACE
810 OVERLOOK DR N	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.16	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
1310 TRINITY DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.28	22314	MAIVERLY HILLS
3612 OVAL DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$928,290	Detached	0.17	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
604 MELROSE ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$910,000	Detached	0.25	22302	ALBERT V BRYAN
609 MALCOLM PL	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$890,000	Detached	0.12	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
1716 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$890,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
508 FAYETTE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$886,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	WILKES CORNER
107 LURAY AVE W	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY
1308 DUKE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$880,000	Townhouse		22314	DUKE CONDOMINIUM
303 HOWELL AVE E	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$870,000	Detached	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
424 EUILLE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$865,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHATHAM SQUARE
2204 POTOMAC AVE	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$849,900	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22301	POTOMAC YARD
1111 ROYAL ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$849,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	HEARTHSTONE MEWS
4220 PEACHTREE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.34	22304	VAUXCLEUSE
424 FAYETTE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
400 MADISON ST #501-510	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
5221 BRAWNER PL	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$820,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION
308 CROWN VIEW DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$805,000	Detached	0.25	22314	CLOVER
626 ROYAL S ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	YATES GARDENS
2011 Main Line BLVD #102	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,030	Garden 1-4 Floors		22301	POTOMAC YARD
2803 VALLEY DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
3948 FORT WORTH AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.35	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
1800 HARE CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$771,500	Detached	0.26	22304	LES MAISON
1778 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
909 BEVERLEY DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.18	22302	BEVERLY HILLS
2910 EDGEHILL DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.18	22302	MONTICELLO PARK
3008 RUSSELL RD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.22	22305	MONTICELLO PARK
956 WASHINGTON ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN GATEWAY
517 DUKE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$729,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
116 W MONROE AVE	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY
815 ROYAL ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$719,500	Townhouse	0.05	22314	YATES GARDENS
2912 ARGYLE DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.17	22305	BEVERLY HILLS AREA
3141/2 ALFRED ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BURGESS SQUARE
14 E MASONIC VIEW AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
5006 DONOVAN DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
901 TIMBER BRANCH PKWY	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.26	22302	TIMBER BRANCH PARK
237 MURTHA ST	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$689,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
2401 CONOY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse		22301	POTOMAC YARD
108 WATERFORD PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	WATERFORD
19A UHLER AVE W	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Semi-Detached	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
1207 BRADDOCK RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.19	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
115 LEE ST #BH401	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
5062 MINDA CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$647,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
416 GIBBON ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$639,900	Townhouse	0.03	22314	THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE
1259 MADISON ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
2309 COMMONWEALTH AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	DEL RAY
4924 KILBURN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$629,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
5863 DORIS DR	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Detached	0.31	22311	DOWDEN TERRACE
5017 GRIMM DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$616,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
2310 POTOMAC AVE #101	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Attach/Row Hse		22301	POTOMAC YARD
4920 KILBURN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
2215 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY #101	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$612,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22301	POTOMAC YARD
505 BRADDOCK RD E #802	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	COLECROFT STATION
6 MYRTLE ST E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$606,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
5010 GRIMM DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
909 SECOND ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22314	WESTOVER
602 PITT ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
116 SANBORN PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.06	22305	DEL RAY
1306 PRINCESS ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.02	22314	PARKER GRAY HISTORIC
818 GREEN ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$562,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	HUNTING CREEK
5002B BARBOUR DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse		22304	CAMERON STATION
3906 ELBERT AVE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	SUNNYSIDE
1018 PELHAM ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,000	Townhouse	0.07	22304	KMS TOWNHOUSES
5182 BRAWNER PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
813 GIBBON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,850	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
312 CUSTIS AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$538,000	Duplex	0.13	22301	DEL RAY
5513 FILLMORE AVE	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$532,500	Detached	0.27	22311	SHIRLEY FOREST
66 KENNEDY ST	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
403A CLIFFORD AVE	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$523,000	Semi-Detached	0.06	22305	DEL RAY
5539 COLFAX AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$522,500	Detached	0.51	22311	DOWDEN TERRACE
1 CATON AVE W	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$519,500	Duplex	0.06	22301	MT IDA
5102 BELLEMEADE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$517,000	Townhouse	0.05	22311	SEMINARY PARK
4709 RICHMARR PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.21	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
24 ANCELL ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
3112 LANDOVER ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
1250 WASHINGTON ST #404	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1213	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$494,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	THE JAMIESON
243 BURGESS AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$492,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
1216 FRANKLIN ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,900	Townhouse	0.03	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES
1215 BRADDOCK RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
Patrick St N #503	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$474,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
915 Patrick ST N #503	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$474,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
669 COLUMBUS ST S	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse		22314	ARCH HALL
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #322	1	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
648 ARMISTEAD ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse		22312	BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS
5016A BARBOUR DR	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$453,000	Townhouse		22304	CAMERON STATION
110 CAHILL DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$452,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE

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HISTORY

War of 1812 – Who Won?

BY TED PULLIAM

This is the last of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For earlier articles in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.

After the British left Washington and Alexandria, their good luck changed. On Sept. 12-14, 1814, the Americans defeated them at Baltimore and on Jan. 8, 1815, defeated them again at New Orleans.

Even before the Battle of New Orleans, the British had had enough of the war. In Ghent, Belgium on Dec. 24, 1814, they and American negotiators signed a treaty to end it. The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty, and President Madison signed it on Feb. 16, 1815. The War of 1812 finally was over.

Yet, who won the war – the British, the Americans – or was it a draw? How did the war affect Alexandria?

The treaty itself did not change the relationship between Britain and America on issues that caused the war. It contained no language preventing the British from seizing American ships or American seamen. It also was silent about British trade restrictions.

The British, however, were no longer in a deadly war with France. They had no need to restrict American trade. They also no longer needed additional ships or additional seamen. Instead, they were mothballing ships and putting seamen on dry land, and they never again subjected Americans to those practices that helped lead to war.

Also, when the war ended the British still controlled Canada. Yet America continued its expansion, not northward but into the vast continent to the west. Westward expansion now was safer because in 1813 an American army defeated the charismatic Shawnee leader Tecumseh. This defeat and the American expansion westward led ultimately to the cessation of Indian attacks, another issue that had led to war.

Perhaps Americans did not win the war in the traditional sense, but at the war's end, the country's pride and prestige had increased considerably. The United States had won the last two major battles against the

vaunted British army. During the war the American navy had embarrassed the British navy in ship-to-ship combat. Americans were legitimately proud of these victories, and other nations began to realize the United States' potential to become a great power on both land and sea. The war also gave the United States new, powerful symbols, such as the flag that flew over Baltimore's Fort McHenry and the future national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

To some extent the war was a second War of Independence. Although Britain never seriously challenged America's independence, it had not respected America's sovereignty. After the war that changed. "I must acknowledge that the war has been useful," wrote Albert Gallatin, one of the American peace negotiators. "The character of America stands now as high as ever on the European continent, and higher than ever it did in Great Britain." Never again did the United States and Great Britain go to war against each other.

What was the effect of the war on Alexandria?

Before the British left the Potomac River, the brigade of Alexandrians at White House Landing had helped retrieve some honor for the Americans after the disgraceful Battle of Bladensburg. Many Americans, however, focused not on the Alexandrians' fight against the British as they sailed down the Potomac, but on Alexandria's earlier surrender.

Criticism of the surrender began even before the British left Alexandria. On Sept. 1, Washington's *National Intelligencer* wrote, somewhat inaccurately: "The degrading terms dictated by the Commander of the British squadron below Alexandria . . . con-



Homes at 208 and 210 North Fairfax Street today. Both houses were built before 1814, and both might have been destroyed had the British navy opened fire on Alexandria in August 1814.

people."

Gradually Alexandria's image began to be rehabilitated. A congressional committee appointed to inquire into the invasion of Washington and Alexandria issued its report on Nov. 29, 1814. The report included detailed statements from the Alexandria Common Council and others setting forth the circumstances leading to the surrender. Although the report contained no conclusion, it was clear that Alexandria was defenseless and had no choice but to surrender.

Unfortunately, after the war Alexandria's economy never fully regained its earlier vitality. By the mid-1820s, Alexandria had been surpassed by both Baltimore and Richmond.

Whatever others might think of the town and whatever the state of its economy, on Dec. 11, 1815, Alexandrians decided to celebrate their contribution to the Battle of White House Landing. On that date, as reported by the *Alexandria Gazette*, the town hosted an "elegant dinner" at what today is Gadsby's Tavern complete with a band, the firing of cannons, and 30 grand toasts.

Now, although knowledge of Alexandrians' actions during the War of 1812 has largely faded, what has endured are the Alexandria buildings that might have been lost had the British ships aimed their 100-plus cannons at the town and fired. Fitzgerald's Warehouse, Gadsby's Tavern, the Carlyle House, Christ Church, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary, and other homes and structures remain. They not only help preserve Alexandria's past, they help create its present. To many people they are the essence of Alexandria.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 15

Fiscal Ability

To the Editor:

In recent years, the City of Alexandria has faced fiscal challenges as a result of decisions made in Richmond and across the river in Washington, such as the federal government shutdown last year. We cannot pretend that what happens around us does not have an impact the economic well being of our great city.

The City of Alexandria has been reporting for months that revenues are falling short at a time when there are increasing demands for city services.

Today, one in six jobs in Alexandria are public administration jobs, mostly federal workers, and this does not include the 18,000 workers providing business and technical services, including many federal contractors, and many individuals, including myself, who commute to work in the District each day.

There is a direct link between federal budget uncertainty and the Alexandria economy, with declines in tourism, conferences, and spending among its residents.

As an alumni of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute, I feel strongly that Alexandrians need to elect federal representa-

tives that understand fiscal and pocketbook issues, and will work in a bipartisan way and seek common ground to solve the problems facing our country and strengthen Virginia's economy. It is in this spirit that long-time

Republican Sen. John Warner endorsed Mark Warner in his reelection for the Senate.

Alexandria is also fortunate that former Virginia Lt. Governor Don Beyer is running to replace Jim Moran for the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Beyer is a successful Northern Virginia business owner, who understands economic issues and what it takes to create jobs.

This year, Alexandria Democrats, Republicans, and independents should vote for two Virginia leaders, Mark Warner for the U.S. Senate and Don Beyer for the U.S. House of Representatives.

The future of our economy in Virginia and our nation is at stake.

Clarence Tong
Alexandria

Action-oriented

To the Editor:

Ed Gillespie's campaign continues to lack substance. I hope that Virginia can see through the empty words and instead vote for

the candidate who provides real action and real results – Mark Warner.

Senator Warner has a proven record of standing on the front lines for Virginia, from supporting small businesses, to fighting for women's rights, to sponsoring legislation that reduces wasteful agency spending.

Congress has been avoiding tackling the real issues for too long now. We need bipartisan, action-oriented leaders like Mark Warner, and we certainly cannot afford to replace them with partisan naysayers like Ed Gillespie.

Tom Hillegass
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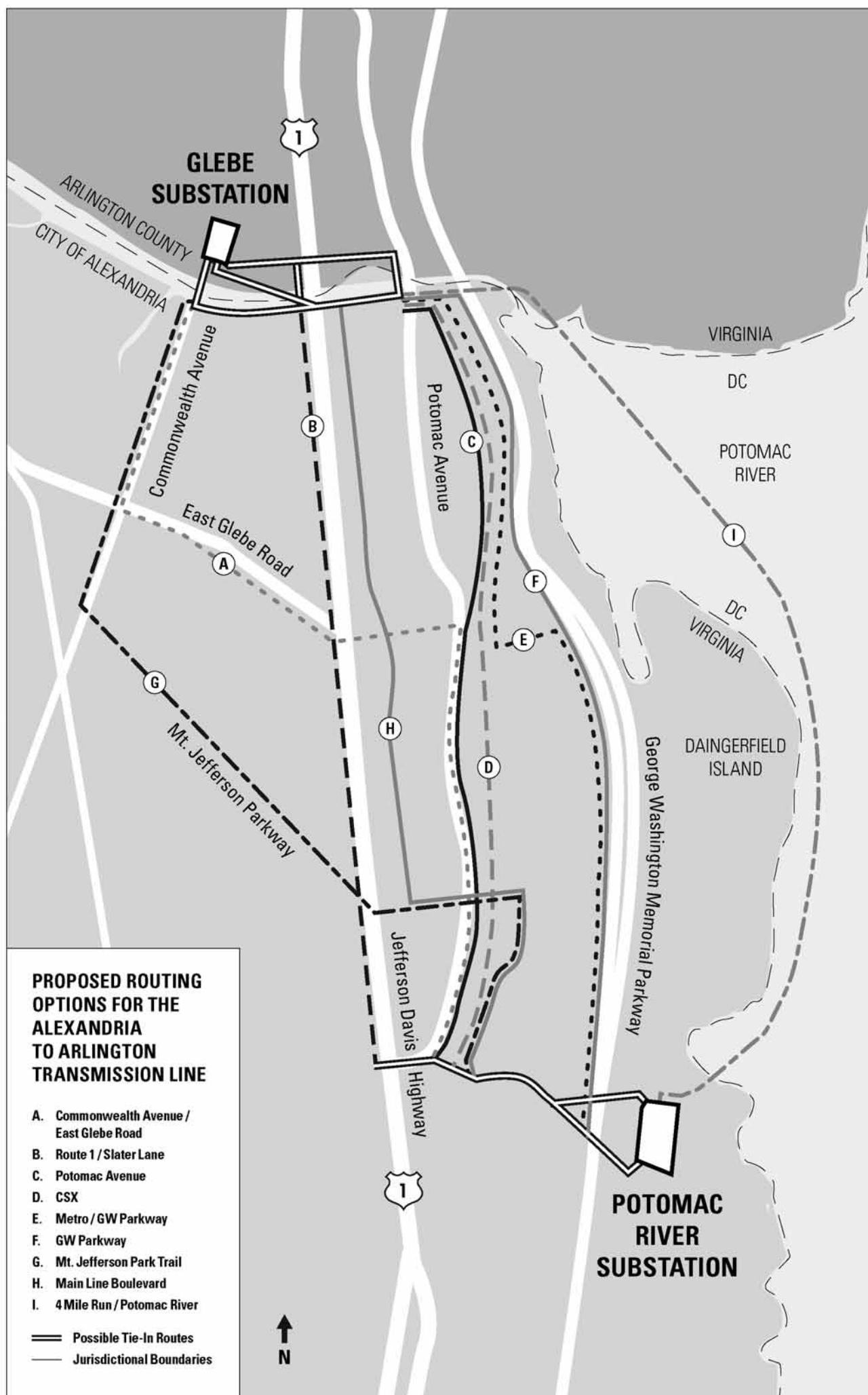
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Avalanche greets the crowd.

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The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and Senior Services of Alexandria recently partnered for an event, "Senior and Their Pets," at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. The discussion centered around the Senior Pet Program, AniMeals, Keeping Your Pet Healthy and Coping with the Loss of a Pet. For more information contact the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria at www.alexandrianimals.org or Senior Services of Alexandria at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

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T.C. Williams Field Hockey Beats Rival West Potomac

Titans bounce back from season's first loss, improve to 9-1-1.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

After holding opponents scoreless during an 8-0-1 start, the T.C. Williams field hockey team surrendered its first goals and suffered its first loss of the season on Sept. 19 in Burke, falling to Lake Braddock, 3-2, in overtime.

The Titans returned to the field on Tuesday, hosting rival West Potomac. Would T.C.'s first loss have any effect on the team's performance?

"It didn't affect our mentality at all," Titans head coach William Heresniak said. "It made us more mentally strong knowing we could come back ..."

It was back to business for T.C. Williams as the Titans scored in the final minute of the first half and cruised to a 3-1 victory over West Potomac at Minnie Howard on Sept. 23. The win improved the Titans' record to 9-1-1, including 2-1 against Conference 7 opponents. In 11 games, T.C. Williams has outscored the opposition 37-4.

The Titans dominated Tuesday's first half,



Philomena Fitzgerald, seen during the Under the Lights tournament in late August, and the T.C. Williams field hockey team improved to 9-1-1 with a win over West Potomac on Tuesday.

finishing with a 10-0 advantage in penalty corners, but had nothing to show for it, initially. Finally, Claire Bilodeau found the back of the cage with 26 seconds remaining, giving the Titans a 1-0 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Mimi Hyre scored T.C.'s second goal with

an assist from Emily Moncure with 18:18 remaining in the second half. Three minutes later, senior captain Meredith Caine found a way to sneak the ball past West Potomac keeper Eve Hauptle from a tough angle to the right of the goal, giving the Titans a 3-0 advantage.

T.C. Williams finished with a 14-3 advantage in penalty corners.

Caine said the Titans have to stay focused and can't get caught up in their early-season success, but acknowledged how well the team has played.

"We have been outstanding defensively," Caine said. "... [Allowing just four goals] says a lot about our team as a whole."

Heresniak called sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Leckman a "huge asset," and said the team's defense could improve with more support from forwards and midfielders.

"Our defense is stable," he said, "we want to become more stable."

With the loss, West Potomac dropped to 4-5. Sophomore forward Allie Wood scored the Wolverines' lone goal with 10:10 remaining in the second half. Senior captain Lizzie Wood had the assist.

Hauptle, a senior, finished with 16 saves.

"She's our rock back there," West Potomac head coach Dana Hubbard said. "She's a first-team all-conference [caliber goalkeeper] and she plays like it. She's the reason we're in a lot of our games. ... Without her, I don't know what the score would be."

T.C. Williams will host South County at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The Stallions are 6-5, but have won five straight games.

West Potomac will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bishop Ireton Football Edges Episcopal

The Bishop Ireton football team defeated Episcopal 26-24 on Sept. 20. Ireton quarterback Joe Dickinson completed 28 of 44 passes for 269 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted twice.

Nine different Cardinals finished

with at least one reception. Samuel Smith had seven catches for 73 yards and Ryan Scott totaled six receptions for 61 yards. Brenden Peifer caught three passes for 31 yards and a touchdown.

Andrew Latrash and Perris Jones each scored a rushing touchdown. Jones, a sophomore, led Ireton with 54 yards on 10 carries.

Defensively, Josh Ammon led Ireton with 15 tackles. Trey Lovisone and Charlie Ladd each had nine. Nigel Bullard and Lovisone each had one sack, and Alex Duke and Chandler Wilder each snagged an interception.

The victory improved Bishop Ireton's record to 3-1. The Cardinals will face Alexandria foe St. Stephen's & St. Agnes at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 at SSSAS.

Episcopal (1-1) will travel to face Collegiate School at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

T.C. Williams Football Falls to Langley

The T.C. Williams football team dropped to 1-2 with a 46-35 loss at Langley on Sept. 19. Langley entered the game 0-2 and had

been outscored 87-27 in losses to Yorktown and Stone Bridge.

T.C. running back Mahlique Booth rushed for 231 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries.

Quarterback Darius Holland completed 7 of 15 passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns. He was intercepted three times.

Hassan Atimbo and Isaih Clarke

each had a touchdown catch.

The Titans turned the ball over five times. T.C. Williams will travel to face Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.



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Quarterback Joe Dickinson and the Bishop Ireton football team defeated Episcopal 26-24 on Sept. 20.



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CPR: Circle of Peace and Respect

As the nation commemorated the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, participants in Youth Achieving Greatness and the Therapeutic Recreation programs chose to observe a moment of silence as they remembered and honored the victims, emergency responders, and surviving family members of the attacks in New York and Washington, DC. They made a pledge of CPR which means "Circle of Peace and Respect" for all mankind. Those interested in signing up for Youth Achieving Greatness or TR Mainstream program may contact the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center at 703-746-5422.

SPORTS

ASC Huddles with High School Football Coaches

Ireton's Smith named Athlete of the Month.

BY KEVIN MCCANDLISH

With the new school year under way, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club kicked off the fall sports season Sept. 16 at the ASC High School Football Coaches Night. All four of the city's high school coaching staffs were represented as the crowd in attendance received an overview of the challenges that each program will face in their quest to repeat recent gridiron successes.

Held at the Old Dominion Boat Club, the annual event offered a chance for the oft fierce competitors to share in a moment of camaraderie and appreciation for the city's rich football history as well as to converse about the direction in which each team's path is headed.

T.C. Williams High School foot-



The Alexandria Sportsman's Club hosted its annual High School Football Coaches Night Sept. 16 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. From left are Rick Veatch, St. Stephens and St. Agnes; Panos Voulgaris, Episcopal; ASC president Allan Kaupinen; Dennis Randolph, T. C. Williams, and Tony Verducci, Bishop Ireton.

ball coach Dennis Randolph, who first arrived at the helm of the Ti-

tan football program in 2007, noted the departure of several

prominent seniors and a young replacement core as a few of the

frequent hurdles that every team eventually encounters. He also spoke, however, of a greater responsibility that every coach has to give their players in areas other than X's and O's.

The local club and nonprofit also presented Bishop Ireton Senior Drew Smith with its first citywide Student-Athlete of the Month Award for 2014-2015. Following a dominant junior campaign in which the Cardinal wide receiver caught a school-record 48 receptions, Bishop Ireton Coach Anthony Verducci praised Smith's leadership, toughness and commitment to excellence on and off the field.

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will reconvene on Tuesday, Oct. 21 for its traditional Redskins Night.

In addition to awarding another round of Student-Athlete of the Month awards to Alexandria's top high school athletes, members of the organization hinted that a Redskin great and former Pro-Bowler is expected to be in attendance as its guest of honor. For more information, visit www.alexandriavasports.org.

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OBITUARY



Davis Munson Hammell died suddenly of natural causes
on September 18. Davis was born in Washington DC and
grew up in Alexandria Virginia. He attended Grace Episcopal
School, St Anselm's Abbey School, the Episcopal High School,
and Yale University. He played football and track and field for
Episcopal and played varsity offensive line for Yale when Yale
beat Harvard in 2007. Davis was known not only for being a
tough football player, but for his sense of humor and his re-
markable intelligence, kindness, and love for animals. He loved
science, philosophy, and books. He was a dear friend to many
and a wicked good Scrabble player.

His father, Robert Palmer Hammell, FAIA, predeceased him.
He is survived by his mother, Virginia Munson Hammell of
Alexandria and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, his favorite uncle Ste-
phen Hammell of Alexandria, and his sister, Hilary Payton
Hammell of Oakland, California.

Funeral at Episcopal High School Chapel, Saturday September
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