



The Alexandria Fire Department Color Guard presents the American flag during the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.



Firefighters and EMS first responders salute during the singing of the National Anthem Oct. 9 at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Remembering the Fallen

Ivy Hill ceremony honors fire and EMS personnel.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's fallen firefighters and EMS personnel were remembered by members of the city's first responder and law enforcement agencies at a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony Oct. 9 at Ivy Hill Cemetery as part of the annual National Fire Prevention Week ceremonies.

"We are here to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and remember those who have recently departed," said Deputy County Manager and former Arlington County Fire Chief James Schwartz. "Each of these individuals was committed to excellence."

The ceremony, which dates back to 1856, hon-

ors those who have died in the line of duty and also marks the passing of members of the department who have died during the preceding 12 months.

The centerpiece of the ceremony is the Roll Call of the Fallen, a reading of the names of fire safety and EMS career and volunteer personnel who have died in the line of duty. Following the Roll Call, Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dube and Volunteer Fire Department President Jay Johnson placed a wreath at the memorial to fallen firefighters.

Retired fire department employee Callie Terrell opened the ceremony with "The Star Spangled Banner" and closed with a stirring rendition of "How Great Thou Art."

"As we acknowledge the passing of great men and women, let us also use this day to celebrate their lives," said Schwartz, a longtime Alexandria resident and guest speaker for the ceremony. "A life of service is a great way to spend a life."



Fire Chief Robert Dube, at podium, leads a round of applause for Alexandria's firefighters and EMS first responders during the Oct. 9 ceremony at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

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Key Witness Opens Severance Trial

Prosecution begins arguments.

BY VERNON MILES
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Nancy Dunning, a real estate agent in Del Ray and wife of an Alexandria Sheriff.

Ronald Kirby, director of transportation planning for the metro.

Ruthanne Lodato, a music teacher and sister to an Alexandria judge.

The three of them lived in close proximity to one another, but there's no indication that their lives were connected except by a fourth name: Charles Severance, whose trial for the murder of all three began in Fairfax Courts last week.

On Oct. 8, the prosecution team

led by Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter explained that a bitter divorce and losing a battle for custody of his son Levi left Severance with a hatred for the Alexandria police and elites. Prosecutor David Lord's opening arguments largely centered on Severance's writings, which graphically describe a violent scene prosecutors say mirrors the crimes.

"Introduce murder into a safe and secure neighborhood," goes one passage, "do it again and again and again... No self-respecting god-fearing patriarch would not kill men and women who delight in terrorizing family."

Lord argued that the writings also reveal Severance's obsession with the exact type of .22 caliber ammunition used in the murders, including letters to his son asking

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Second Murder in Braddock Neighborhood

Police silent on investigations.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

A second homicide hit Alexandria's Braddock neighborhood last week, but so far, Alexandria Police have nothing to say about either investigation. Leon Williams, 37, died from a gunshot wound on late on Oct. 7 on Belle Pre Way in the Braddock neighborhood. In July, less than a block away, Shakaan Elliott-Tibbs was shot and killed.

Ashley Hildebrandt, a public information officer for the Alexandria police, said the department would be remiss if it didn't inves-

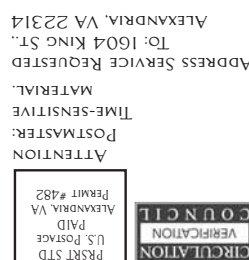
tigate the possibility of a connection with the first murder, but said that at the moment there was no new information in either investigation.

At the City Council meeting on Oct. 13, Mayor William Euille mentioned Williams' murder.

"Any homicide is one homicide too many, it's totally unacceptable," said Euille, "but we're a very safe city and the police are doing everything they can to get to the bottom of this crime."

City Manager Mark Jinks said that several residents told the city that the buildings in the area have

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The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV leading the church procession.



The old Immanuel Chapel, destroyed by a fire in 2010, converted to an open garden.



A front view of the new Immanuel Chapel.

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More Than a Building The Archbishop of Canterbury visits Alexandria for consecration of new Immanuel Church.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

To the glory of God, this chapel burned." To many attending the consecration of the new Immanuel Chapel following the destruction of the earlier incarnation of the building in a fire, the comment by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, may have come as a bit of a shock. The original Immanuel Chapel at the Virginia Theological Seminary, built in 1881, was destroyed in a fire in 2010. Over \$14.3 million was raised in donations to build a new chapel, which was completed earlier in 2015. The Rev. Ian Markham, Ph.D., and dean and president of the Virginia Theological Seminary, thanked Robert A.M. Stern architects and all of the donors who made the building's reconstruction possible.

"Is it possible?" continued Welby, "Can such an event ever be seen to the glory of God? Yes. Through the death and resurrection, we are brought back into the presence of the living God through his resurrection

of Christ."

Welby's homily urged the community of the Virginia Theological Seminary, and the Episcopal Church in general, to focus on the importance of the services rendered in the buildings rather than on the buildings themselves. Among the many literary allusions Welby used in his service, the first and most recurring was to A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh. Welby referenced a story in which Winnie-the-Pooh rides out a flood on a series of buoyant honey pots.

"For a little while Pooh and [the pots] were uncertain as to which of them was meant to be on the top."

Welby said church congregations and their buildings can be similar to Pooh and his honey pots. Welby emphasized that the buildings are given meaning by the people that inhabit them, and encouraged the congregation to love and accept one another.

"We bring, in this building this morning, every sorrow and worry that exists in the human heart, and every sin and failure that would horrify us if they were painted on the walls," said Welby, "... but also the

beauty of society would be demonstrated ... Holiness is not neat and clean; abiding by rules ... Holiness is never tidy. Let this place never be a place that seeks to tidy people up."

Welby was joined at the consecration by a host of church dignitaries, including the Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the current presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Michael Curry, who will become the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in November. Four hundred and fifteen members of the church watched the consecration from the chapel, while 500 more watched from tents out on the lawn.

Gregory Millikin and Chandler Whitman



Kirsten Baer and her son, Andrew Baer, receiving a blessing from Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

graduated from VTS and were ordained in 2015. After the fire, they said students worshipped in another chapel across campus. Their graduation had been held in the new chapel in May, but Whitman said it still felt special and inspiring to be in the newly consecrated building. As for Welby's sermon, Whitman said she was particularly pleased to hear the Archbishop discuss hopes for, one day, uniting the church. For Millikin, the best part of the service was seeing the range of talents that had been brought to-

gether for the ceremony, in particular praising the school's chorus and the architect's designs.

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Lights, Camera, Action Visit Alexandria plans for upcoming PBS drama "Mercy Street."

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Forget Lady Mary and the Grantham's of Downton Abbey. A new PBS drama based in Civil War Alexandria will make its premier in January and Visit Alexandria is preparing the city for its close up in the national spotlight.

"We're very excited about 'Mercy Street,'" said Visit Alexandria president and CEO Patricia Washington at the organization's annual meeting Sept. 30 at the Hotel Monaco. "We have some exciting new tours, exhibits and events planned

to showcase the city and the rich history we have here."

Set in the early 1860s in Union-occupied Alexandria, the show centers around the Greene family, whose home was seized for use as a hospital. The cast of "Mercy Street" includes "How I Met Your Mother" star Josh Radnor, who plays pioneering surgeon Jedediah Foster, "The Wire" veteran Peter Gerety as a fellow doctor, and "Scott Pilgrim Versus The World" star Mary Elizabeth Winstead as nurse Mary Phinney.

"Mercy Street" will premiere

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Visit Alexandria president and CEO Patricia Washington speaks at the ACVA annual meeting Sept. 30 at the Hotel Monaco.



Scenes from the upcoming PBS drama "Mercy Street" were shown at the ACVA annual meeting. The show is set in Alexandria and debuts Jan. 17, 2016, following "Downton Abbey."

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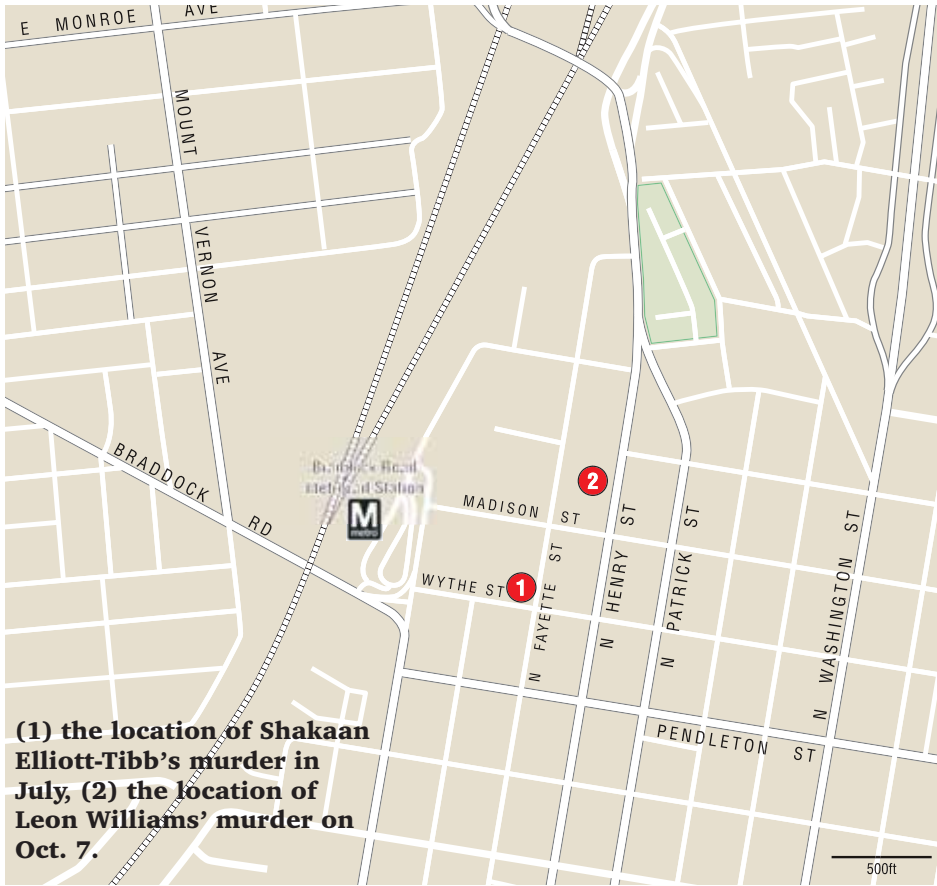
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(1) the location of Shakaan Elliott-Tibb's murder in July, (2) the location of Leon Williams' murder on Oct. 7.

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Nearby, Related?

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insufficient security, asking that cameras or additional lighting be installed. Jinks said that the city is currently looking into additional street lights and the police have of-

ferred to review security measures with the apartment complex owners.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Sgt. David Cutting at 703-746-6627.

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A Personal Cup of Coffee

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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Sumatra beans giving off steam bounced out of the roaster and into the cooling tray. Sumatra beans in their raw form are a mushy, earthy bean. Scott Mosel, head roaster at Swing's Coffee Roasters on Monroe Street in Del Ray says, "These beans just reached first crack. Coffee beans are similar to popcorn where the kernel gets hot and expands." The batch of Sumatra beans has taken about 10 minutes to finish roasting on this rainy Thursday morning. Mosel says, as the roast proceeds, he knows just when to slow it down. "We reduce the heat so that we can caramelize the sugars but without burning. Every time you roast it's a process of discovery. There are so many variables; each day the bean gets older — humidity, temperature so every roast is slightly different."

PEOPLE AT WORK

The beans rotate on the stainless steel cooling tray dotted with holes so that the air can draw down and cool the beans. The tray has been cleaned well. "If the holes are clogged up, there is less cooling." Large cooling arms wipe off beans as they revolve around the tray. In about 3-1/2 minutes the beans will be cooled to room temperature which today is 65 degrees. "See you can pick them up now," he demonstrates as he grabs a handful.

The next step is to change the direction of the airflow and to set the width on the destoner so that stones too heavy or bigger than a bean can't travel up the hopper to the storage container. The 100 pounds of beans that went into the roaster came out at about 83 pounds, mostly due to loss of water. When Mosel is ready to use them, the beans will shoot down the hopper into a large storage bin. Today Mosel is mixing espresso beans, a combination of South American, Central American, and Indonesian. They will be roasted again and mixed well together.

"The more you mix them the better; you don't want someone to get a cup of all one kind of beans," he said. "It's like a recipe, and I can't tell you anymore." These espresso beans are used to make lattes and cappuccinos, the customer favorites for the approximately 300 cups of coffee sold every day.

"They are waiting for my beans that are being used immediately." He points across the room to Rosa and Rosario who are filling 12-ounce brown bags for wholesale distribution. A flat with 40 boxes of beans sits ready for the forklift. They will end up on the truck in the alley for a large hotel on 7th Street in D.C. "That is also part of my job. I'm the manager of the back of the house which means I keep track of the inventory of beans, paper products and supplies for all of our customers and our other busy store at



Scott Mosel, head roaster and manager of the back shop at Swing's, is mixing Central American, South American and Indonesian beans in a second roast to make espresso used for lattes and cappuccinos.

17th and G right by the White House."

Mosel arrives around 6:45 a.m. and turns on the roaster that takes 45 minutes to one hour to get to the right temperature. "You don't want a cold roaster." He says Mondays are the busiest here; they roast over 2,000 pounds of green coffee so it is fresh for the customers. Friday they do as little as possible because they don't want the beans sitting around.

Mosel says coffee drinking has changed from the days when coffee was industrial and people drank it at home. "Now Americans are doing what Europeans have done for a long time, perfecting the art of roasting on a smaller scale and in a fresher form. People love fresh and find they can't go back." He says that's why they have an open cupping on Fridays for the public. "We have a theme like Ethiopian or Central American coffees." Mosel says it's a process of discovery; the more people try, the more they discover their tastes. "They come in and taste something new and go 'wow.'" And he adds that "Port City Brewery is making a stout using one of our coffees."

Mosel's own favorite coffee is Salvadoran which is a dark bean, citrusy and chocolatey. But he adds that his father-in-law owns a coffee farm in El Salvador so He says he has also learned to like Ethiopian which tastes like berries when roasted lightly."

Mosel has been at Swing's for six years where he began in an apprenticeship program. "It takes a good year to be comfortable." Mosel heads back to the roaster to make another batch of espresso. The winter season is just beginning, and customers peer through the large windows behind the coffee line to watch the beans being roasted for their cup of coffee. "Just like Krispy Kreme, hot off the line," says Mosel.

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET



One hundred pounds of Sumatran coffee beans have just bounced from the roaster to the cooling pan at Swing's Coffee Roasters in Del Ray.



Scott Mosel, chief roaster at Swing's, sorts through a sack of green coffee beans before beginning the roasting process.



Rosario Calderon is packaging freshly roasted Sumatra beans in 12-ounce paper bags for wholesale customers who will receive fresh beans in a few hours.

'Skyline Ducks'

Former Alexandria teacher pens her first children's book.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
GAZETTE PACKET



Joy Peeler

Retired Alexandria teacher Joy Peeler released her first children's book "Skyline Ducks" based on

the true story about what happens when the residents of Skyline Plaza Condominium in Falls Church find a mother duck and her nine fuzzy ducklings swimming in their pool one spring day.

"Years ago when my mother was living at Skyline Plaza, we had this incident with this Mallard mother duck and her baby ducks in the back of the swimming pool. It just seemed like it would be an adorable story for kids," she said.

Peeler hopes the book will teach children about compassion, humanity and kindness as well as show them "how humans can interact with nature in a positive way" despite the challenges along the way.

"Skyline Ducks" tells the story of how the Skyline Plaza residents were able to not only co-exist with the family of Mallard ducks but they also were instrumental in providing an environment for the ducks to develop properly until they were able to return to their natural habitat.

"One resident, a man in a wheelchair, set up a baby pool where the ducks could learn to swim while the residents could continue enjoying their pool," she said.

Peeler credits her career as an elementary school teacher with giving her insights into children's mindsets and giving her the ability to make the story's concepts understandable and yet challenging to them. "I'm retired but I still do some substitute teaching and I take the book with me into class. After reading it, we usually do some type of creative writing about the story or what the stu-

dents would do if they found a baby duck," she said.

While it did take the author a while to get started on the writing process, it did not take her long to write the book. Her greatest challenge

was finding either former or current residents who remembered the ducks and collecting more photos of the ducks.

She was able to resolve this issue by doing a little detective work.

After placing an article in the Skyline newsletter, a current resident who remembered the ducks and had a whole photo album full of pictures of them contacted her. Several of these pictures are in the back of the book as well.

Since she does not draw, Peeler decided to let the publisher, CreateSpace Publishing, select one of their illustrators to create the book's illustrations.

The Skyline maintenance worker who is featured in the book, told her that his daughter was amazed by how much a character in the book looked like him. She was even more surprised to find out that it was an actual drawing of her father.

"Skyline Ducks" is available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and bookstores nationwide.

When she is not writing or teaching, she enjoys reading non-fiction and mysteries, taking walks, and traveling.

In 1965, Florida native Peeler moved to the Alexandria following her husband's job transfer. She has over 28 years in the Alexandria City Public School System. Before moving to Alexandria, she taught in Fort Lauderdale and Cocoa Beach. She retired early in 1992 but occasionally substitute teaches in Longwood, Fla. where she and her husband reside. She has a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education from the University of Florida.



More Than a Building

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"It's inspiring to see everyone's talents brought together for the glory of God," said Millikin.

Ted Williams, who graduated from VTS in 1977, said that it has been a long wait for the new chapel's consecration and opening. As class steward, Williams says he heard about the fire before it was put out, and lamented that so many artifacts from the building couldn't be saved.

A famous stained glass window by Louis Comfort Tiffany, and signed by the artist, was among those lost in the fire. Williams enjoyed the consecration, but said it still wasn't enough to completely erase the sense of loss.

"I like the new one, but the old one was 130 years old," said Williams. "So I wonder, in 130 years, how this new church will continue to serve the needs of the people."

Preparing City for National Spotlight

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Jan. 17, 2016, at 10 p.m. following "Downton Abbey," which is entering its final season.

A preview of the mini-series, which was filmed in Richmond, was shown at the annual meeting where Washington announced a \$50,000 marketing grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation to promote the show.

A premiere screening of "Mercy Street" will take place Nov. 5 at the AMC Hoffman Theaters as part of the Alexandria Film Festival.

Washington also announced Visit Alexandria's 2015 destination marketing results, which included \$754 million in visitor spending and \$24 million in generated city tax receipts, according to just-released figures from the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

Travel also supported more than 6,000 jobs and saved each household \$300 in taxes.

Visit Alexandria reported \$5.9 million in meeting sales revenue, reflecting a 7 percent increase from 2014, and announced 1.5 million website visits to VisitAlexandriaVA.com, marking a 37 percent increase.

"We have a lot to be excited about," said Washington, who was joined at the annual meeting by Michael Kelley, PBS senior vice president of programming and business affairs. "Mercy Street" will showcase Alexandria as a destination rich in history and we are looking forward to welcoming more visitors to our vibrant city."

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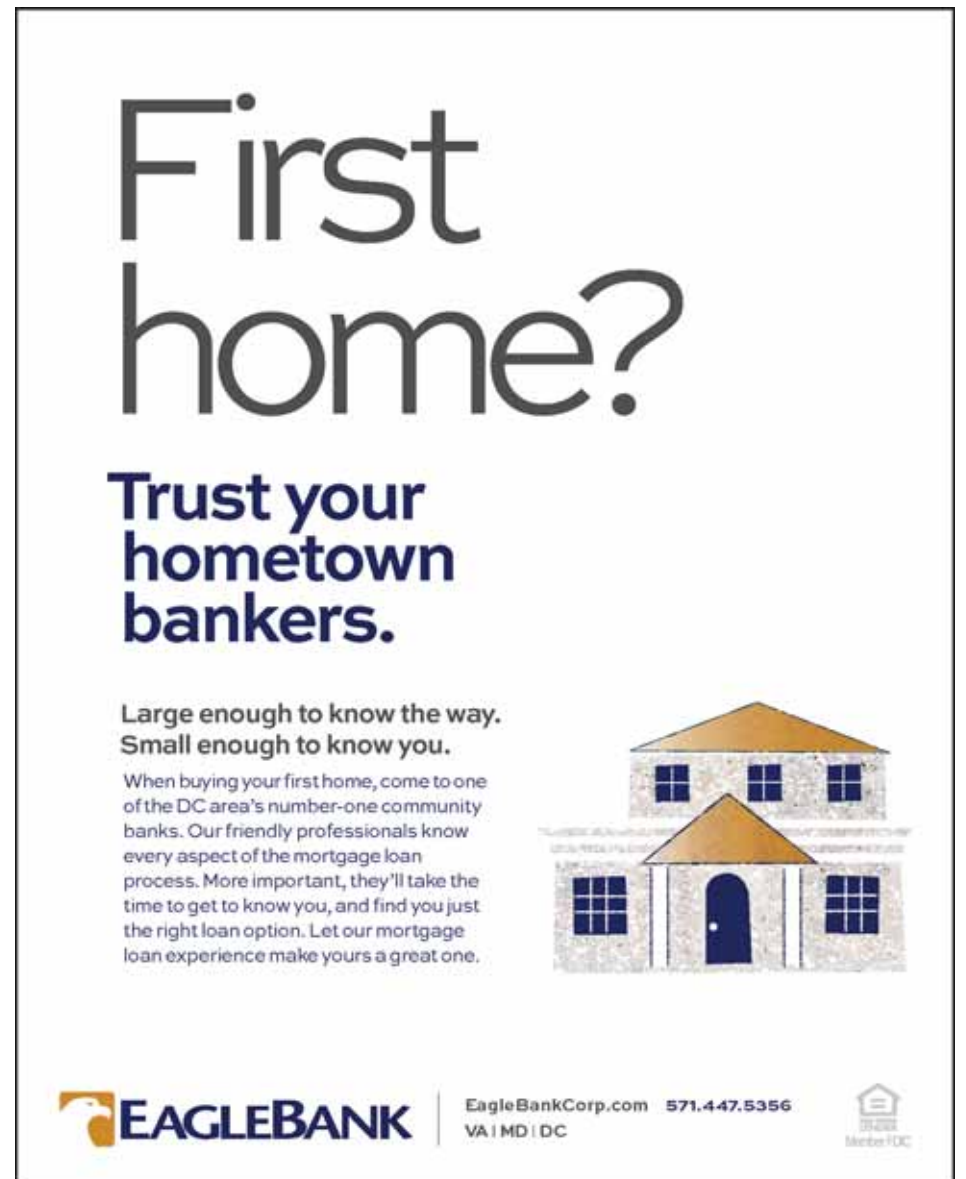
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Elizabeth and Rick Myllenbeck, second and third from left, are joined by Chamber of Commerce vice president Shari Simmans, Mayor Bill Euille, SBDC's Bill Reagan and chamber representative Victoria Kilcullen for the ribbon cutting to Sonoma Cellar Sept. 30.

Something to Wine About

Sonoma Cellar tasting room opens in Old Town.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

There is something new to “wine” about in Alexandria: Rick and Elizabeth Myllenbeck welcomed customers to Sonoma Cellar, a wine tasting room and bistro in Old Town, to celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception Sept. 30.

Attending the ribbon cutting were Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille and Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, along with other civic leaders and local dignitaries.

“Here in Alexandria, we welcome newly created small businesses like Sonoma Cellar and applaud entrepreneurs like the Myllenbeck’s,” Euille said as he congratulated the couple. “Sonoma Cellar is a unique new restaurant and wine tasting concept that is a great addition to this area. This grand opening represents continued growth for Alexandria — more specifically Old Town — which is very good for our community.”

Through Sonoma Cellar, owners Rick and Elizabeth Myllenbeck will offer wine tastings and food pairings featuring hand-selected wines from more

than 150 Sonoma County boutique wineries and 20 Virginia-based wineries. The bi-coastal couple will provide guests the opportunity to taste a number of varietals from these growing regions. Complementing the wine is a full bistro menu featuring California-inspired craft foods designed and prepared exclusively by Sonoma Cellar’s executive chef.

In creating Sonoma Cellar, the Myllenbeck’s hope to share their passion for American-made wines with the Washington, D.C. community.

“We are passionate about bringing Sonoma County and Virginia wine to the D.C. area and share what makes these wines and the wine-making process so special,” said Rick Myllenbeck. “With more than 450 wineries in Sonoma County alone, and 50 varietals, that is a world of wine all located in a single, magnificent county — all of which is begging to be tasted, purchased and consumed. Our craft food menu is second to none and is designed to pair with the wine, offering a tasting experience like none other in this area.”

Sonoma Cellar is also initiating a special wine club called Club SoCel, that will offer even rarer wines exclusively for wine club members.

Sonoma Cellar is located at 207 King Street. It will be open seven days a week: Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 5 to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.mysonomacellar.com or call 703-966-3550.

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Closer Look at School Spending

Report: Local schools spend less to educate more challenging students.

Since Fiscal Year 2009, Alexandria Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 13.3 percent, adjusted for inflation. Arlington County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 15.7 percent, but still spends the most per student of any school district in the state.

Fairfax County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 6.5 percent over the same period, adjusted for inflation, but FCPS spends significantly less per student than either Alexandria or Arlington.

These numbers are from a draft report released last month by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in a report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015. In FY 2014, the average Virginia school division spent 7 percent less to educate each student than it did in FY 2005.

These numbers are critical to understand as local schools, Fairfax County in particular, face a looming budget gap in the coming budget cycle. It's easy to skip the specifics, look at a large overall budget number and conclude that surely there is plenty of room to cut the budget. These numbers show the problem with that approach.

Fairfax County was among the Virginia school divisions with a reduction in resources and numbers of teachers per student which also had a growing percentage of "resource-intensive" students.

More than 27 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students were living in poverty in 2014; that's 49,895 students, up from about 18 percent or 28,527 poor students in 2005. Number and percent of students with limited English have also grown over the time period. In 2014, 49,442 students, or 27 percent, in FCPS are limited English proficient, up from 35,091 or 22 percent in 2005. The report calls these students "resource intensive," and what that means is that it costs more to effectively teach them.

The larger chart comes from a different source, the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide, and shows Fairfax County with far lower per pupil costs and teacher salaries than surrounding school districts.

Arlington and Alexandria school districts also have large percentages of poor students.

Alexandria had 6,160, or 58.8 percent of its students living in poverty in 2005, and in 2014, 7,443 poor students, 55 percent. Alexandria has also had an increase in limited English proficient students, 33.3 percent of 4,510 students in 2014, up from 22.7 percent in 2005.

In Arlington, 7,972 students, 33.9 percent were living in poverty in 2014, up from 6,373 students, 35.8 percent in 2005. Arlington has seen a drop in limited English students, from 35.5 percent (6,323 students) in 2005 to 28 percent in 2014 (6,591 students).

As the saying goes, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance. And if you think it's too expensive to effectively educate the population we have, consider the costs of services to people who don't have the education they

Public Schools	Fairfax County	Montgomery County, MD	Arlington County	Alexandria City
FY 2015 Cost Per Pupil	\$13,519	\$15,351	\$19,040	\$17,041
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,782	\$75,452	\$76,892	\$73,612
2014 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT				
Total Enrollment	183,895	151,289	23,421	13,563
Percent ESOL Enrollment	17.0%	13.2%	17.4%	25.5%
Percent Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligible	27.5%	34.3%	31.8%	59.7%
Percent Special Education Enrollment	13.8%	11.7%	14.7%	12.6%
2015 APPROVED ENROLLMENT				
Number Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	2,890	2,889	792	548
Percent Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	4.0%
SCHOOLS				
Elementary	139	133	22	12
Middle	23	38	5	2
Traditional (K-8)	0	0	0	1
Secondary and High Schools	25	26	5	1
Special Education	7	5	2	0
Alternative	2	0	3	2
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local	69.6%	66.6%	83.0%	79.3%
State	23.3%	27.9%	12.5%	14.9%
Other	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%	5.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS				
School-Based	93.2%	91.2%	90.9%	89.7%
Nonschool-Based	6.8%	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%

SOURCE: 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide

GRAPHIC BY LAURENCE FOONG/THE CONNECTION

Comparison of local school district finances and enrollment from the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide.

INFLATION ADJUSTED PER PUPIL SPENDING			
Division	FY 2009	FY 2014	% Change (FY 09-14)
Alexandria	\$20,323	\$17,622	"13.3%
Arlington	\$22,214	\$18,736	"15.7%
Fairfax	\$14,901	\$13,931	"6.5%

Inflation-adjusted to 2014 dollars.

SOURCE: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015 <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

need to live successfully later in life.

Effective leaders in Northern Virginia will have to lead the way to funding effective school systems in a challenging economic environment. But if you hear a candidate claim that schools can get by on less by being more efficient, ask if they have read this report.

According to the JLARC report: School districts reduced per-student spending on instruction through a combination of employing fewer teachers per student, limiting teacher salary growth, and requiring teachers to pay a higher percentage of health insurance and retirement

benefit costs. Divisions report that these spending reductions are hindering instructional effectiveness.

School divisions reduced instructional spending by less than one percent, and non-instructional spending by 10 percent, at the statewide level during the time period.

You can read the Virginia JLARC report here: <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Criminal Act Not Political

To the Editor:

Q: Is stealing or defacing political competitors' campaign signs a form of "early voting?"

A: No, it is an illegal act. Stealing, defacing, removing, or blocking signs of political expression is a crime and violation of our First Amendment right to free speech. Vandalizing or removing political campaign signs is no dif-

ferent from any other criminal act of theft, damage to property, or trespassing if on private property. I think as

Alexandrians we should hold ourselves to a higher standard, and that our fellow citizens should refrain from inappropriate acts of "early voting."

Bill Jacobs
Alexandria

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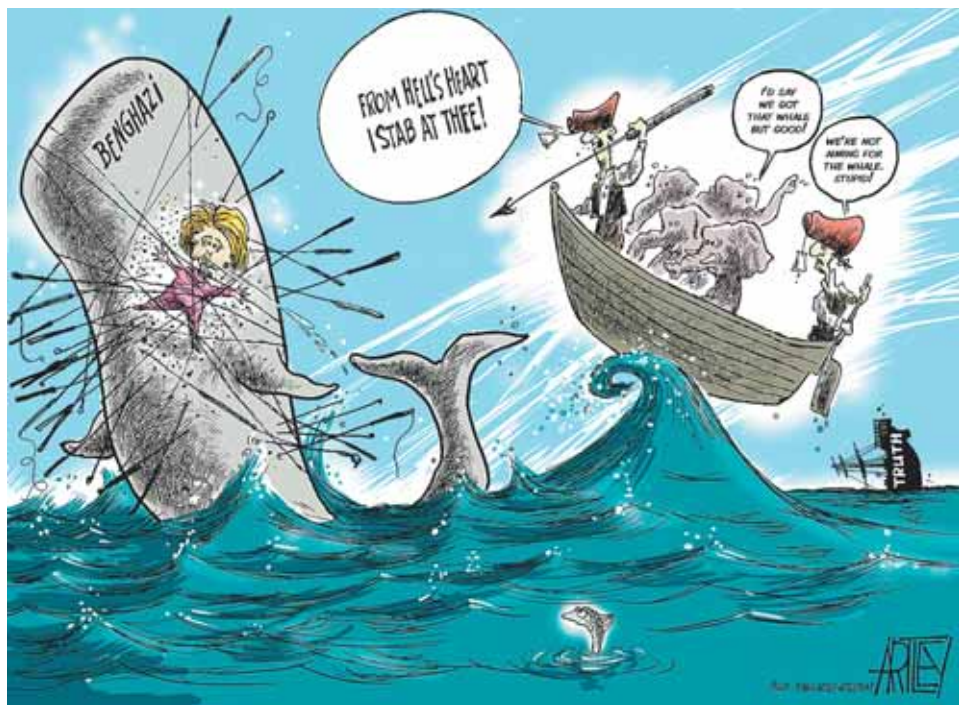
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Environmental Stands

To the Editor:

I have been proud of the leadership by the City of Alexandria on environmental issues. Since the adoption of the Eco-City Charter in 2008, the council has made great progress in making Alexandria a more sustainable community and reducing our impact.

Since the adoption of the city's Open Space Plan in 2003, the city has preserved well over 100 acres of open space in every corner of our city. That is precisely why Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg's record on issues of environmental protection and stewardship is so concerning.

In 2013, Vice Mayor Silberberg was the only member of council to reject a developer contribution of over 44 acres of new open space by opposing the Beauregard Small Area Plan.

During the 2013 budget process, Vice Mayor Silberberg was the only member of council to propose de-funding Capital BikeShare, a wildly successful regional public/private partnership that helps bridge the gap for residents who rely on transit to get around our community.

During the 2014 budget process, Vice Mayor Silberberg was the only member of council to propose de-funding the city's very successful food waste composting program. The program, which is now two years old, has diverted thousands of tons of food waste and turned it into mulch. She even stood in the way of an expansion of the blue public space recycling bins around the city.

Improving our land, water and air is an important priority of our City Council, and I expect a mayor to lead Alexandria to the forefront on this issue; not one that stands in the way. That's why I am writing in Mayor Bill Euille.

Glenn Klaus
Alexandria

Motivation For Running

To the Editor:

While reading the informative interviews with Allison Silberberg and Bill Euille on page 1 of last week's Gazette-Packet, I was brought up short by the following quote from Euille: "... it has nothing to do with ego. My personal decision to run is out of a concern that the progress we've made will all come to a screeching halt."

Really? We all know that Euille ran, unsuccessfully, for Congress last year. Before that, as reported first in this newspaper, he attempted, unsuccessfully, to secure a position with the McAuliffe administration in Richmond. Had either of these opportunities panned out, Bill Euille would have abandoned the Mayor's office in a heartbeat. His motivation for waging the current write-in campaign is most definitely not primarily out of concern for the city or citizens of Alexandria.

Alan Chodos
Alexandria

Complicit In Spending

To The Editor:

In her campaign materials, her speeches, and during candidate forums, Candidate for Mayor Allison Silberberg has been very outspoken about the increase in our city's debt.

Unfortunately, Candidate for Mayor Allison Silberberg seems unfamiliar with the record of Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, as the vice mayor has consistently voted to increase our city's debt during her three years on the City Council.

In her very first budget on the City Council, she voted to borrow \$24 million to fund the city's capital spending. Last year, she

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Key Witness Identifies Severance

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him to purchase the ammunition.

But according to the defense team, led by Joseph King, the prosecution's case is entirely built on false assumptions. King acknowledged that the writings had violent overtones, but argued that some of the violence, like the repeated phrase "tomahawking a homestead," could be attributed either to his frontier writings or the board games he invented.

The trial started with the most recent murder, that of Lodato and the only witness to the murders: Janet Dorcas Franco. Franco was the caretaker of Lodato's elderly mother, and in an emotional hour of testimony, gave a vivid account of the day of the murder. Franco was helping Lodato's mother when the doorbell rang, and a moment later she heard a loud noise and a scream.

Franco ran into the kitchen to check on Lodato and immediately ran into Lodato's killer. Franco didn't have time to ask any questions before the man fired two bullets at her, which hit her arm that she'd raised to defend herself. Screaming, Franco ran out the back door to a neighbor's house who called the police.

The neighbor, Stephen George Roberts, tried to convince her to wait with him until the police arrived, but then Franco remembered that Lodato's mother was still in the house. Against Roberts urging, and not knowing if the killer might still be in the home, Franco returned to the house to check on the two other women.

Officer Jonathan Lopez was the first to arrive on the scene, and after other police officers arrived, they

went in to secure the house. Lopez called a medical unit into the house and attempted to talk to Lodato, who said that she didn't know her killer, but that he was an older white man with a grey beard.

When asked by the prosecution whether she could identify the man she saw in the house, Franco said she could and said that Severance looked like the man.

The defense pointed out discrepancies between Franco's description to the sketch artist and the appearance of Charles Severance, in particular, that the man she described had a much shorter beard than Severance's. The defense attempted to press on the point, noting that the courtroom identification was fairly vague, but Franco more definitively stated that Severance was the man who shot her. When the defense tried to argue that perhaps Franco had been influenced by the media following the murder, Franco said that she hadn't followed any news topics on the story.

"I don't want to see anything," Franco said, exasperated and through tears. "I don't want people calling me and asking me what I saw. I've never seen anything like that in my life since I've been in America. It's so sad what happened to somebody that I cared for. For someone who came in, I don't want to know their story. I want to think that maybe it is a dream, I think that every day."

The trial is expected to continue for approximately five more weeks, depending on jury deliberations, to end in mid-November. The prosecution is not seeking the death penalty, but if convicted, Severance faces life in prison.

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voted to borrow another \$30.9 million.

In May, she voted to borrow an additional \$62.9 million to fund her capital desires in the current fiscal year.

In January, she voted with a unanimous City Council to adopt a new cash capital policy that allows the city to add tens of millions of dollars to our debt over the next decade.

The vice mayor is right to be somewhat concerned about our city's debt. Unfortunately, she is seemingly unable or unwilling to recognize her complicity in its run-up.

However, the real truth is that our level of debt is simply not a crisis that justifies the "sky is falling" mantra. We borrow in order to fund large capital projects that will be enjoyed and paid for over many years. Our city enjoys a double, triple A bond rating which cannot be obtained by any jurisdiction that has more debt than can reasonably be paid back.

Lonnie Rich

Former Member of City Council

Follow the Money

To the Editor:

This week should tell the story of what and who are behind the write-in campaign for mayor being conducted by Bill Euille. That is when the financial reports of candidates are due to be filed with the State Election Commission. The first report from the Euille campaign in mid-September, filed not long after his announcement, may well have set the pattern.

At that time the Euille Campaign reported initial contributions totaling \$4,502. The breakout of that figure by the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) on its website is instructive. Two \$1,000 contributions are recorded, both from development firms. Listed by occupation, "real estate/construction" companies contributed a total of \$3,360 to Euille, just short of 75 percent of the total. Moreover, the remaining 25 percent largely came developer lawyers, financial institutions, and others doing frequent business with the city.

Prospective voters should review the mid-October filing. If the sources of Mr. Euille's contributions reflect the earlier filing, it would reconfirm what many have believed about the write-in effort: It is the brainchild of the development community and not a grassroots effort. Alexandria deserves something better. We need a mayor who represents us all — not just a narrow group with something to gain financially from the city. Allison Silberberg, while supporting sensible development, will not accept developer contributions. She deserves the support of Alexandria voters.

Ernie Lehmann

Alexandria

Questions on Issues

To the Editor:

An open letter to Allison Silberberg:
You offer many ideas but very few specifics. Elaboration would be very helpful.

❖ What does "more transparent" mean? Are there secret meetings going on? What specific aspects of Executive Sessions do you disagree with?

❖ You suggest we need greater community involvement. What concerns you? How would you address it? Do you believe that residents with "issues" are reluctant to bring them forward?

❖ You want to improve our schools. Specifically how? How would you measure progress? With 3,000 more students expected over the next few years how do you propose to fund the needed space and teachers?

❖ You want more affordable housing. How would you fund it? What do you not like about the Beauregard Plan providing 800 affordable units?

❖ You want more recreational facilities in the city yet did not support the contemplated Hensley Park development. Are you against any joint aquatics center with Arlington? How would you fund Alexandria's own facility?

❖ You want to even out the tax base but appear to be unsupportive of many proposed commercial developments while eager for more (affordable) residential development. How do you reconcile those positions?

❖ You talk of "thoughtful, appropriate development" and "smart growth" — meaning specifically what? What current developments are you not supportive of and why?

❖ You want us less focused on government business. Did you object to NSF or TSA? What businesses would you target? How, given the highly competitive regional market?

❖ Given your interest in development, how active were you in the Beauregard plan? In the West Eisenhower plan? What issues did you raise? Did the plans take account of them?

❖ The mayor is essentially the CEO of a \$650M business with 2,500+ employees and needs to take the lead in finding consensus on often contentious issues. What does the frequency of your disagreements with other council members (sometimes all six) suggest about your ability to develop consensus?

❖ You stress the major improvements needed to our road, sewer and storm water systems. How would you address and pay for these?

❖ As the city is required to have a balanced budget, what do you mean that we have a "structural imbalance" between our revenues and expenditures?

❖ You have a lengthy wish list. How do you propose all these things get paid for especially if you are averse to increasing the city's borrowings? How much progress have you seen during your tenure as vice mayor?

Mindy Lyle

Alexandria

Right Skills At Right Time

To the Editor:

I have lived in Alexandria most of my adult life. My family moved to Alexandria

Deliver Groceries to Seniors

Make a difference in a senior's life.

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA



"I am very appreciative of this service," said Lee, a current "Groceries to Go" Client. "It eases the burden of shopping while allowing me to prepare my meals in my own home." This is a testimonial from a senior currently using Senior Services of Alexandria's (SSA) newest program, Groceries to Go (G2G), a free grocery delivery program for seniors who are 60+ and who live within the City of Alexandria.

A recent city statistic attributed to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey reports that 5,000 Alexandria seniors 65 and older live alone. SSA provides services for seniors who are homebound through its Meals on Wheels program, but there is a group of seniors who are not necessarily homebound, but find grocery shopping difficult and want to continue to prepare their meals in their own homes. The G2G program is filling this unmet need, and

SSA is looking for volunteers to meet the growing demand for the program.

Through the G2G program, screened volunteers deliver groceries to seniors every other Thursday of each month. Volunteering for this program requires a few hours or less of your time one or two days a week, every other week. You can help by calling seniors on the Tuesday prior to a shopping week to take their grocery order over the phone; by picking up and delivering groceries on Thursdays between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; or by assisting with in-store grocery shopping on Thursdays.

SSA believes that volunteers also provide a vital link to the community and outside world to seniors who otherwise have limited mobility. This program is an important addition to SSA's larger Senior Nutrition Program, with the intent of increasing senior safety, health, and nutrition.

If you would like to volunteer for this exciting new program, or if you know of a senior who could benefit from the G2G program, please contact SSA directly at (703) 836-4414, x120, or email groceries@seniorservicesalex.org. All volunteers receive an individualized, one-hour training by an SSA staff member. We would like a six-month commitment from volunteers.

in 1964 when we bought our home in Old Town, where my husband and I now reside. I went to T.C. Williams High School and was a member of its second graduating class along with Bill Euille, with whom I have remained friendly over the years.

It is with a lot of thought that I am writing this letter in support of Allison Silberberg as the next mayor of Alexandria. I first came to know Allison in the early spring of this year. In talking with her, I was immediately impressed with her intelligence, her devotion to our city and all of its citizens, her capability and desire to be a steward of historic Alexandria, and her listening skills. As we became friends I have only grown more impressed. My top ten list of words or phrases that describe why people should vote for Allison as our next mayor are:

- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Can Do Attitude
- ❖ Intelligence
- ❖ Keeping and Honoring Promises
- ❖ Listening Skills
- ❖ Fiscal Responsibility and Support for Business
- ❖ Support for Historic Preservation
- ❖ Support of Rational Development

This is a crucial election and time in Alexandria's history, with very important decisions at stake. How do we implement the development of the Waterfront in a ra-

tional way that is in keeping with one of the most historic cities in the United States? How do we encourage small and big business to come to Alexandria so that it helps balance the commercial tax base with the residential tax base and improves our economy? How do we make decisions in a transparent way that respects and encourages citizen input? How do we restore trust in our city government and management? How do we deal with improving public education for our children?

I believe that we are very lucky to have someone with Allison's ability running for mayor. As Julia Hall, one of our neighbors said upon meeting Allison: "I have been looking forward for years to having a candidate like Allison Silberberg run for mayor." I have been very impressed watching Allison during this campaign with her positive attitude, even when under attack, and her desire to always take the high road. I am impressed with her incredible knowledge and caring for all parts of our city and her capability to deal with its challenges. I truly believe our city needs her skills in addressing in a positive way the myriad of challenges that Alexandria is currently facing. I ask you — if you care about the same things that I do — to please cast your vote for Allison Silberberg for mayor on Nov. 3.

Nancy Kegan Smith

Alexandria

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New Mixed-Use Community Opens

Alexandria city officials along with representatives from The JBG Companies celebrated on Oct. 7 the grand opening of Notch 8, JBG's newest mixed-use apartment community in Potomac Yard.

Notch 8 brings an additional 253 apartments, including 12 affordable apartments, to the Potomac Yard market with a modern industrial design and a growing list of onsite and nearby amenities. These upscale apartment homes include NEST thermostats, 9-foot ceilings, moveable kitchen islands and scenic Potomac River and D.C. city views — including the Washington Monument. Residents and neighbors have the

added bonus of grocery trips being just steps away with the onsite Giant — a new 60,000 square foot store — as the building's anchor retail tenant along with a full-service PNC Bank and Starbucks inside the store.

Apartment amenities include a courtyard with a swimming pool, fire pit, hammocks, grilling stations and outdoor billiards. Inside, residents can hang out in the lounge with indoor/outdoor fireplace, flat-screen TV, billiards and a catering kitchen. Notch 8 has a game room as well as a Kick Fitness center with group classes and personal training for those who prefer to keep moving.

See www.liveatnotch8.com.

HOME SALES

In August 2015, 235 Alexandria homes sold between \$3,875,000-\$109,900. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$3,875,000-\$549,999 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
307 SAINT ASAPH ST S	5	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,875,000	Townhouse	0.21	22314	OLD TOWN
703 KINGSTON PL	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,295,000	Detached	0.54	22302	BALLANTRAE
335 ROYAL N	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,799,000	Townhouse	0.00	22314	THE MIDDLETON
205 UHLER TER	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,605,000	Detached	0.32	22301	DEL RAY
418 BRADDOCK RD W	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,560,000	Detached	0.77	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
307 CHARLES ALEXANDER CT	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,549,000	Detached	0.31	22301	COLONIAL PARK
1209 WILKES ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,369,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
123 PRINCE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,350,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
321 PITT ST S	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,285,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
225 LEE ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	QUEENS ROW
207 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.04	22314	PRINCESS
321 KENTUCKY AVE	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,190,000	Detached	0.20	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
717 TIMBER BRANCH DR	5	5	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.20	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
215 OAK ST E	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,110,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
600 SECOND ST #401	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Other		22314	LIBERTY ROW
1507 RUSSELL RD	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,095,000	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY
509 DUKE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,080,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
711 GIBBON ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,075,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	GEORGE WASHINGTONS CLUB
3 BELLEFONTE AVE E	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,035,000	Detached	0.10	22301	DEL RAY
1817 POTOMAC GREENS DR	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POTOMAC GREENS
623 SAINT ASAPH ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN

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ONGOING

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show: “What I Did On My Summer Vacation.”

Through Oct. 18, 10-5 p.m., 10-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 18. View summer vacation-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

“Angel Soldier Dance

Sublime.” Through Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. View work exploring femininity and masculinity by female artists from Maine’s Blue Hill Peninsula. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Athenaeum Invitational

Exhibition. Through Oct. 25, during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Works inspired by the song “Don’t Fence Me In,” by Cole Porter, will be on display. Free. Visit nvfaa.org.

“Artifact” Exhibit.

Through Oct. 25, gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and during performances at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. In this exhibit artist J.T. Kirkland integrates the painted gesture with the naturally occurring textures or “gestures” in the wood. John James Anderson will also share the space. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

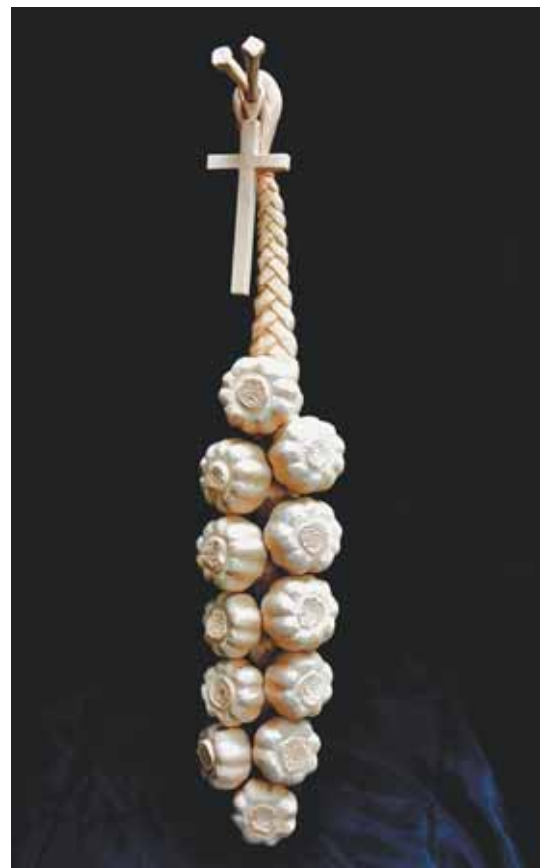
Doggy Happy Hour.

Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one’s dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com.

“Seven Deadlies.” Through Oct. 31, Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane.



From left: “Ascending” by Sigrid Vollerthun, “Resurrection” by Guy Jones, and “Vampire Repellant” by Mark Elfman are part of “Superstition & Belief,” an exhibit, which explores myth, religion, belief, fantasy, and dreams. The exhibit is on display during gallery hours at The Art League, 155 N. Union St through Nov. 1. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.



Sculptor Karen Swenholt explores lust, sloth, greed, gluttony, wrath, envy, and pride. Free. Visit www.convergence.org for more.

Sugar Shack’s Halloween Goat

Scavenger Hunt. Through Oct. 31, at various locations. Sugar Shack is hiding 31 goat figurines around Alexandria. Each of the small goats are worth 12 donuts, and there will be five larger goats worth bigger swag packs. Hints will be posted daily during the second half of the month. Most goats are hidden in local shops, restaurants, and parks. Free. Call 703-577-9023 for more.

Immanuel Pumpkin

Patch. Through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. At this fundraiser find pumpkins, gourds, baked goods, hearty soups, and autumn crafts. All profits go to charity. Free admission. Visit www.icoh.net for more.

“Skeletons:

Exploring Under the Surface.” Through, Nov. 1, Thursdays 12-6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 12-9 p.m.; and Sundays 12-6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Experience 2D and 3D artwork in a wide range of mediums that digs deeper and discover what is ‘under there,’ literally and figuratively. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Sheila Harrington: “Each Day is a Celebration.”

Through Nov. 1, during gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artist Sheila Harrington is inspired by the cyclical, seasonal changes of life, how human beings respond, and the juxtaposition of

the natural and man-made. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Water Taxi to the National Mall.

Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophie*, while stopping to view some of the area’s attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. Children under 12 are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com.

“Superstition and Belief.” Gallery hours at The Art League, 155 N. Union St. Artists explore myth, religion, belief, fantasy, and dreams. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

“Painting the Line, Drawing the Paint.” Through Nov. 8 at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. This show that will include works by Ann Schlesinger, daughter of Jim and Rachel Schlesinger. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu for more.

Mount Vernon in 3-D: Then &

Now. Through Nov. 20 during regular operating hours at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visitors will have the chance to travel back in time, and in 3-D, to see how the estate appeared more than 100 years ago through a special photography exhibition. The exhibition is included in the regular admission fee of \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth and free for children younger than 5. To view the historic stereoview images as well as the modern 3-D anaglyphs, visit www.mountvernon.org/3D.

Young at Art Juried Art Show.

Through Nov. 20, Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artists 55 and older can contribute their artwork for the exhibition. On Thursday, Aug. 20, artists can bring their work to the Durant Center from 10 a.m.-noon to be registered and displayed. Artists must fill out a Entry and Artist/Lender Agreement and pay an entry fee of \$20 for up to three works of art, \$5 for any additional pieces. Entry forms can be found at www.seniorservicesalex.org or by

calling Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, extension 111.

“Not-So-Modern” Jazz Quartet

Performance. Thursdays through Dec. 31, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Not So Modern Jazz Music plays music from the glory days of traditional jazz, including tunes from traditional Dixieland and the Swing era. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffee.pub.com.

“Nature’s Journey.” Through Jan. 2, at American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. Darlene Kaplan will exhibit more than 60 of her original oriental brush paintings in a one-person art exhibition. Free. Visit www.darlenekaplan.com for more.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Art Show. Through Jan. 31 at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. The artwork is on display in waiting areas and examination rooms as a part of Del Ray Artisans’ Gallery Without Walls program. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen’s Cemetery. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria

Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen’s Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees

of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee

invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. 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. 12 p.m. 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 takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms,



The cast of Aldersgate Church Community Theatre’s production of “The Miracle Worker” will give final performances Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17. Visit www.acctonline.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

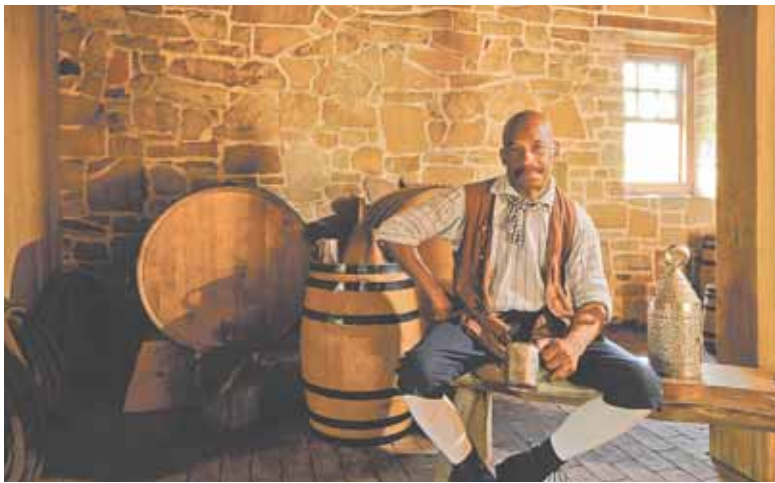


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Coopering and Distilling at Mount Vernon

Visit Mount Vernon's distillery to learn more about the arts of coopering (making a cask or barrel used for storing alcohol) and apple brandy distilling. On Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 21-23 10 a.m.-5 p.m. guests may watch Cooper Marshall Sheetz demonstrate how broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Oct. 17-23 guests may also learn about how apple brandy is made. All demonstrations will be held at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, 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.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered will the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

"Rendezvous in Paris." 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Attend a Yacht Haven Garden Club fundraiser. A fashion show and lunch will follow a social hour. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-589-3404 for more.

Book Signing. 6:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Alexandra Bracken will be signing copies of "The Princess, The Scoundrel, and The Farm Boy." The book is an adaptation of Star Wars: A New Hope. Children are invited to wear Star Wars gear. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble featuring members of The Air Force Strings led by Technical Sgt. Wayne Graham as part of The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Conya Doss. 7:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Conya Doss is joined by Snuhgie Stocks for a live performance. Tickets start at \$35. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Morning Market and Community Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church and Weekday School, 5521 Old Mill Road. Crafts, vendors, baked goods and large community yard sale. Free. Call 703-780-3852.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2501 Belle View Blvd. In addition to a yard sale, find hot dogs and barbeque. Free. Call 703-765-1219 for more.

Native Tree Planting. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tarleton Park, 4500 Holmes Run Parkway. Join TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria and the Wakefield Tarleton Civic Association in planting native trees in Alexandria's Tarleton Park. Free. Email FriendsOfTarletonPark@outlook.com.

Hollin Hall Senior Center Annual Mega Bazaar/Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1500 Shenandoah Road. More than 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, door prizes and more will be featured. Free to attend. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

Alexandria Country Day School Fall Fair and Country Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alexandria Country Day School, 2400 Russell Road. Find food trucks, photo booth, face painting, spin art, moon bounce and obstacle course, bake sale, cake walk and more. Free to attend. Call 703-548-4804 or email countrymarket2015@comcast.net.

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. The City of Alexandria's Family Fall Festival will include performances by the Beale Street Puppet Theatre and the sounds of "Ken and Brad Kolodner" playing traditional American old time or folk music. Also find a pirate moon bounce, pony riding, scarecrow building, face painting, hay rides, and more. Admission to the event is \$5 per person or \$15 per family up to four people. Register by visiting www.alexandriavag.gov/webtrac and use activity code #284601.

Cheesetopia. 2-5 p.m. at Balducci's, 600 Franklin St. Shoppers are invited to taste gourmet cheeses, participate in group demonstrations, get tips from experts, and partake in other cheese-themed events. Free. Visit www.balduccis.com for more.

Burgundy Fall Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School,

3700 Burgundy Road. Haunted House, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, craft mart, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Proceeds from activity tickets, food and merchandise sales benefit student financial aid. Free admission. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org or call 703-960-3431.

Long Black Veil Release Party. 12-9 p.m. at Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Long Black Veil, Port City's Black IPA was originally introduced in October 2014 to coincide with the anniversary of the death of its namesake, The Female Stranger. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com for more.

Book Signing. 1 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Maria Gianferrari will present and sign her picture book, "Penny and Jelly: The School Show." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

Book Signing. 1-3 p.m. at Sacred Circle Metaphysical, 919 King St. Sylvia Moore will sign copies of her book "Grandma's Bones." Free. Call 405-458-5642 for more.

Walking With Zombies Ghost Tour. Every 15 minutes 5-8:45 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 North Fairfax St. Hear tales of the origins of zombies on the battlefield, and then join "zombies" for a party on the front lawn. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.nvrpa.org for tickets.

Pizza Party. 6:30-10 p.m. at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Dignity Northern Virginia, a LGBT Catholic organization will host a pizza party following mass. Free. Call 703-349.6351.

Gina DeSimone and Kevin Dudley. 7 p.m. at Focus Alexandria/Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Gina DeSimone is front-woman of the DC-based blues and swing group the Moaners. Kevin Dudley, born in Texas and now residing in Virginia, plays guitar and sings about love, death and diners. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Call 703-380-3151 or visit www.focusmusic.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

Coopering Demonstrations. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Master cooper Marshall Scheetz will be on-site for coopering demonstrations. Watch as broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

SATURDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 17-23

Apple Brandy Distilling. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the process of apple brandy distilling. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Pumpkin Pace Food Race. 9 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Alexandria's United Community Ministries in partnership with The Fun Runz is hosting a 10K run plus 5K/1mile Fun

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Debate: "The Snowden Impact: Privacy, Secrecy and Security."

10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road. Republican Congressional candidate Micah Edmonds and Alexandrian author Ronald Goldfarb will debate "The Snowden Impact: Privacy, Secrecy and Security." Robert Siegel of NPR will moderate the discussion. Free. Call Ronald Sturman at 703-801-8553 for more.

Cauldron Tea at Carlyle House. 1-3 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. This afternoon will include a program on "Alexandria History and Legends" and a craft for children who would like to participate. Tour the museum after the tea and learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Jazz at Meade. 6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. The guest musician will be George V. Johnson, Jr. Donations of \$15 are accepted. Call 703-549-1334.

MONDAY/OCT. 19

Book Launch Reading. 7-8 p.m. at M. Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Sass Brown, author of "USA-1000," will read from her book, which was selected by Adrienne Su as the winner of the 2014 Crab Orchard Series in Poetry. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

TUESDAY/OCT. 20

STEM Homeschool Program:

Architecture Walking Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Homeschool students and their families are invited to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with a monthly program sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Learn about the 18th and 19th century architectural styles that define "Old Town" and the societal and technological changes that influenced their creation. Children attend free, adult tickets are \$8. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Genealogy and DNA. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Jim Bartlett discusses how to use DNA test results to prove lines of ancestry in this free talk sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

Lecture at Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. 7 p.m. at 9000 Richmond Highway. In celebration of the Pope-Leighey house 75th anniversary, an ongoing lecture series has been launched. The inaugural lecture will feature Ashley Wilson, AIA, Graham Gund Architect, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and a presentation titled "Sustainable Solutions: The Search for an Appropriate Finish for the Exterior of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, Alexandria, Virginia." Tickets are \$25. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/the-pope-leighey-lectures-tickets-18691986234.

SocialLights. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This informal program is designed to provide a positive and

motivational environment for artists to network and share ideas. Free. Visit www.TheDelrayartisans.org.

OCT. 20-NOV. 15

"Safari." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Resident fiber artists display work inspired by the wild. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

OCT. 20-NOV. 29

PHOTO '15. Gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 155 N. Union St. Senior Curator and Head of the Department of Photographs at The National Gallery of Art Sarah Greenough will jury the "PHOTO '15" exhibit. Thirty-one fine art photographers will display their work. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 21

Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Ryan Johnson, a professional clock repairman will be sharing information about how to properly take care of your clocks, especially old clocks, and the possible need for professional repairs. Guests are invited to bring clocks to the meeting for Q&A. Call 703-360-4979.

2015 Business Awards Presentation and Reception. 6-9 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria businesses will be awarded honors by the Alexandria Chamber of

Commerce and Alexandria Business Leaders at this catered event. \$100 in Sept. for members, \$110 in Oct. for members and \$165 for non-members. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Dramatic Reading. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. "One" is a hip-hop musical by Walter Robinson and directed by McKenya Dilworth. "One," the musical brings a "recovery" from addictions message to youth. "One" is based on the 4,500-year-old story of Moses, but told as if the story occurred today in Harlem, N.Y. The suggested donation is \$10. Email theatreofpurpose@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 21-23

Coopering Demonstrations. 1-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Master cooper Marshall Scheetz will be on-site for coopering demonstrations. Watch as broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

THURSDAY/OCT. 22

"Alexandria Surrenders to the British." 7 p.m. at John Strongbow's Great Hall, 710 King St. Have dinner followed by a discussion of Alexandria's submission to the British at the end of the War of 1812. Free. Call 703-329-3075 or email herald@medievalmadness.com.

The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. 7:30

p.m. at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Attend a concert titled "Music for Brass Ensemble" featuring members of The U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass led by Technical Sgt. Christine Purdue. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafbnd.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Brewing History: Beer Tasting, Tour and Dinner. 6:30-9:45 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about beer-making in Colonial America with a mansion tour, beer brewing demonstration, beer tasting and four-course dinner. Tickets are \$100. To register, visit www.mountvernon.org.

Documentary Screening. 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Watch "Harvest of Empire," a documentary that exposes the direct connection between the long history of U.S. intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis we face today, as part of the Immigration Film Festival. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.immigrationfilmfest.org or www.IMFilmFest.eventbrite.com.

Short Film Screenings. 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs, 1021 Prince St. As part of the Immigration Film Festival watch "I am Ayotzinapa," about Mexican artists commemorating missing students believed to have been kidnapped by government militias; "Ger Kler: A Journey of Untold Strength," about a young team of students documenting the migration from refugee camps in Burma and Thailand to the U.S. Three other short films will also be

ASC to Host Jefferson

Roy Jefferson is Oct. 20 speaker.

Famed Washington Redskins wide receiver Roy Jefferson will be the featured speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club's annual Redskins Night Oct. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Named one of the 80 greatest Redskins of all time, Jefferson served as the "go-to guy" on the receiving end for the Redskins in the 1970s.

Playing in Washington from 1971 to 1976, he caught 208 passes for 3,119 yards and 16 touchdowns. He was a consistent threat who helped increase the Redskins' level of success during the legendary era of head coach George Allen, when the team went to the playoffs five times, including an appearance in Super Bowl VII.

The ASC Redskins night is free and open to all. Held at the Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St., the evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome reception hosted by Simpson Development. Presentation of the ASC Athlete of the Month awards and remarks by




Roy Jefferson, named one of the 80 greatest Redskins of all time, will be the featured speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club's Redskins Night Oct. 20 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.


Jefferson will start at 7:15 p.m. A chili dinner sponsored by Hard Times Café will be served following the meeting.

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screened. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.immigrationfilmfest.org or www.IMFilmFest.eventbrite.com.

Ghost and Graveyard Special Halloween Tour. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its special one-hour Halloween tour in the very room where the "Female Stranger" died at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

Taste for Giving. 7-10 p.m. at Patent and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. A selection of Alexandria's restaurants will offer tastes from their menus, beer (Port City Brewing Company) and wine (North Mountain Vineyards), music (Megan and the Dads), and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.tasteforgiving.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 23-24

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Elementary school-aged children and younger may participate in the hunt and will receive a toy pumpkin. The event will also feature Halloween crafts, food and drink, ghost stories and a costume parade. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$12 for children participating in the hunt. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or contact John Christiansen at 703-548-1789 or contact@leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Heritage Craft Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. The Belles Craft Sale and Marketplace Café features handmade items, a "select treasures" sale, and a bake sale/café. Free to attend. Visit www.heritagechurchva.org for more.

Library Bicycle Ride. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alexandria Library is hosting its third annual bicycle tour of all Alexandria Library locations. Bring your bike and join library staff for a leisurely 2-hour loop. Free. Registration required at www.bit.ly/alexlibrarybiketour.

Family FieldFest. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, 1820 Limerick St. The first-ever Family FieldFest will have activities for children and adults, including pumpkin carving, face painting, live music and free demonstrations from local companies with a focus on healthy and sustainable living. Free. Visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org.

Raven's Night. 5 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. "Raven's Night" is a Halloween costume party featuring belly dance performances, a dinner concert, live music and more. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Fearless Fifteeners Young Adult Author Panel. 5 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Six young adult authors: Maggie Lehrman, author of "The Cost of all Things," Sharon Roat, author of "Between the Notes," Marci Lyn Curtis, author of "The One Thing," Kim Liggett, author of "Blood and Salt," Cordelia Jensen, author of "Skyscraping," and Lauren Gibaldi, author of "The Night We Said Yes" will discuss their books. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-25

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with the family at Mount Vernon with activities including wagon rides,



Belladonna Boheme, belly dance instructor, is an organizer of Raven's Night.

Raven's Night at The Birchmere

Raven's Night at the Birchmere on Oct. 24 is being described as a Halloween festival. The event, which is being presented in "acts" begins with the "All Hallow's Eve Exposition" with a carnival and sideshow. "Act 2" includes the "Salon Lunaire Concert" with live entertainment, food, drink, and a belly dance performance. The final act has a supernatural theme with a final performance. Raven's Night is at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 plus service charge. Visit www.ravensnight.com for more.

apple-roasting and a straw bale maze. The event is included with purchase of admission to Mount Vernon; tickets are \$17 for adults, \$9 for children, \$16 for seniors and free for children 5 years and younger. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

Doggy Trick or Treat. 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Pick up a goody bag and a map of over 25 participating businesses at The Dog Park, then lead your pet around Old Town to find treats. The Dog Park will also host a costume contest for individuals and groups—groups can be all dogs, or dogs with humans. Winners receive gift certificates to The Dog Park. Free. Call 703-888-2818 for more.

Mad Science! 1-3:30 p.m. at The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. This 45-minute tour starts every 30 minutes and features historic medicines with surprising side effects. Admission is \$6 for people age 5 and up. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

19th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte Avenue. Awards will be given for Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Awards will be presented in a brief ceremony after the parade, along with refreshments and goodie bags for the children. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

New Dominion Chorale Concert. 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale, under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 25th season with a performance of Gioachino Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle." Ticket prices are \$30 (general

admission), \$25 (seniors), and \$15 (youth ages 5-25). Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$20 per ticket. Visit www.newdominion.org for more.

"The List" Screening. 5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. "The List" is about Kirk Johnson, a young American fighting to save thousands of Iraqis whose lives are in danger because they worked for the U.S. to help rebuild Iraq. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.immigrationfilmfest.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

AARP Alexandria Dinner Club. 4-8 p.m. at Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard St. AARP has reserved the private room at Clyde's at Mark Center for members and their guests to enjoy dinner together with a 20 percent discount. Email VRasmussen@aarp.org for more.

Tree Selection and Care. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Topics will include the benefits of native trees, planting trees to reduce your energy costs, improving soil, correcting drainage issues, and removing underperforming plants. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org.

OCT. 27-DEC. 27

Green Spring Gardens Art Show. Gallery hours at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Carol Higgs works in batik, oil, watercolor, and collage. Painter Joan Wolfe works with acrylic and Erik and Caroline Hottenstein use watercolors. Free. Call 703-642-5173.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

Daniel Bennett Group Concert. 7 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Jazz group from New York celebrated the release of "The Mystery at Clown Castle." Free. Visit www.danielbennetgroup.com.



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Art Safari

This year's papier-mâché theme for Art Safari at the Torpedo Factory on Saturday, Oct. 10, was the giraffe. Staff members and patrons worked on its assembly.



Admiring the completed papier-mâché project of a giraffe are Jonathan Reyes, his son, Jonathan Reyes Jr., and wife, Stephanie McDuffy, residents of Alexandria. Attached to the camel is an image of one of the silkscreen prints created at the event as well.

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Smitty Chai, and son, Drake, enjoy one of the birthday cupcakes offered. In Drake's hand is an art project he created while attending the event.



Art on the Avenue

Crowds attended the rescheduled Art on the Avenue, Saturday, Oct. 10. The event celebrated its 20th year.

Fuzzy Paws Bakery offers all natural homemade dog treats and speciality cakes. Judy Schoenle and company are supporters of assisting retired police k-9's. Proceeds of their sales goes to funding for their care.

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Mary Ellis, mother of Fran Ngong, who is the owner and operator of Buhdze products. Ngong's major retailer is Whole Foods and this is her fifth year attending the event. She and her company are based in Baltimore, but have locations throughout the area.



King Street Art Festival

The 13th Annual King Street Art Festival was held Sept. 19, filling the street with booths and visitors.



Chuck Wimmer displayed his digital design collection; he has been participating in the festival for four years.



Fred Wellman, co-owner of Ladyburg, a boutique shop that specializes in handcrafted bath and body products, said he enjoys "hanging out and meeting the neighbors." The festival provides an "opportunity to let folks know you are here."

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THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

30 for 30 Class Pass Available. In the month of October, first-time pass holders can purchase a 30-day fitness pass to Chiquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility for \$30. Get access to fitness equipment plus open swim and sauna at a 40 percent discount available only to City of Alexandria residents. Thirty day fitness passes must be purchased in-person at Chiquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Call 703-746-5553 for more.

THROUGH NOV. 10

SolarizeAlexandria is a program to make it easier and more affordable for residents to install solar power systems on Alexandria homes. The program provides a home energy efficiency check-up and solar site assessment; discount pricing through bulk purchasing; project facilitation and qualified installation; financing and federal tax incentive options; and qualification for the City of Alexandria's Solar Energy Equipment Tax Exemption. Free. Visit www.solarizealexandria.org for more.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Alexandria Police Department.

Oct. 14

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery of a gas station in the 700 block of S. Patrick Street. Two suspects with one firearm stole cash. There were no injuries.

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 3500 block of King Street. Two suspects with one firearm stole a cell phone from a store clerk. There were no injuries.

Oct. 10

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a report of shots fired in the area of the 100 block of Yale Drive. No victim was located.

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is on scene at an accidental discharge of weapon inside an apartment building in the 600 block of Holland Lane, no one was injured.

Oct. 7

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a felonious assault around the 800 block of North Henry Street.

❖ The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 5800 block of Sanger Avenue.

CORRECTIONS

In the article "Cycling through Solutions" (Oct. 1), Ken Notis' and Deborah Ann Bogart's last names were misspelled.

In the article "Partnership got a Healthier Alexandria Celebrates Collaboration" (Oct. 8), the free health fair next month should have read Nov. 14 as the date of the fair. The health fair is sponsored by the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools, together with Neighborhood Health, the Alexandria Health Department, and Inova Alexandria Hospital.

www.solarizealexandria.org for more.

THROUGH NOV. 20

Fall Coat Drive. The Fund for Alexandria's Child invites Alexandria residents to help children in foster care or at risk of abuse or neglect keep warm this winter through its annual Fall Coat Drive. Call 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov to learn about donation options.

THROUGH DEC. 15

Accepting Donations. Monday-Friday. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 421 King St.,

Suite 400. Every year, the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program organizes a holiday party for children and mothers who have been recently served by the program. Children's toys and gift cards in denominations of \$25 will be accepted. Call 703-746-4911 for more.

SUNDAYS/OCT. 11-25

Mental Health Lectures. 9:45-10:45 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. Experts will discuss depression, anxiety disorders, and suicide prevention. Free. Visit www.wpc-alex.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Application Deadline. 5 p.m.

Nominations are now being accepted for 2016 Living Legends of Alexandria at www.alexandrialegends.org/ nominate. You may also mail your nomination to Living Legends, P.O. Box 918, Alexandria, VA 22313.

Application Deadline. The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Veteran Business Awards. Visit www.alexchamber.com for an application and requirements.

Public Hearing on Draft Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan. 7 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The Park and

Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on the Draft Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan. In fall 2014, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities began a public process to develop a Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan for 17 neighborhood-serving parks throughout the City. The Draft plan reflects the community feedback received over the 12-month public input process and will serve as a guide in setting priorities and resource allocation for enhancing City parks and improving the health of the City's natural environment and its residents. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

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New Leader at Minnie Howard

Upbringing shapes Kennetra Wood.

BY AMINA LUQMAN
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Kennetra Wood,
academic principal
of Minnie Howard
Campus.

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Where is Kennetra Wood, the new academic principal on T.C. Williams' Minnie Howard campus, from? She laughs: "Well, that's a hard question. My family moved around a lot." Born in New Jersey, yet raised in Pittsburgh and South Carolina, ultimately, Wood calls Pittsburgh her hometown. It's where most of her family resides, and it's family that's most influenced Wood's professional life.

Part 3

Third in a four-part series on new principals in Alexandria City Public Schools.

"I come from a very strong educational background," Wood said. "My aunt was a Department of Defense principal in Germany then in Japan. Another aunt was a teacher and my grandmother worked at McGraw Hill, the textbook publisher. In my childhood, I spent a lot of time in McGraw Hill workbooks. A lot of time."

It was those women, particularly her aunt in Japan, who helped guide her to educational success. "She pushed me. She even wanted me to go to school overseas, but I didn't want to leave my friends," Wood said. In the end, her familial educational influences paid off. That, along with a teacher cadet experience she did in her high school senior year, led her to the classroom.

"It was just in me," Wood said. "The first time I stepped in a classroom I knew that it was what I'd be doing."

"Regardless of where we moved. Or what was happening around me. I excelled," said Wood, when describing her formative educational years. Yet that didn't make it easy. She was a young Black girl from a poor family. At times she was in classrooms where there were very few students of color. At times it was assumed she couldn't succeed.

And More ...

For Kennetra Wood:

Favorite Music Artist: I'm a fan of hip hop and R&B

Favorite Movie: No one movie in particular. I love movies. It's my favorite pastime.

Favorite Book: "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Favorite TV Show: Hard to say. I love series. "Game of Thrones," "The Gilmore Girls," "Charmed," I love series.

Something surprising about you: I play women's flag football. I play center. I was introduced to it by one of my students. I'm also a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do.

"When we moved to South Carolina, they tried to hold me back a year," she said. "That didn't happen." Other times she was overlooked, underestimated and left without guidance. These types of experiences helped inform Wood's work. "I didn't have a real push from anyone in my school," she said looking back. "Part of why I want to support students period is because I felt like I didn't have that when I was in school. It was a different time. They also didn't have as many resources back then."

Wood earned her BA in English education from South Carolina State and her Master's in counseling and development from George Mason University and a Master's in educational leadership from Trinity University. She taught English for seven years in Fairfax County and Prince George's County, Md.; was a school counselor for four years; a dean at T.C. Williams High School; then, an assistant principal at Minnie Howard for four years.

She's balanced being a teacher and then a counselor. She recalled being a teacher. She was strict with her students: "In the classroom, your mind belongs to me. Your body belongs to me. They knew in that 90 minutes, I was a tough cookie." Outside of the classroom, she was different. As a counselor, Wood thrived on the personal relationships she formed with the students. She keeps up with many of her students. "Now I'm going to weddings. I'm going to the hospitals because they're having babies and I'm going to baby showers. That's the piece that keeps me going. Being able to see the fruit of the seed you've planted."

She's been at Minnie Howard for four years as assistant principal and knows she'll have to find balance in her new position: "I plan to be visible" — which is what she's done for the past four years. However, this year that will have to be balanced with the new demands of her role as principal. She knows it will be a challenge. "But I'm determined," she said.

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Solid Democratic Background

To the Editor:

Recently, I saw an e-mail asserting Allison Silberberg is not a real Democrat or competent to be mayor. Those contentions are baseless.

The vice mayor interned for U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, while attending American University. She later worked for her home state U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas), as his chief research assistant on his personal Senate staff.

Allison ran as a Democrat in all three contests she has won: primaries in 2012 and 2015, and the 2012 general election, yet she is able to reach across party lines.

Her late mother managed Gov. Ann Richards' Dallas-North Texas campaign HQ. Gov. Richards appointed Mrs. Silberberg to a major state board in Texas. This is not the background of a crypto-Republican.

To back the assertion on the vice mayor's true partisan identity, the writer says her plurality is attributable to Republicans voting in the Democratic primary. Republicans voted for all three who ran. That writer's bald assertion is just that.

The other bald assertion is equally baseless. Our mayors have been a construction company owner (Euille), a banker (Donley), a civic activist who went on to chair a powerful committee in the Virginia Senate (Ticer), a stockbroker and U.S. Senate Appropriations staffer who went to Congress (Moran), and an airline pilot (Beatley).

Allison Silberberg was an aide to a powerful Democratic senator, while he chaired the Senate Finance Committee. Since graduate school at UCLA, she launched and led a youth mentoring program in Anacostia at the height of the Crack Wars. (She was a community organizer before many realized it is a door to public office.) She was appointed to our city's Economic Opportunities Commission, which she chaired before joining council. She is a published author and commentator.

Allison Silberberg is an accomplished professional. She is a civic activist like her exemplar, former state Sen. Patricia S. Ticer, who calls her "a voice of reason." I trust her judgment and integrity. U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, Alexandria Police Committee's Local 5 and State Democratic Chair Susan Swecker all endorse her. Allison will continue to act wisely in serving the city she refers to as a trust, whose temporary trustees we all are.

Michael Campilongo
Alexandria

'This Is Your City'

To the Editor:

I will vote for Bob Wood for City Council because the enormous challenges our city now face requires a council team that fully understands large scale, complex projects, and knows how to direct them. Right now,

we are dealing with over 10 huge, high demand development and infrastructure projects with short staffing and very limited budget flexibility. Bob Wood's unusual combination of public and private sector experience and education and his willingness to step forward to get the job done is rarely offered.

The short list: 36 years of merited promotion in government, an MBA from the University of Chicago, presidency of a school board, managing the transition to peace in a political hot spot, and a love of Alexandria that brings him home to stay. I say, let's put him to work for us. He uses the words "serve you" more than any other candidate ... and means it.

Bob Wood first contributed his time, energy and intelligence to the Mayor's Waterfront Workgroup. He co-authored, with Nate Macek, the final, comprehensive citizen commentary on the Waterfront Small Area Plan. His keen listening and attention to both the people in the Workgroup and in the room was positive and constructive. As Farol Hamer, director of planning, noted: Bob Wood is a problem solver.

And he didn't stop there. Bob rolled up his sleeves to establish a veterans' business incubator to launch and transition returning service men and women. It is located right here in Alexandria and has secured the kinds of financial backing that distinguish winning ventures. We can expect to see new businesses that grow our commercial business sector.

I greatly admire Bob Wood for acting without political or profit motivation. Bob Wood believes "this is your city" and intends to amplify citizens' voices to craft solutions that are equitable, effective and reflect our collective ability to create revolutionary change. This is our city's most important heritage.

To those local party members who prefer to shout from the extreme ends of the political spectrum, I want to strongly urge you to build the middle ground by voting for well-practiced, pragmatic, approachable, and engaging moderates, like Bob Wood. What we've seen is someone who welcomes everyone to the team.

I urge you to vote for John Robert "Bob" Wood for City Council on Nov. 3 ... and to persuade your neighbors and friends to do the same. We would be fortunate to have Bob on the council dais to get us through what lies ahead.

Kathryn Papp
Alexandria

Qualities of Leadership

To the Editor:

Meet Allison: Experience, leadership, integrity, vision, fiscally responsible, thoughtful listener, inclusive.

Sound like a neighbor you'd like to have coffee with and chat? Sound like someone you'd like to hire to lead your team? How about to lead your city? Yes, and these qualities embody Allison Silberberg.

Allison Silberberg is serving Alexandria as a very capable vice mayor and has shown

incredible integrity, vision, and strength day-to-day and in the face of opposition. She has over 20 years of experience in community leadership and public service. She spent nearly a decade on Alexandria's Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC), two years as chair, advocating issues for the city, including employment, affordable housing, health care, homeless prevention, utility costs, and abusive lending practices, and created the EOC's annual public service day, "All Hands on Deck", a resounding success.

The vice mayor served as a corporate officer for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, bringing area leaders together to address major regional issues in Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, and suburban Maryland, including transportation, environment, housing, health and human services, homeland security and public safety, and cooperative purchasing ("more bang for the buck").

As vice mayor, and as a resident, Allison passionately identifies historic preservation, responsible growth, and prosperity as core values to protect our neighborhoods and quality of life. Her record at City Hall shows she seeks compromise to put citizens' issues ahead and ensure their voices are heard, a result of her open monthly coffees where citizens share their thoughts and concerns. Her voting record further shows her unswerving commitment to diversified economic sustainability and fiscal responsibility, and a steady focus on excellence in education, police and fire services, senior services, libraries, and parks.

She has impressive vision and is a lifelong advocate for social justice, receiving awards for her community work. She founded and led a nonprofit to mentor youth in Anacostia - seven of eight participants went to college. For a decade, she hosted monthly charitable events, giving all proceeds (over \$1.3M) to local nonprofits focused on children at risk and families in distress. She also works to ensure that women are included in all medical research, clinical trials, and drug testing. Allison has a B.A. from American University, an M.F.A. from UCLA, and has been an Alexandria resident since 1989.

This is Allison. Vote Nov. 3, early vote now.

Patricia Webb
Alexandria

Deserving Of Election

To the Editor:

The debates for the six positions on City Council have been interesting and comforting. First, it is good that there is interest in being an elected representative of the people of Alexandria. With the election comes the responsibility to govern. In Alexandria we see close up the dysfunction of those who want to obstruct rather than reach a compromise to govern.

Second, I am comforted by the current City Council and the newest addition to the Democratic slate, Willie Bailey. These six Democrats demonstrated they deserve to be elected, by their words and actions. It is

tough to listen and to govern, and this team has done it.

On top of my ticket is Bill Euille in his write-in campaign. It takes guts to do a write-in campaign. Democrat Tony Williams ran a write-in campaign in D.C. Republican U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski ran a write-in campaign in Alaska. Frank Mann, also a Democrat, ran a write-in campaign in Alexandria. Jim Moran ran as an independent. All showed courage. Mayor Euille has showed courage and leadership by not letting the obstructionist block important issues in our city.

It is good to be an Alexandrian.

Lynn Hampton
Alexandria

Storm Response?

To the Editor:

How did you make it through the storm?

Well how did you? Or how did we make it through the storm? I am referring to this most recent one which was almost a hurricane. Of course in the Carolinas, mostly the South one the recovery from flooding has taken even longer. However we did have flash flood warnings here in Northern Virginia. Before this on the first of the month Governor McAuliffe had declared a state of emergency for the whole Commonwealth is the way I understood it. However, very little was done here in Alexandria to follow this direction.

This first came to my realization when that Friday evening I learned that no extra shelters were opened for those who may have need of it, just as is done in severe winter weather or hypothermia as it is known. What were people living outdoors supposed to do during this period of severe rain? What if the condition had worsened? This is not just for the homeless, like what about those whose houses are along the river flood, where are they supposed to go? I did not hear of any directions for even where they were to go — just that some free sandbags were being offered. However one needs to have something to be sandbagged for these to do any good. Well someone did think to postpone "Art on the Avenue" so there was some severity expected.

Well if our local authorities are not going to assist with this then perhaps we the private citizens should do more to help with situations like this. One particular location which seems like it could be more active is the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. This is because it should be a perfect place during a storm, since it is such a secure stone structure on high ground. Now not all rooms or sections would have to be open, but even the halls themselves could hold quite a number of people. Also the temple may have to tell the those seeking shelter that they would need to bring their own blanket and pillows, but at least they would be providing shelter. From what I am told about this organization, that it is dedicated to making the world a better place, that would seem to include helping people in need.

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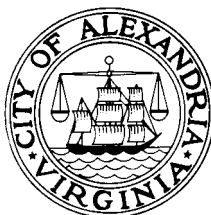
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Tenant of the property located at 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue (Parcel Address 2318 Mount Vernon Avenue and 111 Oxford Avenue) to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor dining at that location associated with the restaurant known as Pork Barrel BBQ, Sushi Bar, and Holy Cow.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurants located at 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue as Pork Barrel BBQ, Sushi Bar and Holy Cow to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 200 Strand Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a stoop, stairs, canopy and building overhang onto the Prince Street right-of-way at that location as approved by the City Council on March 14, 2015.

The proposed ordinance permits the Old Dominion Boat Club clubhouse building to encroach onto the Prince Street right-of-way at 200 Strand Street including a stoop, stairs and a canopy that encroach approximately 6.6 feet and a building overhang for the balcony that encroaches approximately 6 feet for 49 feet along Prince Street as shown on the Encroachment Plat. City Council approved this encroachment with the Development Special Use Permit for the Clubhouse on March 14, 2015.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATION), Article G (PARKING METERS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance: (1) adds parking meter zone 4 and (2) makes related changes to include the new zone in the existing meter hour and rate processes.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2016.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2016.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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OBITUARY

Richard Menifee Moose,

On September 25, 2015, Richard Menifee Moose, a diplomat, banker, and political and community activist, died in his home in Alexandria, Virginia at age 83. His superiors and colleagues credited him during his more than 50 year career with being one of America's leaders in bringing about the end of apartheid in South Africa and Rhodesia, uncovering facts and developing arguments that led Americans toward new ideas for ending the Vietnam war, and for being a courageous contributor to America's foreign policy debates throughout his public service.

Mr. Moose was born on February 27, 1932 in Little Rock, Arkansas, but spent many of his early years in Heber Springs, Arkansas. He graduated from Little Rock Senior High School in 1949, and from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas in 1953. He received his masters from Columbia University in International Relations. He served in the United States Army for two years before joining the United States Foreign Service in 1956. He was first posted to Mexico City in the Foreign Service where he served as the Ambassador's assistant. He was then posted to Yaounde, Cameroun where he recognized the need for the continuing independence of African nations, and the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa and Rhodesia.

Upon his return to the United States, he was posted to the first Executive Secretariat at the State Department, during which time he was posted to the Pentagon during the Cuban Missile Crisis to serve as a liaison with the State Department.

In 1966 to 1968 during the Lyndon Johnson Administration, he served as special assistant to National Security Advisor, Walt Rostow. It was in this position that Mr. Moose became an early skeptic of the Vietnam War. He remained at the National Security Council into the Nixon administration. Mr. Moose's views clashed with those of the new National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, and he resigned in late 1969.

Mr. Moose then resigned from the Foreign Service and served with Congressman, Morris K. Udall, followed by a tenure working for then Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator William J. Fulbright. Mr. Moose co-authored, with colleague James Lowenstein, a series of reports exposing, among other things, the United States' secret bombings in Cambodia. He accompanied Senator Fulbright to meet with President Lyndon Johnson at the White House in an unsuccessful effort to present the case for ending the war.

Upon the election of Jimmy Carter, Mr. Moose was appointed Under Secretary of Management at the State Department, and then as Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Mr. Moose's appointment to run African policy coincided with a period of intense American engagement across the continent and also returned him to a longstanding interest in integration stemming from his ties to Little Rock Central High School where the desegregation crisis of 1957 took place.

As Assistant Secretary for Africa at the State Department, Mr. Moose was in the forefront of U.S. policy initiatives, none more important than fostering a peaceful transition in South Africa from apartheid to a democratic government which opened the door to the election of Nelson Mandela as President. Mr. Moose also took the lead in formulating the strategy to secure Zimbabwe's independence in that same region. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the settlement was based on democratic elections, not on a power-sharing arrangement imposed from the outside.

At the end of the Carter administration, Mr. Moose joined the international banking division of Kuhn Loeb & Co., which merged with Lehman Brothers. While residing in London as a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers, he led the international financial advisory activities of the company. In 1988, Mr. Moose moved to work for American Express in New York City. He then moved to the Washington D.C. area where he served as Senior Vice President of International and Government Affairs, from 1988 to 1993.

With the election of President Bill Clinton, he returned to government as Under Secretary of State for Management. While Under Secretary, he was designated Chief Operating Officer of the Department and represented all foreign affairs agencies on the President's Management Council.

Mr. Moose resigned from the State Department in 1997 and became President of the Institute for Public Research at the Center for Naval Analysis where he worked on a variety of issues designed to make government more efficient and responsive in an age of diminishing resources.

After his retirement, he became an ardent campaigner for Democratic candidates and civic issues, including as a key activist and liaison between environmental groups and city leaders to close the Mirant coal plant, the last coal-fired power plant in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. His ultimate accomplishment was co-founder of At Home in Alexandria, in Alexandria, Virginia, an organization that enables older people to stay longer in their homes.

Mr. Moose is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret Davis Moose, originally of Little Rock, Arkansas, his son Jeffrey Menifee Moose, his daughter Amanda Moose, and his grandchildren Elias Menifee Moose, Lea Grover, Samuel Henry Lazarus, and Lily Mae Lazarus.

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Moose at St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, Virginia on October 17 at 11am. Contributions may be sent to At Home in Alexandria, Doctors Without Borders, and the International Rescue Committee.

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Bishop Ireton quarterback Chandler Wilder, seen earlier this season, completed 6 of 8 passes for 99 yards and a touchdown against Flint Hill on Oct. 10.



Episcopal's Patrice Rene stiff-arms a St. Stephen's & St. Agnes defender during the Maroon's 41-13 victory on Oct. 10. Episcopal (3-0) will host Bullis at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

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Bishop Ireton Comes Back to Beat Flint Hill

Head coach Verducci earns 50th career victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Tony Verducci's 50th victory as Bishop Ireton head football coach was a memorable one.

After trailing 20-3 at the half, Ireton running back Perris Jones played a role in a trio of second-half touchdowns to help the Cardinals defeat Flint Hill 24-23 on Oct. 10 in Vienna.

Jones scored a rushing touchdown, threw for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass. He finished with 120 rushing yards, 35 passing yards and 51 receiving yards while helping Ireton improve to 5-1.

After Jones scored on an 18-yard run, he threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to senior Ryan Verducci. Quarterback Chandler Wilder connected with Jones for a 43-yard touchdown with less than 5 minutes remaining to tie the score at 23, and kicker David Cooper's ensuing extra point put the Cardinals ahead.

"I think it says that we played to our abilities in the second half," said Tony Verducci, who is in his ninth season as Ireton head coach. "We were a bit flat coming out but we have great resolve as a group."

The victory was No. 50 in Verducci's career at Ireton.

"I thanked them," he said, "for making the 50th a memorable one ..."

Wilder, the team's back-up quarterback, entered the game after starter Walker Venable suffered a non-contact knee injury. Despite limited reps during the week, Wilder completed 6 of 8 passes for 99 yards and a touchdown.

Ryan Verducci had five receptions for 85 yards and a score.

The victory was Ireton's second straight after suffering a 21-

0 home loss against Episcopal on Sept. 26. The Cardinals defeated St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 21-14 at home on Oct. 3.

"There was never a question in anybody's mind," Tony Verducci said, "that when we came back on Monday af-

ter the Episcopal game that we were going to be ready to play against St. Stephen's."

Next up for Ireton is a trip to Richmond to face Benedictine, the team that defeated the Cardinals in last year's VISAA state championship game. Kickoff is scheduled 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"The approach that I've taken this week is we can't rewrite history, [so] let's make history," Verducci said. "... The game we play on Saturday won't change [the outcome of last year's state championship game], but it's an important game for seeding purposes in the VISSA playoffs."

The Cadets are 6-0 this season, including a 17-15 win over Georgetown Prep on Saturday.



Episcopal running back Eli Blair-May carries the ball during the Maroon's 41-13 win over St. Stephen's & St. Agnes on Oct. 10.

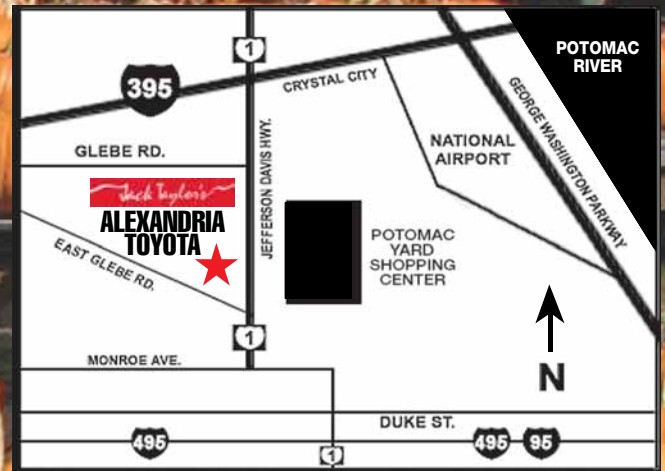


T.C. Williams Football

Quarterback Charles Farmer, Jr. and the T.C. Williams football team lost to Lake Braddock 33-12 on Oct. 10, dropping the Titans' record to 2-4. T.C. Williams will travel to face West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

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