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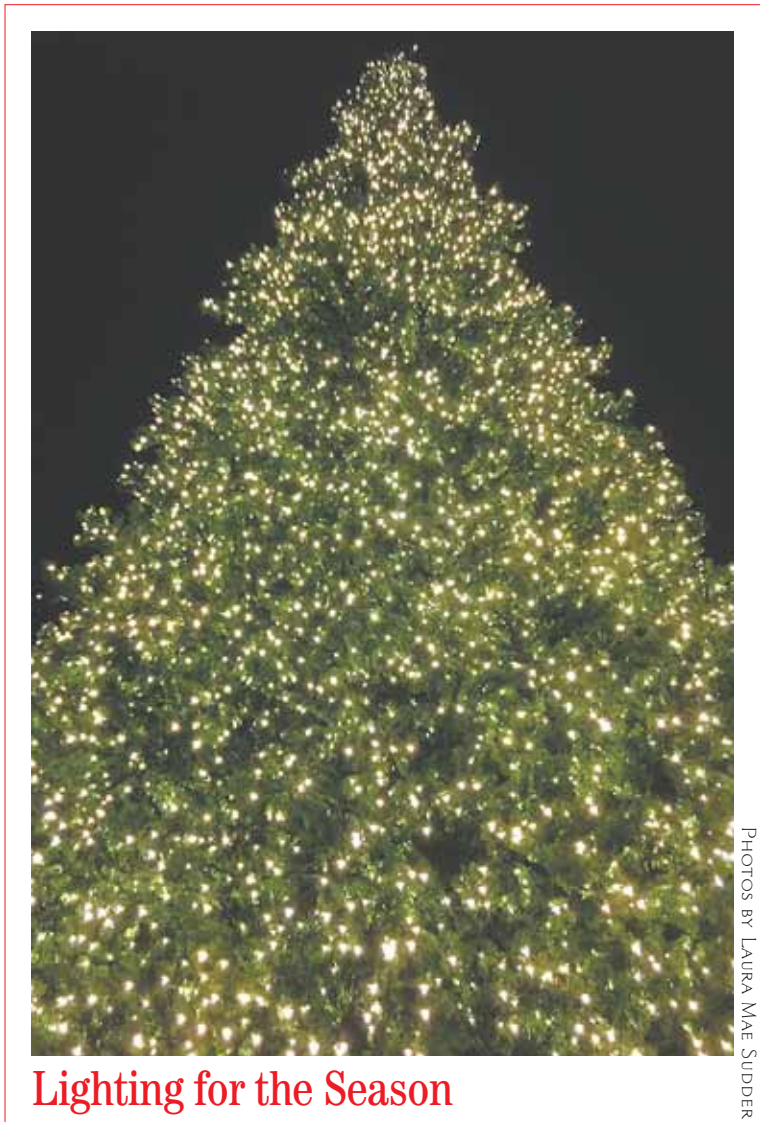
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Lighting for the Season

The 2018 City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 23 at Market Square heralds the holiday season.



Nora and David Earle



Margaux Cronin, "Rosalie," and Anna Verich

'Not Sold On This'

School Board expresses more concerns, questions about high school proposal.

BY DAN BRENDEN
GAZETTE PACKET

The school division administration's desire to grow T.C. Williams High School into a network of programmatic sites met pushback from the School Board on Monday, Nov. 26.

With the high school bursting at the seams, the division needs to add more seats. But rather than expanding existing facilities or building a second comprehensive high school, the division's senior staff and hired consultants would prefer multiple off-site "specialty learning centers." They say a multi-center approach is more feasible than expanding T.C. Williams' main campus, already atypically large; offers greater adaptability over time if, for example, cen-

ters reside in leased spaces that can flex with need; and would best serve the community's vision for what a modern secondary education should look like.

Learning centers would focus on career-oriented "themes" — like business, medical sciences, STEM — in much the same way that T.C. Williams' various "academies" already do.

This thematic array would enable students and parents to customize educational "pathways" based on their interests.

The proposal leans heavily toward providing "experiential learning," such as internships and dual enrollment college courses, similar to the

schools' Career and Technical Education program. Partnerships with businesses, nonprofits and institutions of higher education — like Virginia Tech's

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"To me we need something that moves a little more quickly to solve our capacity stress right now."

— School Board member Margaret Lorber

'A Life Well Spent' Joann Miller dies at 91.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

As a young military wife, Joann Miller picked up and moved often. But she and her husband, Air Force officer Edward Anthony Miller Jr., had a different way of collecting souvenirs from their travels: they adopted children.

"I always joke that mom and dad picked up a kid everywhere they went," said Adrienne Miller, a recently retired Alexandria police officer and one of three children adopted by Miller and her husband. "My friends would ask if that bothered me but I was always really proud of it. Mom always said 'I didn't just have you — I had my choice. I got to pick you.'"

When Ed Miller was assigned to duty at the Pentagon in 1967, Miller chose Alexandria to raise her family and, for more than 40

years, worked to help better the lives of those in the community. On Nov. 20, the political leader and tireless advocate for battered women, children and the elderly died at Greenspring Retirement Community from complications related to Alzheimer's disease. She was 91.

Born in Detroit on June 23, 1927, to Bernard and Nettie Gough, Joann Elizabeth Miller attended Mackenzie High School where she began volunteer work as a member of the Girl's Reserve.

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Joann Miller, a 2013 Living Legend of Alexandria, died Nov. 20 at the age of 91.

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From left: Alexandria Elks Lodge #48 Exalted Ruler Harold M. Ford; Daughter of Israel Temple #138 Ruler Joycelyn Bogans; John L. Taylor, Senior Citizen Committee chairman; Leonard J. Polk, Jr., Esq., Grand Exalted Ruler, I.B.P.O.E. of the World; and Doris L. McMurray, State President, Virginia Daughters of Elks.

Feeding Seniors

Alexandria Lodge #48 and Israel Temple #138 in collaboration with the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities held their 36th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Senior Citizen Dinner for seniors at the Lee Center on Saturday, Nov. 10. More than 275 seniors attended the event. Guests were treated to dinner and entertainment.



Principal speaker at the dinner William Chesley, deputy director, Alexandria Department of Recreation, and Harold Hughes, Elks Lodge #48.

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From left: Jason Raborg, Giant Food District Director; Willem Polak, chairman of the Alexandria Police Foundation; Captain Don Hayes of the Alexandria Police Department; Virginia Obranovich, executive director of the Alexandria Police Foundation; Norman Dichard, Giant Food Store manager; and Gordon Reid, Giant Food president.

Newest Giant Food Opens

The Alexandria Police Foundation received a \$1,000 check from Giant Food at the Nov. 16 grand opening of its new store at 6200 Little River Turnpike.

The new location offers enhanced expanded departments for local shoppers. The new and upgraded features include expanded natural and organic departments, larger produce, ethnic food, beer and wine

selections, hot food bars and more. Additional store offerings will include free WIFI and a full-service PNC Bank at both stores as well as a Starbucks Caf .

Giant pharmacists offered health screenings and the nutritionists discussed healthy food options during the grand opening event.

For more information about Giant, visit giantfood.com.

Police Encouraging 'Street Smart'

As part of the Alexandria Police Department's traffic safety program and commitment to Vision Zero, the Field Operations Bureau is participating in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Fall Street Smart campaign.

This region-wide public safety campaign aims to educate drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists about existing traffic laws and how to safely share roadways. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of traffic related crashes and injuries on the roadways by identifying and changing unsafe behavior patterns among travelers.

As part of the Street Smart campaign, Alexandria officers will conduct high-visibility traffic education and enforcement on N. Beauregard Street, between Sanger Avenue and Seminary Road on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.

Key safety tips for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists include:

- If driving:
 - ❖ Slow down, obey the speed limit, and be alert for people walking and biking.
 - ❖ Stop for people in crosswalks.
 - ❖ Never pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.
 - ❖ Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists when turning.
- If walking:
 - ❖ Wear something bright or reflective when it's dark outside.
 - ❖ Use the crosswalk and wait for the walk signal.
 - ❖ Watch for turning cars at intersections.
- If biking:
 - ❖ Be predictable and obey signs and signals.
 - ❖ Never ride against traffic.
 - ❖ Use lights at night.

For more information about the city's commitment to providing safe streets for all users, visit alexandriava.gov/VisionZero.

New Turning Restrictions

City targets 10 intersection for "No Turn on Red."

Starting late this fall, staff with the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES) will install new "No Turn on Red" restrictions as part of the implementation of the city's Vision Zero initiative to improve safety on the streets.

As part of the Vision Zero Action Plan, City staff analyzed crash data, industry best practices and research, public input, and also formed an interdepartmental collaboration team to develop a set of Year 1 Engineering Priorities. These engineering priorities are intended to improve safety for all modes of travel, focusing on increasing safety for vulnerable road users (e.g., people

walking and biking, children, and seniors). One of these Year 1 Engineering Priorities is to install "No Turn on Red" restrictions at 10 intersections to improve safety for people walking and driving.

Crash data was analyzed for 2011-2016 during the Vision Zero Action Plan process. The data showed that during this time, 445 people walking were involved in crashes with one in seven of those crashes resulting in death or serious injury to the person. Turning-movement crashes were found to be among the most common crash types in Alexandria.

T&ES staff will be implementing a portion of these new restrictions over the coming months. During implementation, T&ES staff advises residents and visitors to stay alert to potential new traffic patterns across the city. For more information on Vision Zero and the locations for these restrictions, visit www.alexandriava.gov/VisionZero.

How To Reduce Stormwater Fees

Beginning Dec. 1, all property owners in the City of Alexandria can apply to lower their 2019 stormwater utility fees through credits for actions that reduce stormwater runoff or improve stormwater quality.

Property owners may visit www.alexandriava.gov/Stormwater to view the new Stormwater Utility Credit Manual and learn more about approved credits and fee reduction percentages.

Single-family residential property owners are billed flat fees based on the types of property they own. The fees for nonresidential properties are based on each property's total impervious area. Impervious area includes only hard surfaces on which rain falls, and does not include the interior square footage of buildings. Eligible credits may reduce fees by up to 50 percent.

The city's stormwater utility fee, adopted in 2017, funds the Stormwater Management Program, which includes

new infrastructure to meet Chesapeake Bay cleanup mandates. City Council adopted a credits program for nonresidential properties in 2017 and a program for residential properties in October 2018. Credit applications are due each year between Dec. 1 and Feb. 15, for the fees due the following June and November.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Alexandria Police Department.

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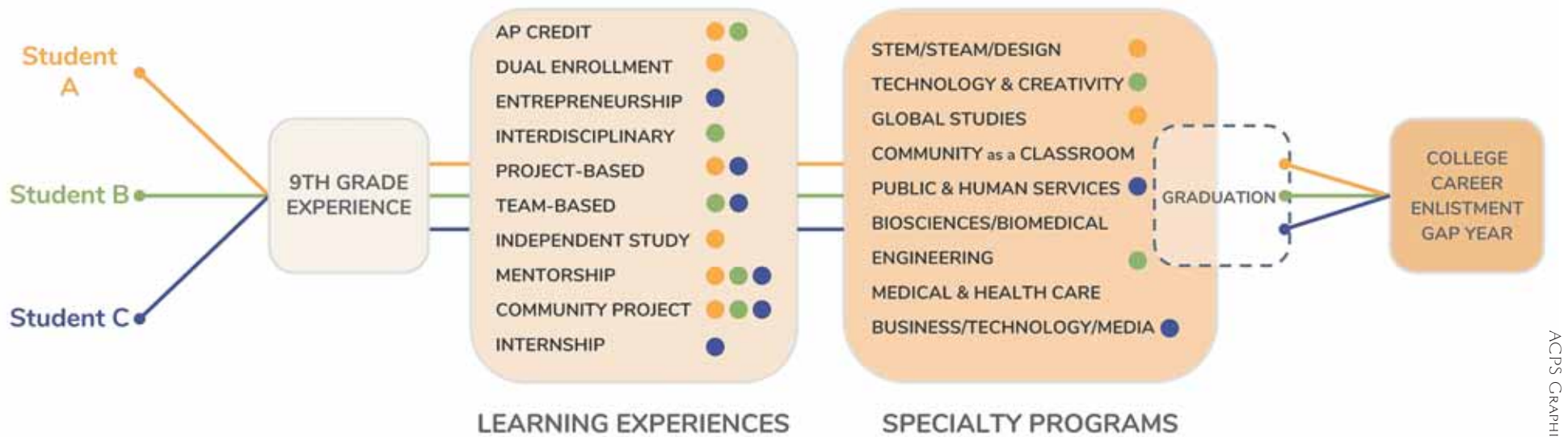
The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a felonious assault at Edsall Road and Yoakum Parkway. One subject was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a traffic crash on Duke Street at the ramp to 395 (6000 block). A pedestrian was transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

High School Expansion Proposal

Off-Site “Specialty Learning Center” Network; Customizable Education “Pathways”



Rather than expanding T.C. Williams or building another comprehensive high school, the public schools administration wants to meet its high school capacity needs with an array of smaller, career-oriented, potentially geographically dispersed learning centers. These would aim to offer students and parents more options to customize secondary education to meet their interests.

Board Expresses Concerns about High School Proposal

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Innovation Campus, which is planned to be adjacent to Amazon’s new headquarters — would facilitate such real-world experiences.

The number of learning centers and where they’d locate — whether clustered together or across smaller sites around the city — remains undecided. If more distributed, they’d remain connected to the main King Street campus through some kind of transportation service — perhaps small “circulator” shuttles, augmenting the normal morning-and-afternoon school bus service. There could be a component of expanded online learning, as well.

School Board members raised several concerns and questions, generally to the effect that too many details remain unknown, or that the proposal sounds too pie-in-the-sky. Here are some of the things they worried about:

❖ **IMMEDIACY OF CAPACITY NEEDS:** “To me we need something that moves a little more quickly to solve our capacity stress right now,” said School Board member Margaret Lorber. She suggested the division focus first on expanding facilities at the Minnie Howard campus — and the school system already owns.

❖ **UNINTENDED EQUITY CONSEQUENCES:** “I’m not sold on this at all,” said School Board member Karen Graf. One

reason is that “we have a potential to really kind of backslide on [equity and diversity] with some of what’s being proposed. ... We are still failing a [sub]population in regards to making sure that they’re reading on level. I want to know that, if we are rolling out a new program, we’re not leaving that population behind that we have typically left behind.” “It’s not clear to me how we would fight inequity in the recommended strategy,” said School Board member Chris Lewis. For example, “Are these programs intended to be capped? Because what if all of a sudden one of them becomes popular, or perceived as better or ... the one to be in in order to get into a good college?”

Chris Hazelton of Fielding Nair International, an education planning and architectural design firm, pointed to a school in San Antonio that implements “diversity by design” — “very intentional quotas” to “ensure that not one demographic or subgroup figures out how to occupy the seats available.” Mignon Anthony, the school system’s COO, said the schools currently have no plans to institute caps or quotas. She thinks providing a sufficient array of educational choices for parents and students would mitigate the challenge.

On the other hand, research indicates that “the more choice you have, the less diversity you end up with, because people find a way to segregate themselves,” said School

Board member Cindy Anderson. She also thinks, “if we do partnerships, we likely will have caps, because [partnering businesses or other organizations are] not going to have open-ended commitments to us.”

❖ **COSTS UNKNOWN:** “I just have no way of understanding what the budget implications are. ... Also, what are the [non-monetary] resources necessary to make some of these happen?” said School Board member Veronica Nolan. Internships and the like “can be very, very staff-intensive, expensive programs. So what we might save on brick-and-mortar, we would go exponentially up in costs in terms of staff.”

Anderson expressed concern about the “transportation and management costs” associated with multiple sites.

“We can give some ballpark figures, but it’s not going to be solid until we say, this is what we want to do,” said Hutchings.

❖ **UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Staff and consultants put forward examples of other schools around the country that implement the kind of experiential learning center approach that’s proposed. But Alexandria might not expect to replicate their successes, since they likely serve student bodies with poverty rates lower than Alexandria’s, said Graf.

Also, where Alexandria’s school division already implements programming along the lines of what’s proposed, it lacks sufficient

data proving positive outcomes for students, she said.

❖ **FOCUS SHIFTED FROM PRIMARY EDUCATION:** “I would rather see us launching programs at the elementary or the K-8 level and bringing them up to high school,” said Graf. “We always, as a nation, start our stuff in high school, and I don’t get it. If you’re going to plant that seed of ... whatever it is that you want to see or realize in a program in high school, plant it in the K-8 curriculum. ... If you ... said we are going to do three academies that align with our elementary or middle school/K-8 programs, this would be a different conversation. That’s not what I’m hearing.”

School administrators defended their proposal throughout.

“I’m very much as apprehensive as you are and as concerned that we take care in whatever the program is that gets designed,” said Anthony. “But staying in one school, staying in one physical location ..., that is not flexible for the next 50 years. And it’s not what we heard ... out of all of the community engagement we did. ... The part that we heard over and over again ... is that we have got to move T.C. out of being in one place in this city. It’s got to be incorporated into the fabric of Alexandria.”

A School Board vote on the high school strategy, originally scheduled for next week, is now deferred until January.

\$300,000 Donation Supports Program for Veterans

PenFed Foundation, based in Alexandria, received a \$300,000 donation from DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust to support its Military Heroes Fund Emergency Financial Assistance program.

The Military Heroes Fund has provided financial counseling and over \$1.66 million to more than 1,500 veterans experiencing a short-term financial emergency since the start of the partnership in 2015.

“We are committed to taking care of those who courageously serve our country by pro-

viding them with the skills and resources they need to build strong financial futures,” said Mark Smith, PenFed Foundation acting chief operating officer. “DAV is a great partner and this donation will help us to change the lives of even more military heroes.”

PenFed Foundation and DAV launched their partnership, The Military Heroes Fund Disabled Veterans Emergency Financial Assistance program, in 2015 to help veterans tackle short-term and immediate financial setbacks and get back

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CRWC's Linda Greenberg introduces Hillary Orr, Deputy director of Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.



Recent city council candidate Michael Clinkscale spoke about his recent and possible future campaigns.

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on their feet. Grants are used to cover payment of rent, mortgage, utilities, auto loans and auto insurance.

DAV, a nonprofit charity that provides a lifetime of support for Veterans of all generations and their families, connects Veterans with the needed relief through its benefits counselors. The Trust has granted the PenFed Foundation Military Heroes Fund an additional \$500,000 in donations since 2015.

DAV provides rides for veterans attending medical appointments, assists with benefit claims and connects veterans with employment by hosting job fairs and providing resources.

The PenFed Foundation recently launched its #HelpOurHeroes campaign with the goal of providing more than 2,000 grants in 2018. To learn more or contribute, visit <https://give.penfedfoundation.org/campaign/veterans-day-2018/c205286>. The Foundation has provided over \$30 million in financial support to the military community since its founding in 2001.

City Transportation Deputy Discusses Priorities for 2019

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) hosted Hillary Orr, deputy director of Alexandria's Department of Transportation & Environmental Services at its November meeting. Orr spoke on the department's "Five Priorities for 2019."

The slide show presentation and discussion covered a wide array of transportation issues, particularly

congested streets, apps that direct rush hour traffic, the future of autonomous vehicles, steps to improve traffic safety, options for bus service routes and vehicle type, and next summer's closing of all of Alexandria's Metro stations and tracks for maintenance and upgrades.

Orr noted the intentional cultural shift in referring to traffic "crashes" instead of "accidents" in

order to stress the fact that the incidents are generally created by behaviors that diminish safety.

Orr urged CRWC members to sign up for Alexandria's eNews service to stay current on all of the city's transportation news, and other topics chosen by the subscriber.

After Orr's presentation, the club briefly discussed the recent elections. Michael Clinkscale, a GOP

candidate for City Council, thanked the CRWC membership for their support during his recent campaign. He stressed the need to reach out and get local Republicans more involved in our local politics and GOP organizations.

CRWC is the Alexandria chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women. More information is available at www.alexandriacrwc.org.

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LIVING LEGENDS

Ann and Rick Dorman: Community Leadership

From First Night to variety of committees and organizations.

BY WILLIAM KEHOE
AND JOSEPH SHUMARD

In 1983 Alexandria became home to Ann and Rick Dorman. At that time, they were both working for large trade associations in Washington, D.C. and had expertise as organization managers and planners. But by 2000 they were ready for new challenges: Rick started a non-profit management consulting firm and Ann started her own events planning company. They wanted to be more involved in the Alexandria community so they began to search for a local project where they could make a contribution.

At the same time, the City of Alexandria was looking for a way to keep the floundering program, First Night Alexandria afloat. This New Year's Eve program had gone on for five years and was part of a nationwide program of alcohol-free celebrations. The concept was started in 1976 and reached a high of over 250 communities participating across the country. But the program in Alexandria was very close to ending because it could not maintain financial viability.

After being dark in 2000, the Dormans agreed to manage this event beginning in 2001, and they have been doing it ever since — 16 years. They devised a unique struc-

ture for the organization: a public/private partnership. This provides for funding support not only from the City of Alexandria but also from the business entities that benefit from the enterprise as well as the community at large.

First Night Alexandria has succeeded beyond the expectations of most doubters. In the beginning, attendance was 5,000 at 15 venues featuring 100 performers. In recent years, attendance has grown and is consistently over 10,000. In 2016 there were 29 venues with 163 performers. The Dormans are responsible for hiring performers, arranging venue hosts, marketing, developing corporate sponsors, and coordinating with city agencies and law enforcement to make the event safe and enjoyable.

It established in the Washington region as a very special event that is not to be missed. The city's marketing arm, Visit Alexandria, hails it as a signature event for the city. More folks attend First Night Alexandria than any other performing arts event in the city.

The venues range from store fronts and churches to corporate conference rooms, and include a variety of activities to entice singles, families, visitors, date-night revelers, and a host of other fun seekers to a night of celebration. These include jazz bands, rock & roll, blues, rockabilly, magicians, dramatic acting and more, all of whom perform for audiences ranging from



Ann and Rick Dorman

their efforts with First Night Alexandria they are also involved in many other Alexandria activities. Most recently Ann was the fundraising chair for the Alexandria Police Department's Fallen Officers Memorial, now on display outside Police headquarters.

Ann serves on the boards of the Alexandria Police Foundation, Old Town Business & Professional Association, and is an ex-officio representative to the Visit Alexandria Board. Ann is a graduate of Leadership Alexandria and both are graduates of the Alexandria Citizens Police academy.

Rick was a founding member of Leadership Alexandria as well as its second chair and the first program committee chair that created its engaging and memorable program. It developed relationships throughout the city that still produce collabora-

tions today.

Rick chaired the National Harbor Collaborative to help position Alexandria to take advantage of the development soon to appear across the Potomac River. As a result of these activities we have the King Street Trolley, many City dock improvements such as lighting, directional signs and the "historical" wall painting to name just a few.

Rick has been active in Alexandria as the chair of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, 2-year chair of ACPS' Budget Advisory committee and represents his neighbors on the T.C. Williams Community Advisory committee.

The impact of Ann and Rick Dorman on life in Alexandria should probably be measured in truckloads. Their generosity and service are almost overwhelming ... and legendary.

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Living Legends: The Project

The mission of Living Legends of Alexandria is to identify, honor and chronicle the lives of individuals who have contributed to the community in an exemplary and lasting way that has significantly impacted the quality of life in Alexandria and

serves as an inspiration to others.

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a dozen to hundreds. The acts are repeated 2-3 times to allow the rotation of audiences from venue to venue. In addition to the evening performances, several daytime activities have been implemented including a very popular Fun Hunt game, book readings, and activities for young children. All of this is orchestrated by the Dormans in a schedule that takes months to develop.

The success of this enterprise has been such that excess proceeds have made it possible for First Night Alexandria to make donations to the music programs at Hammond, George Washington and T.C. Williams schools. The Battle of Local Stars has provided exposure and support for talented youth. Additionally, donations have been made to local Scout troops who provide manpower during the day.

While the Dormans are well known for

AGLA To Present Equality Awards

Each year the Arlington-Alexandria Gay & Lesbian Alliance (AGLA) presents Equality Awards to individuals in recognition of their record of working to improve LGBTQ equality. This year the AGLA Board voted unanimously to honor TJ Flavell and Alexandria Commission on HIV/Aids with the 2018 AGLA Equality Awards.

TJ Flavell has a long history of serving as a leader in the local LGBTQ community. In addition to having served as AGLA's president for two terms (in 2012 and 2016), Flavell currently serves on the Human Rights Campaign's Greater Washington, DC Steering Committee and leads Go Gay DC - Metro DC's LGBTQ Community Hub. Flavell previously served as president of PEN - Metro DC's LGBT Chamber of Commerce and president of the Alexandria Gay & Lesbian Community Association.

For the nearly 30 years, Flavell's ca-

reer has focused on transforming education through the use of technology. In addition to working for Achieve, Inc., a nonprofit focused on college and career readiness, he served as manager of the National School Boards Association's Technology Leadership Network, a consortium of tech-savvy school districts. He also worked for the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Academy for Educational Development's LearnLink project, and Public Broadcasting Service.

Flavell is a past Presidential Fellow and Phi Beta Kappa graduate (bachelor's in history) of Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and is a native of Grand Marais, Minn. on the north shore of Lake Superior. He was selected for the Washington Semester in American Government at American University, and studied at The George Washington University and Marymount University. He began his career interning at the Commission on the Bicentennial of the

United States Constitution, a U.S. senator's office, and at the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry. He also worked for KTCA/Twin Cities Public Television.

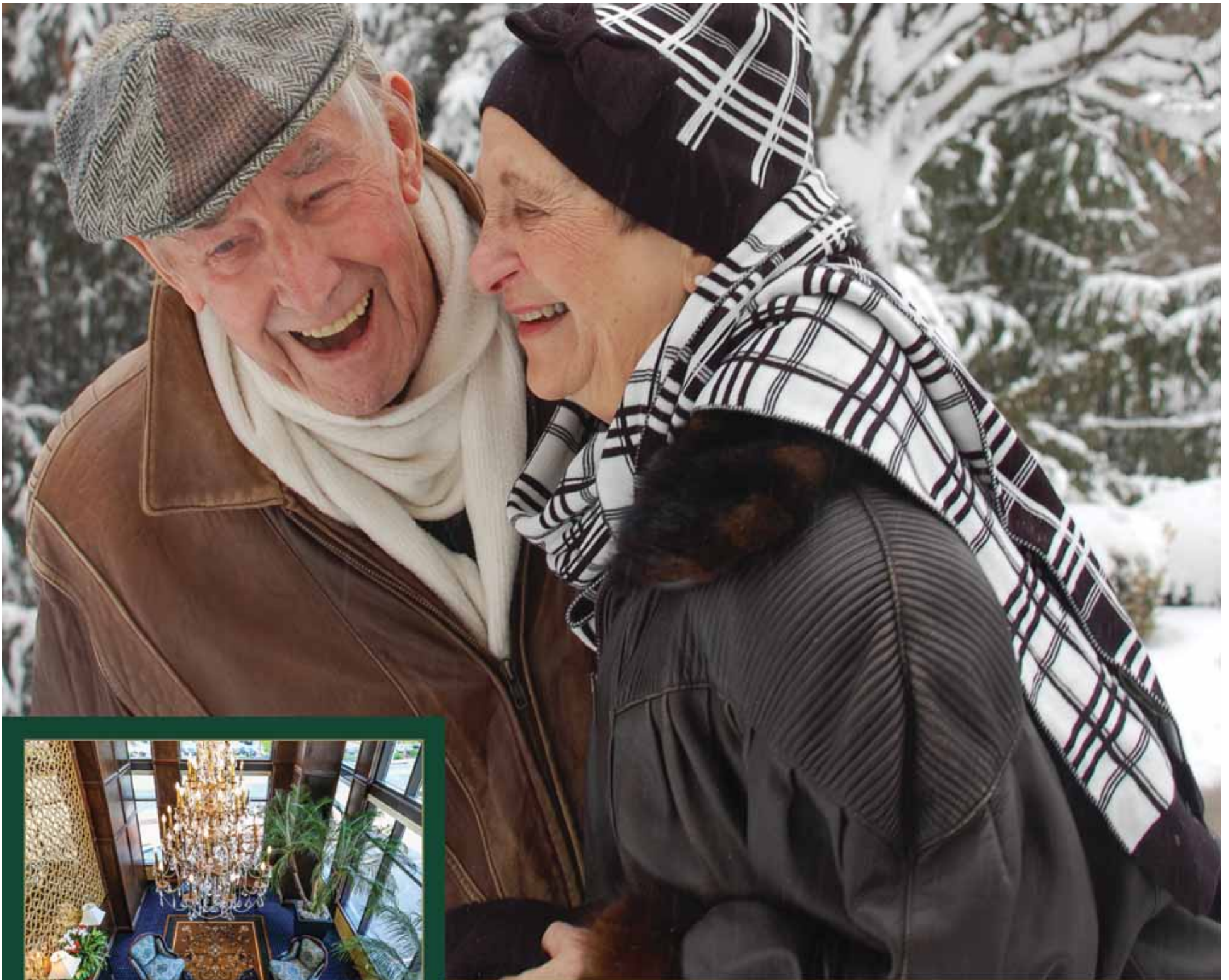
The Alexandria Commission on HIV/Aids advises Alexandria City Council in the formulation and implementation of public policy on the treatment of HIV/AIDS and prevention of the spread of the disease, promotes citizen participation in the formulation of such policy, provides the council and the public with current information regarding HIV/AIDS. The commission regularly promotes educational programs on awareness, treatment and prevention. The commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Approximately three to five hours per month are required of commission members.

The commission continues to build relationships within the community from nonprofit organizations like Safe Space NOVA and Moms Demand Action, to the Arling-

ton-Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Association, Inova Juniper/Gay Men's Health Collaborative, the Alexandria Commission on Women, the George Washington University School of Public Health, members of the faith community, and others to encourage a full and honest discussion of the challenges that still remain; notably, those that discourage individuals from being tested, from connecting to care and from remaining connected to care. Additionally, ACOHA established an ad hoc community to study and conduct analysis of what data exist to identify any trends across the city.

The 2018 AGLA Equality Awards will be presented during AGLA's annual meeting/holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m., at Alexandria Hilton Garden Inn, 1620 Prince St., Alexandria.

For more on the AGLA Equality Awards, visit AGLA.org or email AGLA President Bruce Hightower at president@agla.org.



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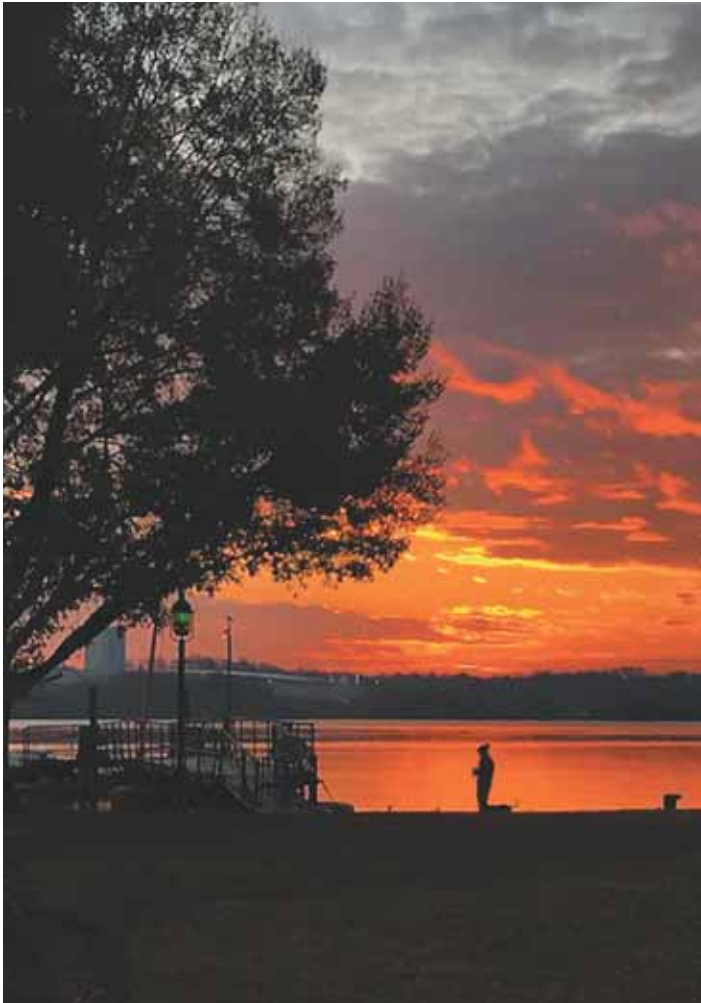
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What dog walkers see in the mornings
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HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Toys for Tots Drive. Through Dec. 10. Area Sheehy Auto Stores will collect new and unwrapped toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, which will distribute those toys as gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Sheehy's Toys for Tots drop-off locations include:
 ♦ Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
Children's Holiday Party. The Alexandria Domestic Violence Program (DVP) organizes a Holiday Party for children and mothers who have been recently served by the program on Dec. 13. At the party, the families reunite with past shelter friends and staff, eat and take pictures with Santa Claus, among other activities. DVP is requesting gift certificates to local stores in denominations of \$25. For help deciding what to purchase, or questions about donating, call Magdalia or Hewan at 703-746-4911 for assistance. For more information about Domestic Violence visit alexandriava.gov/DomesticViolence.
Toy Drive. Through Friday, Dec. 14 at local Weichert, Realtors offices. Members of the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices. The toys will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. To find your local office, go to www.weichert.com/offices/.
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community, including –low-income families, foster children, seniors and residents with disabilities. 400 registered families are still in need of assistance. Residents can sign up to sponsor or to volunteer. Monetary donations can be made by credit card online or donation checks can be made payable to The Fund for Alexandria's Child or to the DCHS Senior Fund and mailed to Holiday Sharing Program, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

T.C. Williams Fundraiser. Noon-4 p.m. at T.C. Williams Main Campus Basketball Gym, 3300 King St. T.C. Williams Titans Basketball will host a one-day only Mattress Fundraising Event. Attendees will have a wide selection of famous mattress brands to select from in all sizes as well as pillows and other bedding. Free admission. Email jen@partnershipfundraising.com or visit www.facebook.com/events/211568019738334/ for more.
Application Deadline. The City of Alexandria and AlexRenew are seeking individuals from the community to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Group in support of RiverRenew. A detailed list of roles and responsibilities can be found at riverrenew.com/SAG.

MONDAY/DEC. 3

Application Deadline. 5 p.m. The Alexandria City Council is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on boards, commissions and committees. All applicants must complete a Personal Data Record. For a complete list of vacancies, visit www.alexandriava.gov/boards.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 5

Policymaker Breakfast Series. 7:30-9 a.m. at WGL, 8614 Westwood Center Drive, 12th Floor, Vienna. Join the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance for a conversation about the future of Metro with GM Paul Wiedefeld moderated by Washington Post Senior Regional Correspondent Robert McCartney. Now that Metro has dedicated funding, come find out what progress has been made, what challenges lie ahead and how Metro plans to continue improving safety and reliability. Breakfast provided. Register at secure.everyaction.com/gajS3CnuLES-1sbtYefx3g2. Individual tickets are \$25 per person. Call 703-883-1830 for more.
Helping Protect the Chesapeake Bay. 7-8 p.m. at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, 1101 Janneys Lane. The Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, Stormwater Management Division and the Department of Project Implementation will host a community meeting featuring an overview of the Phase III Stream Assessment study that selected the Strawberry Run Stream Restoration and the Taylor Run Stream Restoration projects and provide an opportunity to receive community feedback. Contact Joni Calmbacher at jeni.calmbacher@alexandriava.gov, call 703-746-6499, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Stormwater.

THURSDAY/DEC. 6

Community Health Meeting. 6:30-8:15 p.m. at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Residents are invited to make community health a priority by attending the second Community Health Meeting. The community health assessment process represents a grassroots effort to identify and address key health issues affecting Alexandrians. Light refreshments will be served, and live translators will be provided for Spanish, Arabic, and Amharic speakers. The meeting is free and open to the public; RSVP online. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Health.

FRIDAY/DEC. 7

Monthly Memory Café. 1-3 p.m. at 7910 Andrus Road, Suite 6 Alexandria. The Memory Café, a social gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their families, will be held on the first Friday of every month. Registration is free and highly recommended to reserve a spot, which are open on a first come first served basis. To reserve a spot, please call 571-210-5551 or email bdesai@seniorhelpers.com. Visit www.dementiacareconnections.com/memory-cafe or www.seniorhelpers.com/arlington-alexandria-va for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Volunteers Wanted. 9-11 a.m. at the corner of N. Fairfax at King Street. The We Love Old Town group hopes to improve areas of Alexandria. Their focus is on identifying crumbling, loose or missing bricks; reporting vacant tree wells in need of mulch; and picking up trash. They provide gloves and managers at Trader Joes provide trash bags and water. Visit WeLoveOldTown.com or call Marjorie Scott at 703 625-2428.
Mayor on Your Corner. 10-11:30 a.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Join Mayor Allison Silberberg for her final monthly coffee, "Mayor on Your Corner." Come join the circle and share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. The gathering is free. Flat fee of \$5 for

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‘A Life Well Spent’

FROM PAGE 1

She graduated in 1945 and attended the University of Michigan, where she continued her volunteer work as a member of the Girl’s Reserve, Women’s League and Sodality. She graduated in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the college of arts and sciences.

Upon graduation, Miller began work for the U.S. State Department Information Agency in Bordeaux, France, where she met her future husband. They married in Eastbourne, England, in 1953.

Together they adopted three children during Ed Miller’s U.S. assignments: Michael Miller in New Jersey, Maria Van Horn in Colorado, and Adrienne Miller in Alabama. Throughout this time Miller was involved with the American Association of University Women and volunteered with several organizations during each assignment.

In 1964, the family moved to Rome, where Ed Miller was assigned as an Air Attaché at the American Embassy. Miller continued her volunteer work while overseas but it was in Alexandria where she was able to make the greatest difference.

“Mom truly loved Alexandria,” said Adrienne Miller. “The hardest part in her moving to Greenspring was that it was not in Alexandria. In her heart, this was always her home.”

Miller, who was recognized as a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2013, was a past president of the Alexandria AAUW. Among her many accomplishments, she was one of the founders of Alexandria’s Commission on Women and, in 2010, the commission honored her with the Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award.

Miller also led the Public Safety Committee of Alexandria’s Commission on Aging. In 2010, the Commission on Aging presented her with the Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award. She volunteered as a counselor at the Alexandria Battered Women’s Shelter and chaired the Substance Abuse Committee for the Alexandria Community Services Board.

Additionally, Miller was instrumental in winning the right for females to be firefighters with the Alexandria Fire Department.

“It was never a conscious decision but I turned out to be the kind of female my mom always said women could be,” said Adrienne Miller. “My work with the Alexandria police department and dealing with cases of abuse and elderly victims — obviously she had much more of an influence on me than I realized. Because of her I am the way I am, which is a good thing.”

Miller was a member of the Alexandria Democratic Committee since 1975 and served as chair from 1983-1987. She also chaired the United Way National Capital Area Budget & Allocation Committee, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Human Resources Committee and Alexandria’s



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Joann Miller, holding daughter Adrienne, with husband Ed and children Michael and Maria in an undated family photo.

4H program.

As a counselor with the Alexandria Battered Women’s Shelter she provided shelter for families in her own home. She also served as a counselor at ALIVE’s family services program and was a Trustee of the Virginia Fine Arts Association.

For several years in the 1990s, Miller was a sales associate at Nordstrom’s in Pentagon City.

“Truth be told, she spent more money than she made,” joked Adrienne Miller. “With that 33 percent discount, she was like a kid in a candy store.”

Miller was pre-deceased by her husband, Edward A. Miller, Jr., who died in 2001. She is survived by three children: son Michael Miller of Seattle; and daughters Maria Van Horn (Thomas) and Adrienne Miller of Alexandria. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Alexandra Van Horn, Eric Van Horn and Rebecca Van Horn.

Visitation is scheduled for Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road. A funeral Mass will be held Dec. 7 at St. Rita Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Road, at 11 a.m. with light refreshments to follow at the Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St.



Joann Miller in Bordeaux, France, shortly before her marriage in 1953.

“Mom was amazingly compassionate but at same time very down to earth,” Adrienne Miller said. “I’m heartbroken that I’ve lost her. I have to remind myself though, that she had an amazing, full and productive life — definitely a life well spent.”

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. “Or simply do something kind for someone on Dec. 7 in honor of Mom,” Adrienne Miller added.

Fairfax Water

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF BUDGET AND WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

December 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water’s offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2019, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$4,150 to \$4,260¹.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$13,420 to \$15,285.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,260 to \$1,300¹.
4. An increase in the Base Commodity Charge from \$2.94 to \$3.07 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge for meters larger than a standard 5/8” residential meter¹.
6. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$45 to \$48.
7. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge.
8. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$36 to \$38.

¹Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8” residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water is also proposing a \$183.2 million budget for calendar year 2019¹. Revenues are expected to be \$183.2 million in 2019. Water sales are expected to provide \$158.3 million. Approximately \$24.9 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	— \$1,000s —	
	2018	2019
Personal Services and Employee Benefits	\$ 55,934	\$ 57,584
Power and Utilities	10,755	11,102
Chemicals	6,958	7,532
Purchased Water	7,810	7,155
Supplies and Materials	5,261	5,444
Insurance	955	1,075
Fuel	700	728
Postage	603	612
Contractual Services	12,481	12,974
Professional Services	1,001	1,065
Other	2,428	2,505
Sub-Total	104,886	107,776
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(10,248)	(10,380)
Total	\$ 94,638	\$ 97,396

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$42,988,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$31,337,000

¹ Fairfax Water’s Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. A copy of the proposed budget can be found at www.fairfaxwater.org. Those wishing to speak or receive a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, to be included in the record of the public hearing.

OPINION

Call for Submissions to Children's Edition 2018

Get creative and send art, poetry and more.

During the last week of each year, this newspaper devotes its pages to the creativity of local students and children. The annual Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View) is a tradition of well over a decade.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, art classes, individuals and homeschoolers. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on flash drive. Writing should be submitted in text format. Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of

your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good friend?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

To be published, we must have the full first and last name of the student artist/writer.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school

location. Home schoolers' contributions are welcomed.

To send flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the flash drive to: Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View), 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. The Children's Edition will publish the last week of 2018.

You can see last year's editions by visiting www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scroll down to Children's Edition.

Email submissions for the Children's Edition to the following editors:

For Burke, Clifton, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Great Falls, Herndon, Lorton, McLean, Reston, or Springfield, email to Kemal Kurspahic at kemal@connectionnewspapers.com.

For Arlington, Potomac, CentreView, Chantilly, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, email to Steven Mauren, smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opportunities And Burdens

To the Editor:

Amazon is set to move into National Landing – parts of Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yards – which will generate burdens on the region as well as opportunities

The development burdens on the region are well known to residents: schools, affordable housing, playing fields and transportation. In addition it appears that the subsidy which Virginia will give the wealthy company worth \$430 billion, will be \$573 million over 12 years and Arlington will give \$23 million over 15 years and this will

raise property taxes on top of the tax increases related to a rise in house prices — 12.8 percent increase as was seen from Amazon in Seattle over 2 years. The opportunities include increase in new businesses (restaurants and Food service) up – 27 percent in Seattle, more corporate tax revenue from Amazon and its 25,000 employees,

second Metro entry for Potomac Yard, new IT training center, injection of technology, but some of the opportunities come from overcoming the burdens.

Overcoming the burdens is what concerns me as an experienced urban planner, because this won't happen unless Arlington and particularly Alexandria get out of their status quo thinking and think outside the box as well as request money from Amazon/state:

Affordable housing: Alexandria has refused to create integrated income affordable housing as a rule which has proven improvement in outcomes for children in terms of health, education, social and future income. Alexandria has refused to explore market rate affordable housing

including: micro and small units, allowing developers to develop on Alexandria and Federal Government land thus cutting land costs from the housing cost proforma thus lowering housing costs, creating a network like AIRBNB for affordable rooms and apartments and relaxing the zoning codes for affordable development in terms of parking, setbacks and coverage requirements thus decreasing development costs and many other approaches.

Schools: the National Landing region needs to build new schools as per smart growth principles: as part of the Amazon walkable neighborhoods — whether or not they are part of a larger structure — to reduce busing.

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Giving Thanks: Dare 2 Care Program

The Department of Recreation, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, started a Dare 2 Care Program to help others in need during the holiday season and throughout the year. This Thanksgiving holiday, the program received a variety of canned and box goods including a few turkeys from employees in the Department of Recreation as well as from participants in its Youth Achieving Greatness and TR Achieving Greatness programs. With all the donations, five families in need of food for the holiday received Thanksgiving baskets. The employees and participants were excited about the opportunity to help families that were in need. The department's vision is to improve the well-being of every person in the community by connecting them to each other and their environment and, with its Dare 2 Care program, it was able to do that. For more information on programs and services offered through the Department of Recreation, go to www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

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Impact of Amazon's HQ2 Move to Northern Virginia

A hyperbole-free view.

BY DAVID HOWELL,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
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It's official: the Amazons are coming! After 14 months of speculation, the odds-on favorite Crystal City was indeed the winner in the HQ2 sweepstakes, but with a twist. Queens, N.Y. will get half of the planned 50,000 jobs that Amazon says it will create over the next 10 to 12 years. And in this case, getting half the loaf may turn out to be better than getting the whole thing.

COMMENTARY

There is no doubt this is an enormous “win” for our area, but there are some possible downsides as well. Understandably, in the immediate aftermath of an announcement of this magnitude, the positives and the negatives tend to be exaggerated. We’re not economists — we’re Realtors. But we’ve studied the DC market for decades, and would like to provide a little context for what we think the likely impact will be in a number of important categories

EMPLOYMENT

There are some pretty obvious conclusions. Amazon says it will employ 25,000 – and possibly more – over the next decade. There is also a “multiplier” that can be applied, as there will need to be more doctors, teachers, dry cleaners and a host of others to support those new Amazon jobs. We’ve seen some estimates of a 5X multiplier — those 25,000 jobs will spawn another 125,000. We believe, however, it is more likely that the multiplier will be more like 1 to 1.5, meaning that taken together, the direct Amazon jobs and those that will be created will be somewhere between 50,000 and 62,500. Think about the excitement last year when Nestle announced they were moving their U.S. headquarters to Rosslyn and creating about 900 jobs. We haven’t seen the 5X multiplier with Nestle and we believe it will be the same with Amazon. However, any way you slice it, Amazon will be creating some huge num-

bers.

But bear in mind that the immediate metro DC area organically adds about 40,000 jobs a year to an employment base of over 2,000,000. And it isn't as if Amazon will plop down those new employees tomorrow — it will spread over 10 years or more. If we're right about the multiplier, it's a boost of about 10 percent per year over what we would normally experience with pre-Amazon projections.



Howell

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

A lot of the people Amazon will hire don't live here now. Let's assume half of their hires, as well as half of those "multiplier" employees, decide to buy a home. On the high side, that would be 31,000 homes purchased that wouldn't have happened if Amazon wasn't coming to town — so 3,000 per year.

There are roughly 68,000 homes sold annually in metro DC, so there would be a 4 percent to 5 percent increase in the number of sales. After several years of a sustained recovery in our metro area, we have started to see a modest slowdown in the number of sales and a slight easing on price appreciation. Amazon's announcement will give a boost to that slowing market.

We've never seen a company culture quite like Amazon's here – in Seattle, a quarter of their workforce walks to work. And it isn't an accident that Amazon chose an area served by three Metrorail stops. Those areas that will see the greatest and most immediate appreciation will be those in walking distance — the condos in Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yards (all now part of the newly rebranded National Landing) and those older neighborhoods of single family homes to the west of Crystal City and to the south of Pentagon City. And anything along Metro lines will benefit.

We speculate that overall home prices will rise 20 percent to 30 percent because of HQ2. A 5 percent rise in the number of sales doesn't typically beget price hikes like that. We think it's more likely that we'll see appreciation rates north of 15 percent in the

immediate National Landing because there simply isn't enough supply, and it will be imperative for jurisdictions to allow for more dense development — sooner than later. And while Amazon, Arlington County, the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth have been working on this long before the announcement was made, we should expect there to be community opposition to this kind of development — because understandably there always is.

Rental rates will rise significantly as Amazon ramps up employment — count yourself among the fortunate if you have a three-year lease on a unit in South Arlington, because those with leases expiring soon are going to see that it's a landlord's market.

TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION

Let's face it: traffic here can be pretty awful. We already have congestion that is among the worst in the country. And if you've ever driven Route 1 from Crystal City down through Potomac Yards, it isn't pleasant to contemplate even more cars and even more dense development. It's going to get worse before it gets better — but there is hope it will get better because of the infrastructure investments that Amazon and the government entities have committed to make.

And a personal note about traffic: I co-owned a real estate company in Houston, Texas in the late 1980s during the savings and loan crisis and the oil bust. For a few years, Houston's traffic wasn't bad at all — unfortunately because so many people were out of work. Bad traffic isn't all bad. A stagnant economy with high unemployment is far worse.

WAGE AND JOB SECTOR PRESSURES

There's another aspect to the coming surge in employment that we should address: wages.

Amazon is coming here, in part, because we have an educated workforce, but we're already at what amounts to full employment. There aren't a lot of qualified people just sitting idle and the competition for talent, especially tech talent, is going to be more intense than it already is. As Amazon ramps up hiring, wage pressures are going

to be significant. This will undoubtedly benefit the region's economy overall, and qualified current and prospective employees are going to see bigger paychecks. That also means the it will be tougher for current employers to hang onto talented people. And it isn't just tech jobs — we've heard pretty staggering numbers that our peer group real estate brokerages in Seattle are having to pay just to hire or retain administrative support personnel for their offices anywhere near Amazon facilities. Companies with relatively low profit margins and relatively high labor costs are going to feel the pinch.

TRADESPEOPLE

If you run a roofing, HVAC, plumbing or electrical contracting company, or any of a host of construction-related businesses, there will be lots of potential business as the National Landing area builds out. And if you are already having a hard time finding qualified tradespeople to staff your business, it's going to get harder. If you run a new home construction company, the framing crews and subcontractors you rely on are going to be drawn to the decade-long Amazon projects. And if you are a qualified tradesperson — congratulations. Life just got better for you!

And from an everyday consumer's perspective, you might have a tougher time or a longer wait getting a new roof or adding on to your home because of the shortage of workers. The market will inevitably solve that, as tradespeople leave other areas of the country to head here to work.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AND THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT

Having Amazon's endorsement as the co-landing spot for their new headquarters is a huge boost for our region, and not just in the actual economic activity Amazon will generate. Let's face it: winning feels good. This contributes to the diversification of our economy, to job creation, to wage growth, to consumer spending – and these benefits are by no means limited to Northern Virginia. We've long been viewed from the outside as a company town, with the "com

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 program helped with
 repairs to a veteran's
 home in Alexandria.**

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Repairing Home of Local Veteran

BY MICHAEL SPAETH
 COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
 REBUILDING TOGETHER DC ALEXANDRIA

Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria took the spirit of Veterans Day to heart this month by giving back to an Army veteran in Alexandria.

On Nov. 9, just a few days before Veterans Day, volunteers from Balfour Beatty and TVRG Homes made repairs to the home of Thomas K. The volunteers repaired his front door, painted the bathroom and foyer, installed mini blinds in the bathroom, trimmed shrubs and bushes, adjusted a gate, filled a sinkhole in the driveway, and installed an exterior sun shade on the front porch.

"The staff and volunteers did a great job," said Thomas. "You could immediately see and feel the improvements, large and small."

Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria completed the most recent repairs to Thomas's home in collaboration with Sears's Heroes at Home program, which helps provide critical home repairs for veterans and military families.

Thomas is an Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War. His parents moved into their Alexandria home in 1949, and Thomas has lived in the house for 55 years.

He has many fond memories growing up in his Alexandria home. He remembers his first Christmas trees, his first pet, large holiday dinners with his grandparents, and bands playing on the lawn at birthday parties in the 1960s.

Thomas has endured challenges since then. He is

a double-amputee (below the knee) and is dependent on a wheelchair now. He also had a hip replacement and a stroke. To accommodate his disability, Thomas has handicap rails on all stairways, bars in his bathroom, a wheelchair on each floor, a wheelchair ramp off the back deck, a first floor bedroom, a gate built in to the driveway side of the front porch railing, and floors without any carpeting.

But he is thankful for many things: He says he has incredible neighbors. He can access many different locations and businesses from his house much more easily than from other locations. And he is thankful for all the repairs that Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria has done for him over the years.

"It has been amazing to see the transformation," said Thomas. "From the rear-deck and furnace to the brightness in the hallway and bathroom, there has been such a big improvement. It is hard to look back now and calculate just how much Rebuilding Together has improved the quality of my life."

Rebuilding Together Alexandria, now Rebuilding Together DC Alexandria, is an award-winning, mission-driven organization that creates healthy neighborhoods for residents by maintaining housing for low-income homeowners, revitalizing community spaces, and creating homeownership opportunities. Since 1986, more than 28,000 volunteers have worked on 2,200 projects, leveraging \$8.8 million worth of in-kind value to Alexandria, and in 2019, we'll bring our services to DC.

We are now accepting applications from Alexandria homeowners for free home repairs. Visit www.RebuildingTogetherDCA.org or call 703-836-1021.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Playing Fields, Parks and Gardens: need to be included in all the Amazon walkable neighborhoods development on roofs and the ground – including trees, particularly street trees as these are important for a healthy urban environment per research.

Transportation: The state of Virginia is paying for the second Metro station entry in Potomac Yard so go back to the original plan with a bridge across from the National Industries for the Blind HQ. Step up to actually reduce the number of vehicle trips per day on Route 1 as this is important for the

region's health as fine particulate matter from car exhaust has been found to increase the risk for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases. This can be done by developing complete – including all uses one may encounter in a day – walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods. Also, start engaging in congestion pricing for traffic on Route 1 and/or HOV during rush hours. Increase non-polluting shuttles to Metro stations and neighborhoods. Create and Improve pedestrian and bike friendly routes. Remove parking subsidies in dense urban locations to enable alternative transportation such as walk-

ing, biking and transit.

If Arlington and Alexandria rise to the occasion, National Landing could result in a modern, healthy, vibrant showcase community instead of compounding existing problems which is the current trajectory. Stats are from a Nov. 15, 2018 Wall Street Journal article: "The Prosperity Bomb of an Amazonian Invasion."

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LETTERS

Effect on Affordability

To the Editor:

Seminary Hill Association, Inc. Vice President Tom Fulton ["Importance of Working Together," letter, Gazette Packet, Nov. 22] rightly takes to task Councilman Tim Lovain's characterization that the association is against all development merely because it raised subsidiary concerns about delivery truck cut-through and increased congestion.

Indeed, we hear reverberations

of Councilman Lovain's perspective in Vice Mayor Justin Wilson's assertion that Mayor Allison Silberberg was "against" affordable housing because, like Mr. Fulton, she raised similar subsidiary concerns about parking and inequitable swimming pool access. In some ways analogous to Mr. Fulton's letter, she countered Vice Mayor Wilson's assertion with a mailer challenging his distortion of her record.

We should understand that Councilman Lovain's remark aptly illustrates how the dais (other than the outgoing mayor) views these things. While we can critique, we must acknowledge that with the dais' view comes the weight of elected office and the inference, even if not the one we intended or would make, that that the wider public, in installing incumbents holding the perspective Councilman Lovain stated, shares this unfortunate perspective.

What, though, is more alarming is that the deal with Amazon rewards Amazon for jobs paying annual salaries of \$150,000 or more. These are not jobs associated with needing affordable housing, but the housing demand these jobs will generate will annihilate existing market affordable housing in neighborhoods like Lynhaven and Arlandria proximate to where Amazon is locating.

City hall seems to behave as if the only affordable housing that "counts" is "designated" affordable housing secured by some action of a governmental entity, not naturally occurring affordable housing created by a free market which City Council's actions are annihilating. A dais which views things this way has become infatuated with a kind of ipse dixit view of governmental power, dangerously disconnected from any common sense understanding of housing affordability.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

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PHOTO BY GERI BALDWIN

A snow-covered bush along Wilkes Street earlier this month.

In the Sky

Clouds of clay
Throughout the sky
Sparkling crystal diamonds
Of snowflakes from afar
Throughout the sky
Dancing and twirling
Its beauty of pure layer
Of crystal cotton
And
Angels in the sky
Playing high above
Snowballs and fun throughout.
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In the eyes of a child
Like Christmas
In the midst of Fall
For Thanksgiving that it is
And Christmas that is near.

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African Americans working at the U.S. Navy Torpedo Plant in 1950.



Incoming shipment of Army records in 1950.

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Working at the U.S. Navy Torpedo Plant

CHAR MCCARGO BAH

During the heyday of the U. S. Navy Torpedo Plant, it received six awards for excellence during World War II. The plant was ranked as one of the five highest plants in the country to achieve a perfect record of six awards during World War II. The torpedoes made at the plant sunk or seriously damaged 1,085 Japanese ships. The men and women who worked there took pride

in their work. They were working 50 to 60 hours a week during the war-time.

THE OTHER ALEXANDRIA

Many African Americans came to Alexandria during the great world wars as U.S. veterans or government workers. In 1919, the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station (Plant) opened its doors; it immediately became a source of employment for many African Americans.

In 1920, Cornelius Myers who lived at 516 North Pitt St. worked at the Torpedo Plant as a helper. He was born in Maryland. John Smith who lived at 422 North Royal St. also worked at the Torpedo Plant as a bricklayer. He was born in North Carolina; and Elmore Brown lived at 607 North Henry St. also worked at the Torpedo Plant as a laborer, and he was born in Virginia. In 1930, George E. Parker joined the staff at the Torpedo Plant as a janitor. He lived at 310 Alfred St. and was born in Virginia.

After World War II, the U. S. Navy Torpedo Plant no longer produced torpedoes. In 1948, the plant was under the U.S. Army's control and the plant was converted to a government records center. Over a million government records were transferred to the Torpedo Plant. These records included captured German documents, old pay accounts, and World War II documents that were located at several government

facilities at the Department of Navy and the Department of Army. For the first time, new technology was used at the plant to convert these records to microfilm.

Throughout the 1950s until the City of Alexandria took over the plant in 1969, many African Americans worked at the plant. During that time, African Americans moved up from laborers to file clerks, clerk typists and mail room clerks. They took great pride in their jobs. Many of them were women who were able to obtain office jobs in the government instead of being relegated to factory jobs. Of the 250 employees at the Torpedo Plant between 1950s and 1960s, many African American women held office positions.

After the City of Alexandria bought the Torpedo Plant from the Federal government, a group of visionary artists proposed to the city to reuse a portion of the Torpedo Plant as an art center. Today, the Torpedo Factory

Art Center has taken on a new mission different from the war years.

For the men and women who worked at the plant in those early years, they played a very important role in our country's history. Whenever you go by the Torpedo Factory Art Center today, remember those women and men who worked 50 to 60 hours a week to protect our country. They were the first generation of civilian government and military workers. Those employees continued their government service after the war and became a unique group of pre- and post-war government employees. Those individual contributions will not be forgotten in history. The Torpedo Plant is a testimony to their dedication and contributions to the war efforts.

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Impact of Amazon's HQ2 Move to Northern Virginia

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pany" being the federal government. While not everyone will be happy, this helps us become a sort of Silicon Valley East.

We mentioned that getting half the loaf may end up being a better result. Had Amazon not split their HQ2 location, it might have scared away other potential companies and put too big a strain on our infrastructure.

We'll be able to handle the growth more easily, and I suspect the economic development folks throughout the region will not be content to sit back and relax. Apple is scouting locations for their own second headquarters, and we think the locations in Maryland and DC that were pitched to Amazon will look mighty attractive to Apple and others.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The day-to-day life of communities closest to the new National Landing will experience an unprecedented level of construction-related disruption even as they benefit from the inflow of Amazon and government investment. Amazon won't win every development and rezoning battle they fight — but they will win most of them.

And not everyone will be happy with that. Look at how many communities in Washington, D.C. have transformed over the last decade, perhaps most notably The Wharf on the Southwest Waterfront.

The economic impact has been significant and largely positive — but it has also forced a lot of people to move, who did not have the means to stay in the neighborhoods where they grew up and raised their families. Workforce housing for police, firefighters and teachers is a problem in

every big city, and gentrification of neighborhoods is a daunting public policy issue that's been around a long time. Amazon didn't create the problem in Seattle, but their meteoric growth has contributed to the housing issues and the wage gap between "haves" and have-nots." These are not easy issues to solve or even address in a meaningful way, but they have to be. No one — especially Amazon — wants to weaken the fabric of what made this region attractive to them in the first place.

And that also creates opportunities, especially for education.

A lot of the people that Amazon will hire in the years ahead are in high school today, and long before Amazon made their decision our school systems have been rethinking and retooling their curricula to help turn out employable graduates. That's the best way to narrow the pay gap. On the same

day as Amazon's announcement, Virginia Tech announced their new \$1 billion Innovation Campus to be co-located in National Landing. The state of Virginia is committed to doubling the number of graduates with bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science and related fields, and that is expected to yield an additional 25,000 — 30,000 graduates over the next 20 years.

And it's obviously not just Virginia — every area is making their own plans and investments. And the whole region stands to benefit.

So ... should we be happy about Amazon's decision?

Yes — unequivocally. And don't think for a second that DC and Maryland somehow "lost." They didn't land HQ2, but they'll benefit in a big way as well. The whole region will.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrate Armistice Day with British Humor

MetroStage presents “Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush.”

BY STEVE HIBBARD

“Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush,” written and directed by Catherine Flye, had a six-year run at the Old Vat Room at Arena Stage (1997-2003) before debuting at MetroStage last season. Two members of the original Bull and Bush cast will be joined by some new members of an eccentric British troupe to entertain audiences for the holidays. MetroStage is presenting the show again this year from Nov. 29 to Dec. 30.

“We love celebrating the holidays in the British tradition at the Old Bull and Bush. It is festive joyful, fun and a great outing for the whole family. This year, we have some new cast members and some returning, lots of songs, sketches, classic British humor, and a touching tribute to the centennial of Armistice Day ending WWI,” said Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin.

The show offers British music hall entertainment from the Edwardian era that was a variety show for the working classes filled with jokes, songs, skits and dances. This production takes place during the Christmas season 1918, and The Old Bull and Bush Public House, Hampstead, London, is alive with British music hall songs and Christmas carols. Audiences will enjoy a pint or two, eat mince pies and sausage rolls, laugh at corny jokes and funny sketches, and join in sing-a-longs.

“The Old Bull and Bush in Hampstead, London, is probably one of the most celebrated public houses in the world and was a home for the popular British Music Hall, which was entertainment for the working classes. The genre began in the 1890s and was at its height for about 20 years,” said Flye, who ran her own Interact Theatre Company for 20 years. Currently, she is playing Grandma in “Billy Elliot” at Signature Theatre.

She continued: “Florrie Forde was a famous music hall star and her first big hit in 1904 was ‘Down at the Old Bull and Bush.’ It put Hampstead Heath and its picturesque pub firmly on the map and has been sung the world over. It was Florrie who first made



MetroStage in Alexandria is presenting “Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush” from Nov. 29 to Dec. 30.

famous ‘Pack up your Troubles’ and ‘It’s a long way to Tipperary,’ which became the marching songs for British young soldiers in France during World War I. The song and the story of Christmas in the Trenches has always been included in the Bull and Bush show, and this year it has a special significance as it is 100 years since the Armistice that brought to an end the horrors of World War I. Our production is dedicated to the men and women who have served, fought and paid the ultimate sacrifice for the good of the whole world.”

Brian O’Connor is playing the role of the narrator and Chairman, the “Captain of the Ship” with a sense of humor. “He leads the way into the comedy, singing and frivolity of the Bull and Bush pub where our play is performed. Like any captain of a ship, he is nothing without his superb crew. This show is formatted around the British music hall productions of the last century where audience participation is a must. We have a very joyful cast of players that take the audience into the fun of Vaudeville and music hall traditions.”

He added: “One of the more difficult tasks for me in learning this role is putting all the words into my brain. I played this role 20 years ago and when we brought the play back last year (2017) I had to work ex-

tremely hard to get the memorization down. This year, it’s a bit easier since the words are now a good ‘friend’ of mine. More like bringing my ‘bicycle’ out again for another fun ride at MetroStage.”

Katherine Riddle plays the role of Miss Daisy May, the Belle of the Barmaids. “She is a sweet, young Irish girl who works at the Old Bull and Bush — a public house near Hampstead Heath, London. Her dream is to become a glamorous and famous music hall singer like Florrie Forde, whom she admires greatly. Daisy has a budding romance with Mr. Percival Pennyfeather — a dapper young man who frequents the Bull and Bush and supports Daisy’s dreams.”

She continued: “Daisy is like a little ray of sunshine. She finds the beauty in everything and still has an air of childlike innocence. She believes her future is full of opportunities and love, and is unsullied by the troubles of the world around her. It is that quality of purity and optimism that I love most about Daisy; however, it can be difficult to portray without appearing unintelligent.”

Jimmy Mavrikes plays the role of Percy Pennyfeather, who is the personification of panache, charming, and a bit of a showman. “He is in love with the barmaid at the Bull and Bush, Miss Daisy May; sometimes

he shows off just for her — she gets his knickers in a right old twist,” he said.

He continued: “The most challenging part of this role has to be the ‘The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God.’ It’s a ‘dramatic monologue’ that was a staple in music halls back in the day. It has been done by many great comedians, so there is a lot to live up to, while still making it our own. Keeping that British dry humor, and not laughing at the hilarious Sherri L. Edelen who is behind me acting out everything I say is quite a challenge.”

Sherri Edelen’s character is based on real-life Florrie Forde, who was Australian-born but left for London at age 21 when she quickly became a star of the Music Hall. “She was known for singing meaningful and inspiring songs which the audience could join in and sing along especially during war time,” she said.

She added: “I love this kind of entertainment. Music Hall, revues and Cabaret are intimate settings which I most enjoy. But our show is chock-a-block full of silly comedy. That’s exactly what everyone needs right now — belly laughs. Add in the holidays and you have a cherry on top of your ice cream sundae or should I say some whipped cream on your pumpkin pie.”

Albert Coia is playing the role of Bertie Ramsbottom, a slightly inebriated regular at the Bull and Bush. “It’s a character I have played many times in music halls over the years so it’s rather easy for me. The main challenge is ensuring I relate with each and every audience, and the Chairman, as I often interrupt the proceedings. I really enjoy playing this character and hopefully this transmits to the audiences.”

Music Director Joseph Walsh (Maestro Peabody) is an adjunct professor of opera at George Mason University and is the general and artistic director of Lyric Opera Virginia with two decades of experience in presenting and conducting opera and orchestras in operatic performances.

Performances for “Christmas at the Old Bull and Bush” will be Nov. 29-Dec. 30, on Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 (four plus tickets are \$50, with student, active military and group discounts available). The venue is located at 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria. For ticket reservations or info about group sales, call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or go to www.metrostage.org.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Pattern+Texture.”

Through Dec. 2, gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, Alexandria. Photographer Pete McCutchen captures mesmerizing patterns found in rock, ice, and sand, transforming natural scenery into

abstract, alternate realities. Presented in monochrome and printed on metallic paper, McCutchen’s photographs bewitch the eye with their ability to evoke two-dimensional patterns; jagged rocks become houndstooth; sand dunes pose as pinstripes. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Christmas Tree Sale. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. At 110 Callahan Drive, in the Amtrak Parking Lot, Alexandria. The Alexandria Police Youth Camp Christmas tree sale begins. The tree

sale runs from Mon.-Fri., 4-8 p.m.; and Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dollhouse Exhibit. Through December, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Alexandria. Exhibit “Our Alexandria” Dollhouse Collection. Suggested admission \$3 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/museums or call 703-746-4356.

THURSDAY/NOV.29-SATURDAY/DEC. 1
Alexandria Community

Nutcracker. At West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Celebrating its 10th year, the Alexandria Community Nutcracker – in collaboration with The West Potomac Academy Program – will once again delight guests of all ages with the holiday classic, “The Nutcracker.” This season’s four performances will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29; 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30; and 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Cost is \$10-\$25. Visit www.alexandrianutcracker.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30

Opening Reception. 5-9 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Artists at Mosaic, 105 District Ave., in Fairfax. This mixed-media show called □ 500 (Less than 500) features the work of 13 TFAA member artists, and all of the art is priced \$500 and under. From framed oil paintings to photography, this show is perfect for art lovers, new collectors, and holiday gifting. Give the gift of art this holiday season. The show runs Nov. 28-Dec. 23, 2018. Visit

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www.torpedofactoryartists.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30-SUNDAY/DEC. 2

Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market.

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NOV. 30-DEC. 15

"Adventures with Mr. Bear." At The

Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Presented by Arts on the Horizon. One winter afternoon, a young girl and her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Bear, play a game of hide and seek which evolves into a series of exciting adventures. \$10. Performance Schedule: Friday, Nov. 30 - 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 1 - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Purchase tickets at www.artsonthehorizon.org/mr-bear-2018.html.

NOV. 30-DEC. 16

LTA's "A Christmas Carol." At 600

Wolfe St., Alexandria. The Little Theatre of Alexandria rings in the holiday season with a return of the classic by Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable, bitter old miser travels with ghostly guides through Christmas past, present and future to find the true meaning of the

holidays. Tickets \$20. Call 703-683-0496 or visit TheLittleTheatre.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Brunch With Santa. 10:30 a.m.-12:30

p.m. At Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Skip the lines at the mall and bring the family to Pinecrest's new indoor golf studio. Meet and take pictures

with Santa while enjoying a family friendly brunch. \$12 for ages 3 to 12; \$14 for ages 13 and up. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Email fcpapinecrestgc@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-941-1061.

Scottish Walk Open House. 11 a.m.-

4 p.m. At The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Tour the historic

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and learn about this family-run business and the products they sold to the residents of Alexandria between 1792 and 1933. Call 703-746-3852 or visit AlexandriaVA.gov/Apothecary.

Story Time for Little Historians. 11

a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Why the Sun & Moon Live in the Sky," retold



SCORE FOR VISIT ALEXANDRIA

19th Annual Holiday Boat Parade of Lights

Alexandria's waterfront shines as dozens of brightly lit boats cruise the Potomac River for the Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Saturday, Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m. At Alexandria City Marina, Cameron St. Parade viewing areas include: Founders Park (351 North Union St.); Alexandria City Marina (0 Cameron St.); Waterfront Park (1A Prince St.); Shipyard/Harborside Park (1 Wilkes St.); and Ford's Landing Park (99 Franklin St.). Call 703-746-3301 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/BoatParade.

and illustrated by Niki Daly. Enjoy cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 4 and older. Admission is \$3 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-746-4356.

48th Annual Campagna Center Scottish Christmas Walk Parade.

11 a.m. Dozens of Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds. The parade, which takes place rain or shine, begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert. Parade admission is free. Call 703-549-0111 or visit www.CampagnaCenter.org/ScottishWalkWeekend.

Scottish Walk Open House. Noon-4

p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Visit Old Town to enjoy Alexandria's rich Scottish heritage and see the Scottish Walk Parade march past Alexandria's oldest stone building, Carlyle House. After the parade, enter the museum gates and step back in time for an open house in the spirit of the holiday season. Visit www.novaparks.com/parks/carlyle-house-historic-park.

Ship Biscuit Ornaments. 1-4 p.m. at

Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327, Alexandria. Free. An almost completely intact ship's biscuit from the 18th century was found in Alexandria last year. To commemorate the discovery, visitors are invited to make their own ship's biscuit. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.AlexandriaArchaeology.org.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

4 Dates to Circle in December

BY HOPE NELSON

The holiday season has descended on Alexandria, and there's no shortage of events for eating and drinking your way through December. Here are a few of the city's best bets.

Port City Pop-Up Beer Garden, Dec. 1

Looking for a refreshment while you take in the Holiday Boat Parade of Lights? Port City Brewing has you covered. The holiday-themed Tidings Ale will be the cornerstone beer of the evening (though many of the brewery's concoctions will be available), along with food from Vola's Dockside Grill and Dolci Gelati. Raise a glass and cheer on this year's maritime participants from the comfort of the beer garden. Alexandria City Marina, 0 Cameron St. 4-8 p.m.

Third Annual Candy Cane Bar Crawl, Dec. 8

Del Ray plays host to an event that blends food and drink with service and holiday cheer in its third annual Candy Cane Bar Crawl event. Visit participating eateries – nearly a dozen in all – and enjoy drink specials and snacks along the way, ranging from Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza and Tap all the way through to Northside 10. The crawl, which features nearly a dozen restaurants, benefits the Cora Kelly ALIVE Weekend Food Packs and Mount Vernon Community School Blessings in a Backpack initiatives, helping low-income students and their families to have enough to eat. 2-6 p.m.; check-in begins at Lena's

and Northside 10 at 1:30. \$15 for advance tickets; \$20 at the door.

Georgia Peach Truck Comes to Town, Dec. 15

'Tis the season for fresh citrus fruit. The Georgia Peach Truck makes its way to Greenstreet Gardens midmonth, offering up Satsuma mandarin oranges and freshly shelled pecans. The Satsumas – akin to a clementine, but with fewer seeds – hail from Franklin Farms in Statesboro, Ga., and are available in 20-pound boxes. The pecans, from Lamar Pecan Company in Hawkinsville, Ga., come in one-pound bags that contain more than 300 halves. 1721 W. Braddock Road. 2-3 p.m. \$48 for Satsumas; \$15 for pecans.

Christmas Dinner at Sonoma Cellar, Dec. 25

Feast on a five-course prix fixe holiday dinner with all the fixings (and some surprises) at one of Old Town's favorite wine bars. Start with a soup, salad or appetizer, then move on to an amuse bouche, then your choice of salmon, fettuccine, rib-eye roast, baked ham or turkey. Take a break for a cheese plate, and finish off with a holiday dessert. Wash it all down with some wine – bottles are 30 percent off for the holiday – and toast your friends and family. 207 King St. 4-10 p.m. \$60 plus tax and tip. Reservations recommended.

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CALENDAR

Society. 2:30 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. Scottish Country Dancing is the social dancing of Scotland, a tradition that dates back to the 1700s and is globally promoted today by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS), which is headquartered in Edinburgh. The dancers will show the audience how its done and then invite spectators to give it a try. Music will be provided by Scottish Country Dance fiddler, Becky Ross. Visit nvfaa.org.

Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; \$5 for children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Toys 4 Tots Dance: collecting unwrapped toys for donation. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

Holidays on the Avenue in Del Ray. 6 p.m. At Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Oxford Avenue, Alexandria. Kick off the holidays with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting, featuring a special appearance by Santa Claus who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. Call 703-683-2570 or visit VisitDelRay.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 1-2 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. The tree lot is a festive atmosphere, complete with hot cocoa and cookies. Join for caroling on Dec. 1 at 2:45 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 11:45

Concert: Gloria in Excelsis

New Dominion Chorale to perform Gloria in Excelsis. The concert, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will feature Puccini's "Messa di Gloria," Bach's "The Childhood of Jesus," and Beveridge's "Carols for Singers and Orchestra." Vocal soloists will be tenor Issachah Savage; soprano Annie Schwartz; mezzo-soprano Julia Farbstein; tenor Aaron Tucker; baritone Andre Darvasan-Stancui; and bass-baritone Bob McDonald. Sunday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (62+), and \$15 for students up to age 22. Call 202-244-7191, email ndcpublicity@gmail.com, or visit www.newdominion.org.



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SUNDAY/DEC. 2

Holiday Sweater Run. 8 a.m. Meet at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St., Alexandria. Followed by brunch at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Chadwicks, 203 Strand St., Alexandria. Join Pacers Running, the City of Alexandria and Chadwicks at Waterfront Park for a run. All paces are welcome, and no ticket is required to join the run. Come out in holiday finest (running shoes strongly encouraged). There will be different turnarounds options from 4 miles up 20 miles. Call 703-836-1463 or visit www.RunPacers.com.

Bagels and Bach Concert Series. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. At Durant Arts Center,

1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Showcasing Klara Farren, French hornist with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra along with Zsolt Balogh, pianist, University of Maryland. Tickets are \$9 per person. Children under 5 years old are free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

Del Ray Holiday Pop-Up Market.

11 a.m.-3 p.m. At the Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at Mount Vernon Avenue and E. Oxford Ave., Alexandria. Find the perfect gift at this pop-up market featuring local artisans and at-home entrepreneurs. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.VisitDelRay.com.

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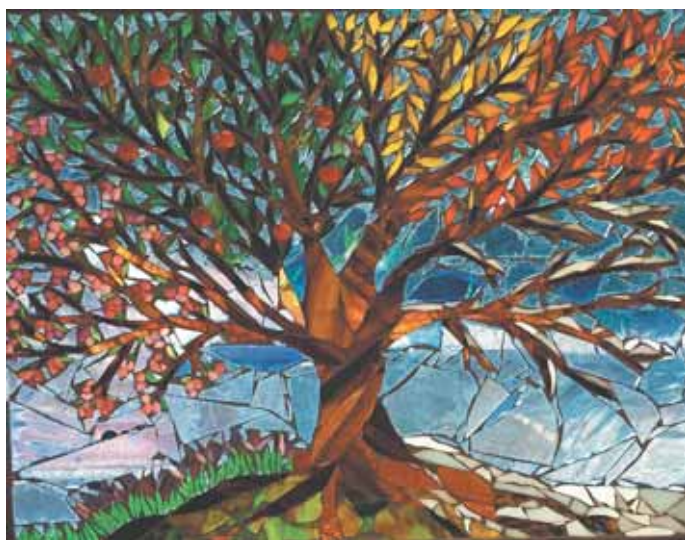
HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Alexandria. There will be ornaments for sale and free refreshments. For gardeners of all ages. Children, and the young at heart, will enjoy the holiday puppet shows by Bob Brown Puppets at 1 and 3 p.m. \$5 per person, and advance registration is recommended. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Del Ray Holiday Show. Noon-6 p.m. At Studio of Stephen Lally, 8 East Howell Ave., Alexandria. The Fifth Annual Del Ray Holiday Show, studio show of fine arts/crafts, seven artists (glass mosaics, fine jewelry, woodfired pottery, turned pens, paper mache masks, upcycle bags/scarves, gourmet dog treats). Email slallypottery@gmail.com, call 703-819-9990 or visit stephenlallypottery.com.

Toys for Tots Benefit Square Dance. 1-5 p.m. at Lee Center Exhibit Hall, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. This year's theme is "Doing More at Forty-Four!" and a special program by Mainstream and Plus Tips. The square and round dance benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Drive by collecting toys and donations at the event. Recommended donation for each dance couple is a new, unopened toy or a \$20 minimum contribution (singles \$10). The public is also invited to come watch the square and round dancers perform. Drop off a donation until 3 p.m. at the Lee Center. All toys and proceeds from this dance will remain in the metropolitan area. Call 703-746-5592.

New Dominion Chorale. 4 p.m. At Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. New Dominion Chorale to perform Gloria in Excelsis. The



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Messiah Sing-Along. 4-6 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church,

3900 King St. This year, sing all choruses (parts 1, 2 and 3) accompanied by the Amadeus Orchestra. The audience is the chorus, led by the Fairlington United Methodist Church Choir with Dr. Louise Wilson, conductor. Free. Visit bit.ly/messiahsing-along.

MONDAY/DEC. 3 Poetry Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at

Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. "Building Cultural Bridges" with Wendi R Kaplan, Poet Laureate. At these workshops, poetry can be read and written. Workshops are free; to register, RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at 703-746-5565 or cherylanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

TUESDAY/DEC. 4

"A Christmas Carol." 8-9:15 p.m. (reception at 6 p.m.) at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society is hosting a Special Performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Little Theater of Alexandria. Enjoy a lovely family evening including a Silent Auction, appetizers and sweets, beverages including a champagne punch, and a classic performance of "A Christmas Carol." Free photo opportunities with Father Christmas. Tickets \$25. Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us/ or call 703-549-6242.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 5

Children's Holiday Magic Show. 6:45-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Four amazing magicians magicians. Free with non-perishable food item or new toy. Donations made to Salvation Army Alexandria Citadel. Put on by local magicians club, IBM Ring 50. Call 703-347-5540 or visit ibmring50.org/holidaymagic.

THURSDAY/DEC. 6

Shops of Del Ray's Ladies' Night Out. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Throughout

Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Shop local and enjoy special promotions while sipping Virginia wine. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.VisitDelRay.com.

Community Shopping Event. 7-9 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 519 King St. Every gift purchased will provide special needs assistance to an Alexandrian – a child, teen, adult, or older adult – of limited means who is striving for recovery and wellbeing with help from the City's mental health services. Email FriendsOftheAMHC@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/DEC. 7

First Friday: "A Season of Celebrations." 6:30 p.m. At Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Enjoy music from "Roumana," performing Middle Eastern music primarily, Arabic and Turkish with styles such as Balkan, Armenian, Romani, Audalusian, North African and Sephardic music. Performing along with "Russkie Musikanti Ensemble" with featured music from Russia, Ukraine and Eastern European countries on traditional instruments and in costume. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 7-8

Believe: A Holiday Pops Concert. Dec. 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. on Saturday. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Join the Alexandria Singers for its annual holiday pops concert weekend as they weave pop and jazz arrangements of traditional holiday classics with new tunes that will instantly become your holiday favorites. Admission: \$25 premium

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Del Ray Artisans Holiday Market.

Friday, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Offers handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. Choose from wall art, pottery, photography, jewelry, glass, and more. Plus FUNdraising 2019 wall calendars, cookbooks, and upcycled tote bags to support Del Ray Artisans. Free admission. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2018.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Kwanzaa Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Kwanzaa, celebrated Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, is one of three inherently African American celebrations, along with Juneteenth and Watch Night. This interactive workshop will teach participants about Kwanzaa and how to do it. Included will be history, principles, symbols, activities, and decorating ideas to aid in planning a Kwanzaa Celebration. The program will be entertaining and educational for children, youth, and adults. \$5. Call 703-746-4356.

Civil War Christmas in Camp.

Noon-4 p.m. At Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Learn about Christmas traditions during the Civil War. Program features a patriotic Union Santa Claus, soldiers and civilians celebrating the holiday in

winter camps, the decorated Officers' Hut, a Victorian tree, fort tours and kids' activities. \$2 suggested donation per person; \$5 per family. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard.

Photos with Santa. 12 p.m.-3 p.m. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Hooray for Books! and Visit Alexandria will present photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Advance reservation is required. To reserve a 10-minute slot for a child to meet with Santa, make any size donation to the bookstore's special Santa account, which will be used to provide books, toys and games for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program's Holiday Party. Visit www.Hooray4Books.com.

Touch a Truck. 4-5 p.m. At First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St., Alexandria. Touch a truck including fire and police vehicles. Learn about car seat safety. Enjoy snacks and hot chocolate. Donate an unwrapped toy (no weapon type toys). Visit www.fccalexandria.com.

Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tours. 4-9 p.m. At the following locations: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.; Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.; Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Travel through centuries of local history and learn more about Alexandria during the holiday season at Carlyle House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Lee-Fendall House. Seasonal libations will be available for purchase. Admission: \$25 adults; \$20 seniors (65 years and older) and active military; \$5 children (ages 6-17). Call 703-746-4242 or visit Shop.AlexandriaVA.gov.

Del Ray Candy Cane Bar Crawl. 4 p.m. Throughout Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Take a break

from the bustle of holiday preparations and enjoy specialty cocktails, beer and food specials at select Del Ray restaurants during a neighborhood bar crawl to benefit local nonprofits. Admission: \$10 for advanced tickets; \$15 at the door. Call 703-683-2570 or visit www.VisitDelRay.com.

"Chips for Charity" Fundraiser. 7 p.m. at The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in the Madison Auditorium, 600 Dulaney St. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Military Association is hosting a "Chips for Charity" to raise funds for Serve Our Willing Warriors (SOWW). SOWW is a local non-profit charity in Haymarket that provides no-cost retreats and other programs that positively impact the lives of wounded, ill, or injured military service members and disabled veterans. Open to the public. \$30 for players, \$20 for non-players. Tickets can be purchased at ptomilitaryassociation.org/chips-for-charity.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 8-9

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Fraser Fir trees and wreaths will arrive fresh from Pennsylvania and be ready to sell the day after Thanksgiving. The tree lot is a festive atmosphere, complete with hot cocoa and cookies. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.com.

Metropolitan School of the Arts Nutcracker Ballet. 1 and 5 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, NOVA Alexandria campus, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Metropolitan School of the Arts Nutcracker Ballet showcases a world-

class, international principle guest dancer, Brooklyn Mack, who performs the role of Cavalier. Tickets are \$26-\$28 at www.metropolitanarts.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 9

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Construct a homemade holiday wreath during this two-hour workshop. Mount Vernon's greenhouse manager instructs participants how to construct the wreath using greens, preserved pomegranates, and dried seed heads from Mount Vernon's gardens. \$75 per person. Visit mountvernon.org/christmas.

Facetime with History. 1-5 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Featuring Mr. and Mrs. William Bates – guests stranded at the City Tavern after dancing the night before. On the 2nd Sunday of every month, guests will be greeted by a person from the past while journeying through the museum. Guests can always expect conversations and stories that will deepen their understanding of the past and how it connects to today. Included in admission fee. Sponsored by the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

The Mount Vernon Flutes. 2 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. The Mount Vernon Flutes have been an Athenaeum favorite for many years. This small ensemble from the Mount Vernon Concert Band will perform holiday songs in the gallery. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Music Concert. 3 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 201

S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic continues its season spotlighting women composers with Joan Towers' "Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman" and "Made in America," plus Jennifer Higdon's "All Things Majestic." The WMP will also feature Robert Tindle's "Concerto for Bass Trombone and Orchestra" with soloist Adam Stokes. \$25, general admission; children are free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

Concert at Saint Luke's. 5 p.m. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. A candlelight concert with the return of "Words & Music," titled 'Star of the Morning' including the seasonal music of Advent, Hanukkah, the Solstice, Christmas and the coming of the New Year. Offering four voices, piano and pipe organ. A reception will follow. \$20, adults; \$15, seniors; free for children under 18 years. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net/events.

Christmas with the Annie Moses Band. 6 p.m. At First Baptist Church, 2932 King St., Alexandria. From the spirited renditions of 'God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen,' 'Deck the Halls' and 'The Sussex Carol' to the beauty of 'O Holy Night,' this evening of music is invigorating, reverential, and transporting. Tickets at AnnieMosesBand.com/tour.

The Christmas Reading. 7 p.m. At the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Heritage Hall, 323 South Fairfax St., Alexandria. For 28 years, The Christmas Reading and Carols presents the sacred and secular stories, poetry, essays and amusements by well-known and lesser-known writers. Free. Visit www.opmh.org.

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There will also be a silent auction during the show with lots of interesting items to bid on.

ODBC Rowers Hauled in 13 Medals in Fall Season

In two regattas ending the fall season, the Old Dominion Boat Club's women's first eight and men's quad rowed to bronze place finishes at the Head of the Occoquan (HOTO), and the club's lightweight men's and women's boats raced in the competitive Head of the Hooch in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The last races of the autumn brought the club's totals for the season to three golds and three bronzes for the men; and one gold, two silver and four bronze for the women. The women's first eight boat was the fastest team in the DMZ, said Coach Patrick Marquardt.

The club in Old Town Alexandria, which includes rowers from around the region, returned for the third time in the season to the Occoquan, fielding 13 boats. The lightweight men and women traveled south to the Chattahoochee River for a race cut short by the rough weather: Rowers went 2 kilometers instead of 5.

On the Occoquan, the men's quad won the bronze with a time of 20:41.81, behind Resilient Rowing with a time of 20:27.89 and Walt Whitman, with a time of 20:33.32.

"They've spent a total of four tough practices together in this boat over the past two weeks.

After the second practice, they headed to the Head of the Schuylkill, where they had a strong performance and finished fourth out of 21. Last two practices, final race and rowed their way to a bronze medal at the HOTO," said Coach Enoch Cleckley. "I'm very proud and looking forward to the future with these boys."

Also at the HOTO, the women's first eight won a bronze, with a time of 18:59.03. Walt Whitman came in first with a time of 18:37.27, and BCC was second.



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The Old Dominion Boat Club at the Head of the Occoquan regatta.

At the Head of the Hooch, the men's and women's lightweights faced rowers from all over the East Coast at the premier fall event for lightweight rowers. Lightweight men were 15th out of 33 and women were sixth out of 24. "I think the love that we have for each other makes us work harder that really showed during the race. We wanted to do well for each other," said women's cox-

swain Candace Goodman.

Men's Coach Peter Stramese noted that if one added practices and regattas together, the high schoolers rowed the equivalent of the distance to Toronto, Canada.

Old Dominion Boat Club, founded in 1880, supports high school rowing programs around the region by offering young rowers a chance to compete and stay in

shape against adult and college teams from up and down the East Coast.

This year, the club drew rowers from TC Williams, Bishop Ireton, Washington & Lee, Wakefield, James Madison, McLean, and Maret. Many of the rowers will face each other as competitors representing their schools in the spring season in the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association.



Karen Bowles



Carl Carr



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Kihlon Golden



Eduardo Lopez



Earl Quash



Paul Shu



Steve Osisek

Athletes from Six Decades Inducted in Hall of Fame

Alexandria City Public Schools inducted seven athletes into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Nov. 2, including a football player from the first graduating class of then George Washington High School in 1935 and honored a basketball coach at GW from the 1950s.

Athletes representing 80 years of outstanding athletic performance at the high school level across all disciplines came together to honor the latest group of inductees and honorees and see their names immortalized on the Athletic Hall of Fame wall. Athletes from six of those

decades were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Inductees include basketball stars Karen Bowles, the second leading rebounder in Titan history, and Earl Quash who led George Washington High School into the State tournament, was named to the All Tournament Team and was honored as an All Met selection. Also honored was four-sport star, Kihlon Golden who earned a full scholarship to Bucknell University for basketball.

Football talent Carl Carr earned not only First Team All Met and All State honors as a linebacker, he was also honored as a Pa-

rade All America and earned All Met honors in both indoor and outdoor track. Paul Shu, a member of the first graduating class at the then George Washington High School in 1935, excelled at basketball, baseball and track but made a name for himself on the football field.

Also honored was Kelli Flynn, the greatest high jumper in Alexandria history, who also shined in field hockey and cross country. On the soccer field, Eduardo Lopez led the Titans soccer squad to two Northern Region titles and was also an All District and All Northern Region selection in football as a kicker.

Basketball Coach Steve Osisek was honored as head coach at George Washington High School during the late 1950s and 1960s. Osisek began teaching physical education at George Washington High School in 1952 and was named chairman of the department in 1956. At the University of Virginia, he played football and basketball and was named an Honorable Mention All America in 1949. He was named Alexandria Coach of the Year by the Alexandria Sportsman's club in 1963. Since its inception, ACPS has inducted 44 athletes into the Hall of Fame and honored seven coaches.

LETTERS



Parking in handicapped-marked spaces.

Competing For Parking

To the Editor:

On any given morning if I park my car next to the Dolci Gelati coffee shop on the 100 block of North Fairfax Street, most of the parking spaces are guaranteed to be filled with city vehicles. It appears that the city staff wants ready access to their vehicles (to the detriment of the general public), rather than parking in their designated parking area under City Hall. I have monitored this situation over a long period of time, and it hasn't gotten any better.

This can only be topped off by an even more tragic situation up at the King Street Metro parking lot where the demise of 66 parking spaces will be given way to a bus queuing operation. There will still be metered parking spaces on the east side of Diagonal Road. However Metro trucks have already started to utilize those spaces even those marked specifically for the handicapped. (See photograph.)

Although it is no secret that parking in Old Town is at a premium; parking reductions are freely and routinely granted for every new development. However, with those projected losses coupled with other parking reductions, the city has yet to offer any innovative parking solutions. The City Council should consider parking which is not to be waived away, but to be dealt with for the good of business and the citizens. Step up to the plate Alexandria!

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
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For a Good Cause

To The Editor:

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South Royal Street is in its midst of its annual "Holiday Bucks" Donation Drive for the holidays. It started on Nov. 18, runs throughout December, and ends on the 25th.

This community outreach for a good cause is helping fill a goal of supporting our local Food Pantry within our community, southside of Old Town Alexandria.

Donating a dollar, \$5 and or \$10 to the program this holiday season will help to make the holiday season brighter for those less fortunate.

Constance Julius, Safeway's store director, says this is something the Safeway has been doing for a while but this year is different; previously the Holiday Buck drive was distributed throughout city. This year all donations will stay within the area of this store's location. She appreciates the support of this program by the store's customers.

Silas Fortune of Safeway credits the store's cashiers for all their effort for this worthy cause. As of Tuesday, Nov. 27, the store has raised \$6,270.76 toward its goal of \$8,000 to \$10,000.

A dollar can go a long way to help.

Activist **Geri Baldwin**
Alexandria

'Lost Our Humanity'

To the Editor:

The following letter is addressed to U.S. Rep. Don Beyer and U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner.

I am writing in response to the latest horrifying events at our borders. To treat families with children, fleeing violence we can't even imagine, as a dangerous mob is criminal. No child anywhere, ever, should be targeted with tear gas and worse. I implore you to come out rapidly and strongly against the appalling hate crimes being committed in our names by the Trump administration. As the balance of power shifts in the House, I hope you will use that power to take an unequivocal stance in favor of empathy, kindness, generosity, and humanity.

I will be watching for legislation that makes it easier for asylum-seekers to cross our borders safely, to file their claims, and to be heard. I will look for legislation that circumscribes the power any one person has to dictate who is or is not "good enough" to qualify for entry.

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Obituary



FRANK M. NORTHAM
Frank M. Northam, 71, of Alexandria, Virginia, died in his sleep on Saturday, August 25, 2018. A native of Indiana, Frank was a graduate of Culver Military Academy, Yale University and Indiana University School of Law. After graduating from Culver, he returned there for several summers to counsel boys who attended summer camp. At Yale, he was a member of the Glee Club, which toured several foreign countries for singing engagements. Frank also served in the U.S. Army, being stationed at Fort Polk in Louisiana. An Attorney specializing in litigation, Frank was long associated with the Washington D.C. law firm of Webster, Chamberlain & Bean. In court, Frank won many key cases for the industry associations the firm represents.
After retiring, Frank went on a round-the-world trip with his law school alumni, visiting, among other places, Machu Picchu, Easter Island, and sites in India. Frank will be sorely missed by his two sisters, Katharine Northam and Nancy Clemente, and his many friends.
A celebration of Frank's life is being planned for January 2019 at Chadwicks in Alexandria. Should you wish more information, please contact Robin Grover at rgrover716@aol.com.

Obituary

Mr. Jan Barrett Woodman, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Lewes, Delaware, passed away at age 83 on November 14, 2018, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on April 7, 1935, in Kansas City, Missouri, adopted son of the late Margaret Barrett and the late Col. Ned Hall Woodman. Jan traveled Europe as a child since his father was an Army officer, set up the Nuremberg Trials and worked for NATO during 1945-1948 and 1955-1957.

After attending the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Jan graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1958 and never let anyone forget it. His love and respect for his father led him to serve in the military and impacted his positive attitude about life. Jan served in the Army from 1960-1963, stationed in Hawaii and Laos, where he was Aide-de-camp to Gen. A.J. Boyle. He finished his time in the service with the 13th Artillery 28th Division.

Jan started his career as a structural engineer and project manager in an architectural firm in Richmond, Va.. He spent a great part of his professional life working in Civil Engineering and Real Estate Development. While living in Northern Va., until his retirement Jan worked for several construction companies including Eugene Simpson & Brothers, SMC. He married Jean Androus Woodman from Alexandria, Va. He counted her late father Arthur Thomas "Tommy" Androus as a role model and mentor.

Jan loved gardening, spending time with his eleven grandchildren and great-grandchild, talking to his Brother Rats and Hill School friends, and helping those who were struggling or down on their luck; to have Jan in your corner was to have a lifelong friend and advocate. Jan was an active AA member. Jan and Jean had second houses in Lewes, De., where they enjoyed having Jean's dad, Tommy Androus and Mother Margaret Woodman often as guests.

Jan moved back to Alexandria to spend his last days with his family, Jean and their girls.

In addition to his parents, Jan was preceded in death by his sister Melinda Jill Woodman Vlahos. He is survived by his daughters: Deborah Woodman Carrico, Courtney Woodman Weitkamp (Jim), Jessica Godwin (Terry), Eve Anne Woodman, and Alexandra Woodman Johnson (Geoffrey).

Friends and family are welcome to attend a celebration of life on Saturday, December 1, at 11:00 AM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Rd, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. 19971. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

Memorial contributions in Jan's name may be made to VMI Foundation, PO Box 932, Lexington VA 24450.

Please visit Jan's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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

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Closing Date and Time: January 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on December 4, 2018 at 10:00 am EST in the purchasing conference room located at 100 N. Pitt St., Suite 301 Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Randy Burns, CPPB, Purchasing Agent at randy.burns@alexandriava.gov.

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Mow, Mow, Mow Your Grass ...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



... Not gently by the stream, and not by yours truly, either. Yet another task that seems beyond this homeowner's ability.

Which is fine by me because the older I get, it seems the less capable I become, and the less inclined I am to risk life and limb in the pursuit of that which that doesn't make me happy. Throw in a lung cancer diagnosis and the last thing my re-wired (figuratively speaking) brain will allow me to do is anything which doesn't put a smile on my face and a bounce in my step. And avoiding yard work ranks up there with most household tasks that a typical able-bodied homeowner takes pride in doing him or herself.

It's not so much that I take pride in avoiding it, it's just that I know my limitations, unlike Hal Holbrook in "Magnum Force."

Sharp objects, mechanical objects and/or electrical/spinning/rotating objects, objects with multiple doohickies (or a reasonable facsimile thereof), objects which require assembly/reading instructions are all challenging for me. Moreover, none of it fascinates me in the least.

What fascinates me more is the level of interest and passion with which so many of my brethren are engaged in the process; from start to finish.

I just don't get it. Nor have I ever gotten it, and neither do I expect to get it in the future.

Perhaps this total lack of interest comes from the experience of being a life-long renter. Never during my pre-college daze was my family ever responsible for yard work, home repairs (inside or out), or had much of a need for tools, other than the most rudimentary: hammer, screwdriver, pliers, etc.

No power tools. Nothing electrical that required a plug/proximity to an outlet. No plumbing, and of course, nothing like a chainsaw.

My parents were children of the Depression and all they had time for was school, play and some work; yes, even as children. And living in tenement/multi-level housing hardly lent itself to anything but doing what was necessary to survive.

But as my parents so often said: everyone else they knew was experiencing similar hardships so they didn't really realize what they were missing. Tools? Repairs? Amenities? Conveniences? Hardly. Toilet paper was a Sears catalogue cut into squares and hung on a nail in the bathroom down the hall – outside of their apartment.

They didn't have money or time for any of it. What money they earned was for food, rent, utilities and clothes; the most basic of basics.

It is through these experiences that my parents passed on their instincts and priorities to the their two Baby Boomer-era sons. There was ample love, affection and importance of family but not so much time and/or energy for interior and exterior home repairs, yard work, tools and what to do with them/how to use them as well as a variety of other homeowner-type tasks.

As a family of renters, it was never our responsibility. I suppose that was a match made in Depression-era heaven because very little in our family's past prepared us for this new future.

When my father returned from his service in World War II (working in Washington, D.C., actually), he had, unlike Liam Neeson, no unique set of skills. He had to find some vocation/avocation that would provide for his family – which he did, as a salesman.

After living in Dorchester, Mass. for their entire lives (since their parents immigrated to America in the early 20th century), in 1958, my parents moved the family to Newton Centre, Mass. – for the schools. We spent the next 15 years as renters and other than taking out the trash and the rubbish, I did very little to hone my homeowner-type skills.

I wouldn't say I've been stigmatized by this experience, but I learned very little that became useful in the maintenance and upkeep of the 275-year-old home, my wife Dina and I have occupied for the past 25+ years. Other than knowing how to ask for help that is.

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LETTERS

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Dorrit Lowson
Alexandria

Correction

In the letter, "Appreciative," Gazette Packet, Nov. 15, the name of the contractor for Washington Gas, InfraSource, was incorrect. His name is Thomas Ellenwood.

SPORTS

Spivey Named Head Wrestling Coach at BI

Bishop Ireton High School has hired Kevin Spivey as the new varsity head wrestling coach. Previously, Spivey served as the assistant wrestling coach and had worked with the previous three wrestling head coaches.



"Coach Spivey impressed me in our first conversation about the position," said Athletic Director Bryce Bevell. "When you look at the qualities of a head coach, you want some with experience, knowledge of the program and someone that can put together a great staff that can add to our athletic community. Coach Spivey checked all our boxes. It truly a blessing to have a coach on staff prepared to lead our wrestling program. Coach Spivey embraced our holistic approach to Bishop Ireton Athletics."

Spivey has been with the school as a coach since 1996, and attended Bishop Ireton as a student from 1991-1996 before assuming a coaching role on the wrestling team.

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coffee and danish. See www.allisonsilberberg.com for more.

MONDAY/DEC. 10

Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. For questions or to RSVP, call 703-746-5858 or email Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov.

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