



Ferdinand T. Day opens its doors

City's first new school in 18 years honors local civil rights activist

BY MISSY SCHROTT

The walls have been color-coded by grade, a parking garage roof has been converted into a jungle gym and the ribbon has been cut

– and on Tuesday, Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School welcomed its first students.

The new school represents a successful experiment for Alexandria City Public Schools in innovation and collaboration.

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Ferdinand T. Day's great-granddaughters, from left to right: Imani Christou-Fuller, Brianna Gwendolyn Ringer and Chloe Christou-Fuller cut the ribbon for the new elementary school at a ceremony on Aug. 30.

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ODBC regatta returns to the waterfront

Teams from six countries to vie for trophy on the Potomac River

BY ALEXA EPITROPOULOS

The Old Dominion Boat Club's regatta will return for the third consecutive year on Sept. 22, with up to seven teams competing for the trophy.

The regatta is a series of sailboat races with a course that will run along the Potomac River, from in front of the new ODBC building to the turning mark north of the City of Alexandria's docks in front

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The second annual Old Dominion Boat Club regatta in 2017. A team from The Netherlands won the race, stripping the ODBC/U.S. team of its title. The home team hopes to recapture the championship this year.

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WEEKLY BRIEFING

9/11 remembrance, citizenship ceremony Tuesday

The City of Alexandria will commemorate Sept. 11, 2001 with its annual remembrance ceremony at Market Square from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

The event will honor those who were killed and pay tribute to first responders. City leaders and representatives from the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Fire Department and Sheriff's Office will attend the commem-

oration. The remembrance ceremony will include a "Return to Quarters" bell-ringing ceremony.

Later in the day, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will administer a citizenship ceremony at 5 p.m., where about 35 candidates for citizenship will take the Oath of Allegiance.

The candidates must meet federal requirements that include a period of continuous

residence and physical presence in the U.S., the ability to read, write and speak in English, knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government, good moral character and attachment to U.S. constitutional principles.

The ceremony will also recognize "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" to commemorate the adoption of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

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City to hold second BAR consolidation meeting

Community members will have another chance to weigh in on the proposed consolidation of the Old and Historic Alexandria District Board of Architectural Review and the Parker-Gray District Board of Architectural Review.

The community meeting will take place on Sept.

17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

The proposal came about when council directed staff to initiate a text amendment to the city's zoning ordinance and study the consolidation of the two boards. The proposed consolidated board, which is expected to

go before the planning commission and city council in the fall, would oversee both locally designated historic districts and operate under a common administrative framework.

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Fusion names new head of school

Fusion Academy has a new leader after former Head of School Lori Lankford took a job as district vice president with Fusion's corporate team.

Brian Duggan started as head of school on the first day of school on Tuesday, Lankford announced in a letter to the school community.

Duggan is a longtime teacher who joined Teach for America after his graduation from the University

of Oregon. While at Teach for America, he taught at a school with a large population of at-risk and high-need students in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also taught at charter school Uncommon Schools in New York City.

Lankford said the school is planning an event to introduce Duggan to members of the school community.

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CORRECTIONS:

The story "Carpenter's Shelter, AHDC partnership blooms" in the Aug. 30, 2018 edition of the Alexandria Times misidentified the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation as the Affordable Housing Development Corporation. The Times regrets the error.

In the Aug. 30, 2018 edition of the Alexandria Times, a caption on page 33 erroneously identified Washington Scottish Pipe Band as Alexandria Pipes & Drums. The Times regrets the error.

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of the Torpedo Factory.

A cannon will be fired to kick off the first race at 10 a.m. after the sailors partake in a champagne toast. ODBC Regatta Publicity Chair Liz Beckman said she anticipates four to five races taking place throughout the day. No race will start after 2:30 p.m., Beckman said.

This year, a U.S. team, the ODBC home boat, will compete with teams from Canada, Australia, Great Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden. Each team will have the sailboat's owner on board, as well as up to four crew members, which must include a skipper. Many of the international regatta participants work at their respective country's embassies in the United States.

The Netherlands, which competed in the ODBC's regatta for the first time in 2017, won last year's competition and will be defending the trophy this year. Doug Beckman, head of the U.S. team, said his squad hopes to

recapture the title.

"I look forward to representing the ODBC/U.S. team in this prestigious event," Doug Beckman said by email. "My team and I hope to carry the American flag to victory."

Though the competition is stiff, ODBC board members said it's ultimately about building relationships and having a great time.

"It's just a lot of fun. You get a whole bunch of people together from all over the world and you have something that sort of creates a reason for doing it all, which is a sailboat race," ODBC President Richard Banchoff said.

The ODBC annual regatta started with an initial race in 2014 to commemorate Alexandria's part in the War of 1812. The ODBC team – or the U.S. team – competed with a team from Great Britain.

"We had great involvement from the city, great support from the mayor, in addition to great support from

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sailors up and down the river," said Janice Hobart, ODBC board member and chair for the regatta.

The initial event ended in a victory for the U.S. team, and the success of the race led the ODBC to consider making the regatta a repeat event.

"The club, which has a long history in terms of promoting water sports on the river, whether it's regattas or rowing, which we've been supporting for years and years, started really thinking about how to continue that tradition," Hobart said.

Compounding the ODBC's interest in continuing the event was the sailors' interest in returning.

"After that first year, the countries had told us 'We'll be back next year,'" Hobart said. "... Many of the [international crews] have a sailing background, a Naval background. Being on the water is second nature to them, so they have an opportunity to do that. They work with a lot of the people that are racing from

other countries, so they have a chance to socialize with them and have an experience with them outside of the work environment."

The first iteration of the annual ODBC regatta took place in 2016, with teams from Great Britain, Canada, Australia and the club's home team participating. The ODBC crew won that race, only to lose its undefeated status when The Netherlands won last year.

"Last year, we brought in the Dutch, who had the audacity to win the race," Banchoff joked. "But they're a nice group of folks as well."

Though ODBC's team hopes to win the championship again this year, Liz Beckman said the club has sought to ensure that it's as level of a playing field as possible.

"We go to great lengths to make sure the competition is fair, that the boats are evenly matched, so it's really a match of skill and tactics and strategy," she said.

Each member of the winning vessel receives a trophy to take home, and the chance to put their mark on the full-

size trophy, which stays at the boat club. A porcelain Dutch clog still adorns the trophy after The Netherlands' victory last year.

The icing on the cake is that members will be able to view the race from the new ODBC club at the foot of Prince Street.

"I think it's going to be a fun place to watch and we have a couple of decks to watch it from – we're not going to have to crowd the [ODBC] pier," Banchoff said.

The regatta will be visible along the Alexandria waterfront throughout the day on Sept. 22. All team boats will fly their respective country's flag, which should also be visible from the waterfront.

The ODBC is hoping for clear skies, with a bit of a breeze, for the day of the race.

"I would say, if you've never seen a sailboat race, which is just about everyone, if it's a nice day, and you're on the river, it's a nice thing to come and watch for awhile," Banchoff said.

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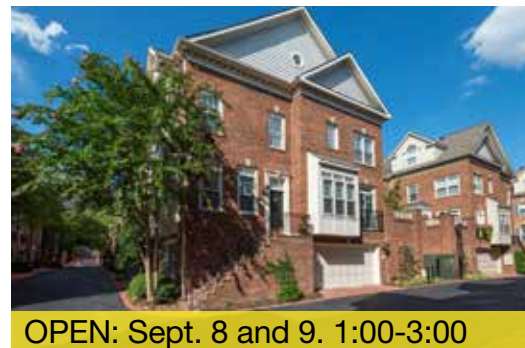
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A new season at ACPS

Alexandria City Public Schools students kicked off the 2018-19 school year on Tuesday.

This year's start of school was significant in several ways, as it marked the opening of the new Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School in the West End, the first new school in nearly two decades, and the beginning of new superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings' first year with ACPS.

Hutchings spent the day visiting each of ACPS' 17 schools. While making his rounds, he dropped by to see both his son Gregory III at Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy and his daughter Micah (right) at George Washington Middle School.



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From left to right: An English class at T.C. Williams High School hits the books. A school bus drops off students at George Washington Middle School. Mayor Allison Silberberg and Principal Rachael Dischner read to Ms. Whitfield's class at Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School. A sign at George Washington Middle School on Mount Vernon Avenue announces the first day of school.




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ACPS, contending with increasingly overcrowded elementary schools, limited funding and a shortage of available real estate in the city, created the school by repurposing a vacant office building on the city's West End.

The new school was a new type of collaboration between ACPS and the City of Alexandria, as the scale of the partnership was much larger than the organizations have undertaken in recent years.

"This is an example of city and schools working together to make a product like this, and I can tell you all, if we can keep this going in the City of Alexandria, this collaboration, [then] the sky's the limit," Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Ed.D., said at the school's ribbon cutting on Aug. 30.

"I hope people remember this day," he said, "because there will be future schools. Our capacity is growing ... but it's innovative approaches like this, taking an office



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Ferdinand T. Day's daughter, Gwen Day-Fuller, speaks at the ribbon cutting ceremony honoring her father.

building and turning it into a school, which makes it a huge gem."

ACPS purchased the vacant West End office building at 1701 N. Beauregard St. in spring 2017 and received city council's approval to begin the renovation project in September of that year. Since then, the project has had its challenges.

One of the biggest roadblocks came when Interim Superintendent Dr. Lois Berlin, Ed.D., rescinded her appointment of John B. Mur-

phy as principal after allegations of his misconduct in previous school leadership positions surfaced. Within a few months of the misfire, however, Rachael Dischner, a former ACPS employee, was named the new principal, and has since played a large role in the physical and instructional design process for Ferdinand T. Day.

ACPS and the city also faced the time crunch of having to complete the project by

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As part of ACPS' redistricting implementation, Ferdinand T. Day will not be at full capacity for two years. This school year, the school only welcomed students in kindergarten through third grade. The structure of the redistricting is intended to

allow fourth and fifth graders to remain at the schools they attended last year, and as a result, enrollment this year is only at 450, while the school's maximum capacity is just under 700.

"When we redistricted, we allowed our fourth and fifth graders to stay in their current schools and not have to transition sharply into a new school at those critical grades, so that's why we're going to transition after," ACPS Director of Communications Helen Lloyd said.

The office-building-turned-elementary-school is laid out to make the most of a vertically structured learning space. The first floor is home to most shared facilities, such as the cafeteria, physical activity space and music room, while the three stories above it house two grade levels per floor. The top two floors of the six-story office building are not part of the elementary school, but will eventually become ACPS administrative offices.

Despite the building's multi-level structure and high-traffic location on North Beauregard Street, the halls aren't incredibly different from an ordinary elementary school. In fact, some aspects of repurposing an office building turned out to be beneficial.

"There is a significant SEE **DAY**

amount of daylight in this building," Hord Coplan Macht Architect Katie Sanders said. "This is nothing that I as an architect had any part in. It was just a really good situation to come into. ... One of the other really nice features about where this building is sited is that we've got nice tree cover behind the building."

"It makes you feel like you're in a tree house," Dischner added.

To help students find their way through similar looking floors, each grade level is assigned a color that is woven throughout the design of each grade's learning spaces, from subtle splashes of colored tiles to more eye-catching, boldly painted walls.

"The architects were really thoughtful in the process about way-finding for the kids with four different floors," Dischner said. "For some of the kids, they may look very similar when you get off, but if they know their classroom is blue, they're going to keep going upstairs until they see the blue line on the floor. There are a lot of purposeful things done with color."

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New Episcopal football coach aims for conference title

After mediocre 2017 season, EHS prepares to stage IAC comeback
BY DUNCAN AGNEW

Despite boasting a roster of Division I-caliber players and coming off of two consecutive strong seasons, Episcopal High School ended its 2017 football campaign with a disappointing 5-4 record.

After last year’s less-than-stellar season, the team returns to the field this month with a new head coach, a new signal caller and a number of quality playmakers. The goal: another Interstate Athletic Conference title.

The hope is to recapture the momentum the Maroon had under former head coach

Panos Voulgaris, who led the team to back-to-back conference championships in 2015 and 2016, following years of mediocre performances. Voulgaris departed from Episcopal in June, leaving the athletic department to search for his successor.

EHS Assistant Football Coach Warner Blunt knew the man for the job: Mark Moroz, his former colleague who was then head coach at Christ School in Asheville, North Carolina. Blunt picked up the phone to call Moroz as soon as he heard that Voulgaris planned to leave.

“[Blunt] kind of gave me a heads up that it was open.

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Episcopal offensive lineman Taylor Burns, center, and defensive back and running back Litchfield Ajavon, left, will be key impact players for the Maroon this fall.

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I just went through the process, and this school is so impressive," Moroz said. "I'm just anxious to take it over and keep it going."

Over the last seven years, Moroz led Christ School, which is also a boarding school, to a whopping 63-17 overall record and three 10-win seasons. He's bringing his record and experience to Alexandria as Episcopal head coach and admissions officer for the school.

"Living on campus, this is something I've been doing for the last seven years, so I understand what it takes to be a dorm parent and kind of the big picture of boarding school," Moroz said.

Moroz grew up in Toronto and played Division I college football at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which competes in the powerhouse Atlantic Coast Conference. After college, he played professionally for several years in the National Football League and Canadian Football League. When his playing days were over, Moroz joined the Wake Forest coaching staff.

While he loved working at his alma mater, Moroz said coaching at the high school level was always his goal. Af-

ter a brief but successful stint coaching at the collegiate level at Wake Forest, he landed his first high school gig at Forsythe Country Day School in North Carolina and, from there, Moroz joined the coaching staff at Christ School.

Moroz said he's looking forward to working with the coaching team at Episcopal.

"I had an opportunity to come up in the spring and work with all the guys, and it's an amazing coaching staff," Moroz said of Episcopal. "We share a similar coaching style and philosophy. It should mesh really well."

In addition to the staff, Moroz will also inherit a host of impressive players. Senior defensive backs Litchfield Ajavon and Salim Turner-Muhammad headline the Maroon roster. The two have committed to Notre Dame University and Stanford University, respectively.

Moroz said other impact players to watch are offensive linemen Taylor Burns and Parker Jenkins, as well as defensive backs/wide receivers Bryce Steele, Barry Curtis and Elijah Gaines.

"It's going to be fun to coach this group," Moroz said.

When it comes to the starting quarterback and running back duo for the Maroon, Moroz said he will make a decision

after pre-season practices. As of right now, two quarterbacks are competing for the starting job, while Moroz continues to evaluate at least seven potential running backs. This fall, Episcopal will have to replace star quarterback Seth Agwunobi and workhorse running back Perris Jones, who both graduated and were last season's leaders of the Maroon offense.

Moroz said Episcopal, like all boarding schools, faces the yearly obstacle of having to start practice weeks after most day schools.

"There's definitely a challenge there, but again, it's something I'm used to," Moroz said. "My mindset has always been to work efficient[ly] and work smarter, not harder."

Moroz, as a veteran boarding school coach, knows that playing sports is a big part of his players' lives. He said his responsibilities as a coach extend beyond the field.

"That's why I love this environment so much, is doing what I can in the dorm and just trying to build great relationships with these kids," Moroz said.

Episcopal faces its first opponent of the season, Gilman School, in Baltimore at 1 p.m. on Sept. 15.

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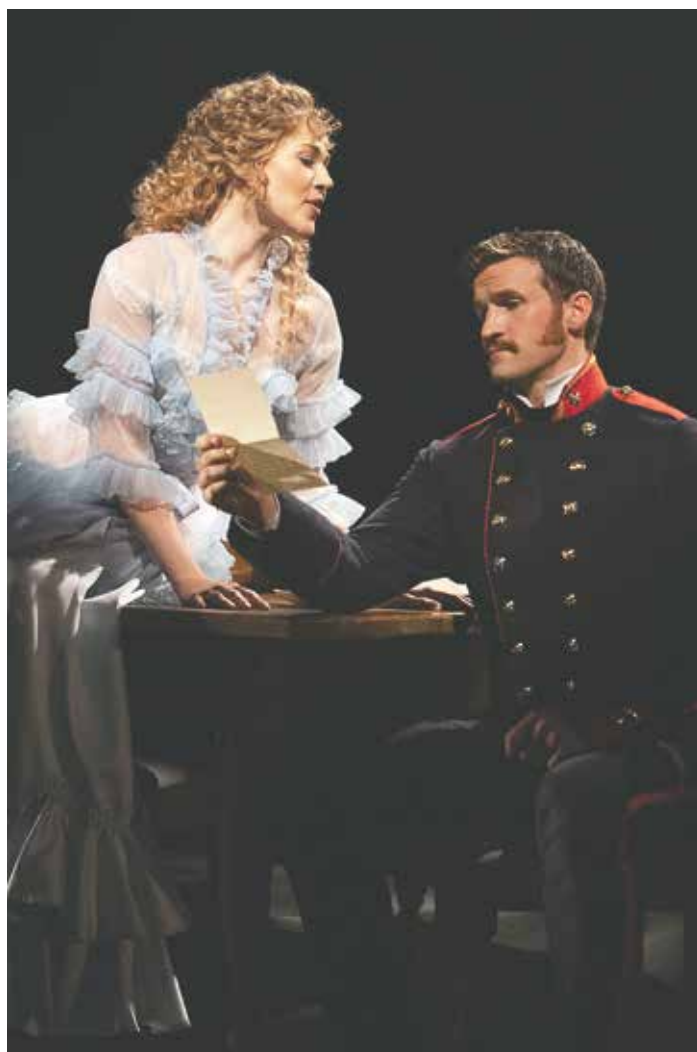
Signature Theatre delivers stunning take on 'Passion'

Talented actress delivers riveting performance in Stephen Sondheim work

BY JORDAN WRIGHT

Weeks ago, I began to think about Natascia Diaz in the role of Fosca after I saw her perform one of the numbers from "Passion" at Signature's Annual Open House. I wondered how this actress would inhabit a character not known to garner sympathy from female audiences. Having witnessed her in many different roles and seen how certain roles became her – others that would not allow her to shine as optimally as I know she can – I am thrilled to report that this is the role for both her superb acting as well as her beautifully controlled and emotionally riveting voice. It is a triumph for Diaz in a role she reportedly was not keen on taking.

Stephen Sondheim's "Passion" is certainly one of his finest efforts with a sing-through libretto more operetta than standard musical. Its story of a love triangle between Giorgio (Claybourne Elder in a peerless performance), Clara (Steffanie Leigh in a seemingly effortless portrayal) and the invalid Fosca.



PHOTO/CHRISTOPHER MUELLER

Steffanie Leigh (Clara) and Claybourne Elder (Giorgio) in "Passion" at Signature Theatre.

Set on a provincial military outpost near Milan, it's based on the 1869 novel "Fosca" by Ignio Ugo Tarchetti. In 1981, it was adapted into the film

"Passione d'Amore" by Ettore Scola before opening on Broadway in 1994 with music and lyrics by Sondheim and book by James Lapine, the

IF YOU GO

Run dates: Through Sept. 23

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show's original director.

The opening scene between Giorgio and Clara affords us a scene of amorous coupling in Clara's bed. There is nudity involved, but it is sensuous and tasteful, and yes, passionate, as you would expect, as the rhapsodic lovers declare their undying adoration for each other. The story unfolds to reveal a complex and untenable power play between the three central characters.

Frail Fosca becomes the third wheel and supplicant to the handsome and dashing officer, Giorgio, who insists he is devoted to the beautiful – but married – Clara. However, Fosca is undaunted. "If you never have expectations, you never have disappointments," Fosca insists as she calculatingly manipulates him with both threats to his career and callousness towards her frailties. This is where au-

diences audibly groan at her actions. Think Glenn Close's character in the movie "Fatal Attraction."

Giorgio challenges her affections, "Is this what you call love – your relentless pursuit?" On top of this corrosive behavior, he is further humiliated by his fellow officers who claim he is sucking up to Fosca's cousin, Colonel Ricci, for a promotion.

Imagine this as a modern-day romance. You want to stop the madness but cannot wait to see what unfolds.

"Passion" is visceral and uncompromising with compelling performances and flawless voices with music written around their exchange of letters. It's highly recommended.

The production is skillfully directed by Matthew Gardiner with music direction by Jon Kalbfleisch with a 14-piece orchestra, orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick, scenic design by Lee Savage, 19th-century costume designs by Robert Perdziola, lighting design by Colin K. Bills and sound design by Ryan Hickey.

The play also stars Will Gartshore as Colonel Ricci.

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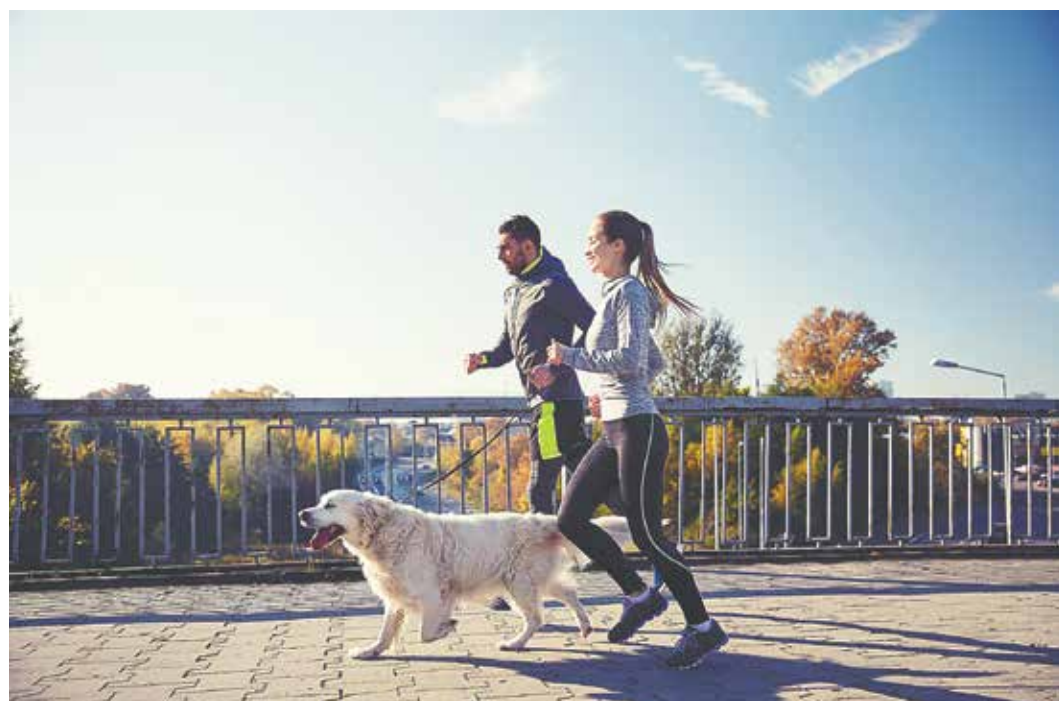
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A recent study found that having a dog offers more benefits than just emotional stimulation. According to the study, dogs may help reduce their owners' risk of cardiovascular disease.

How your canine companion affects your health

Dog ownership benefits cardiovascular health, may prevent disease

BY KIM GILLIAM

A recent study published in Scientific Reports found that dogs may help reduce their owners' risk of cardiovascular disease through companionship and by motivating their owners to be active.

It looked at 3.4 million people between the ages of 40 and 80 and found that having a dog was associated with a 23 percent reduction in death from heart disease and a 20 percent lower risk of dying from any cause over the 12 years of the study.

Spending just a few minutes with a pet can lower anxiety and blood pressure, and increase levels of serotonin and dopamine, two neurochemicals that play big roles in calm and well-being. Dog



KIM GILLIAM

owners have also been shown to have better responses to stress — where their blood pressure and pulse rates don't soar — higher levels of physical activity, decreased cholesterol levels and fewer heart attacks. What's more, dog owners who do have heart attacks have better survival rates.

The latest study found the biggest positive impact of having a dog was on people who live alone.

"It seems that a dog can

be a substitute for living with other people in terms of reducing the risk of dying," Tove Fall, lead author, said in the study. "Dogs encourage you to walk, they provide social support and they make life more meaningful. If you have a dog, you interact more with other people. If you do get ill and go into hospital and you have a dog, there's a huge motivation to try to get back home."

The study authors were also surprised to find that people who owned dogs that were originally bred for hunting — like terriers, retrievers and scent hounds — were the most protected from heart disease and death. Because these dogs typically need more exercise than other breeds, their owners may be more likely to meet physical activity guidelines, they say.

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Health experts recommend that adults get about two-and-a-half hours of moderate exercise each week. Dog owners are proven to be more active than non-dog owners and much more likely to hit that goal. In turn, that activity helps improve an owner's mobility into their 70s and 80s. A 2017 study in *The Gerontologist* found that older adults who walked dogs experienced "lower body mass index, fewer activities of daily living limitations, fewer doctor visits and more frequent moderate and vigorous exercise."

Dog ownership can benefit mental health as well. While it may be obvious that pets offer a direct source of companionship to their owners, they have also been found to be great catalysts for the formation of their owners' friendships and social support networks. A telephone survey of more than 2,500 people in 2015 found that pet owners were significantly more likely to get to know people in their neighborhood than non-pet owners, and that dog own-



FILE PHOTOS

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ers were significantly more likely to regard people whom they met through their pet as a friend.

Because social isolation is a risk factor for poor mental health, and, conversely, friendships and social support are protective factors for individual and community well-being, pets may be an important factor in develop-

ing healthy neighborhoods.

Here in Alexandria, it is estimated that one out of every four residents has a dog, so it's no wonder we have such a strong community, ranked among the "Top 100

Best Places to Live" in the nation.

Kim Gilliam co-owns Frolick Dogs, an indoor dog gym in Alexandria, with her husband, Kevin Gilliam.

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ci, Ian McEuen as Lieutenant Torasso, Bobby Smith as Major Rizzolli and Fosca's Father, Lawrence Redmond as Lieutenant Barri, John Leslie Wolfe as Doctor Tambourri, Gregory Maheu as Sergeant Lombardi and Ludovic, Christopher Mueller as Private Augenti, Rayanne Gonzales as Fosca's Mother and Katie Mariko Murray as Mistress.

"Passion" runs through Sept. 23 in the MAX at Signature Theatre at Shirlington Village, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington, 22206. For tickets and information, call 703-820-9771 or visit www.sigtheatre.org.

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Amber Ehrlich of Phoenix has dedicated power, water and septic hookups for her Airstream trailer, which is especially important, since it is used regularly as a rental.



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Residence Inn Alexandria Old Town	Prince Conference Room 1456 Duke Street
Sept. 24 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.*	Community Listening Session: Outfall 002 (S Royal St./Hunting Creek)
St. Mary Catholic School	Multipurpose Room 400 Green Street
Sept. 25 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.*	Scoping Meeting with National Park Service and Other Agencies
Alexandria Renew Enterprises Environmental Center	1800 Limerick Street

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HOMES

ON THE ROAD

How campers are becoming part of the home
BY MARY G. PEPITONE

Campers are popping up as additional living spaces in the backyards of American homes. While it may not be uncommon to see a recreational vehicle or travel trailer “dry-docked” on private property, the digital age has ushered in a modern non-traveling twist that utilizes the space to add square footage to a homeowner’s property for a guest bedroom, home office or man cave, said Jay Cullis, spokesman for Airstream, based in Jackson Center, Ohio.

“We’re finding that people who buy Airstream trailers are finding all kinds of uses for them, beyond going on vacation,” Cullis said. “As long as people have a Wi-Fi connection and the creature comforts of home, folks are exercising their freedom to use their Airstreams in unique ways.”

The iconic Airstream trailer, with its streamlined

riveted aluminum exterior, has been touted as a home for the road since 1931, and has become emblematic of American-style travel. With trailers that are efficiently outfitted with a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, owners can use these spaces as getaways without traveling anywhere.

When not on the road, campers and trailers are pulling double duty and being used as:

A home office, creating a space that is both productive and professional, including easy commutes to and from the backyard.

A man or mom cave, which can serve as either a place for social interactions or a space to work on projects in solitude.

A teen hangout, which reduces drama in your home by allowing a special space for young adults to watch movies, play computer or video games and stay during sleepovers.

A guest suite is sweet for visiting friends and family, with enough space and privacy to accommodate loved ones.

“This generation is trading stuff for experiences, and silver bullet Airstreams attract those who appreciate mid-century modernism,” Cullis said. “In an era of digital nomadic jobs, it’s less about where your office is and more about how you office.”

Kris Kircus owns nearly two acres of land surrounding her home, located outside Austin, Texas. Two years ago, Kircus bought an Airstream trailer, which she has nicknamed “Vie,” the French word for “life.” When not on the road, Vie is parked in the Kircus’ backyard and is easily accessed by traversing a stone walkway from her home.

“I am a full-time teleworker, and while one of the advantages of working from home is that you don’t have to get out

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of your yoga clothes, there are about 10,000 interruptions a day inside my house," she said. "Now, I walk the stone path from my backdoor to Vie and can focus on my work."

Kircus enjoys a change of scenery, whether she's traveling in Vie or it's parked on a crushed granite pad in her backyard.

"Having Vie is a part of my lifestyle, and I love having the extra space without having to get building permits to remodel my home," she said. "The beauty is that I can hitch up Vie and drive to a state park for a long weekend,

and still seamlessly have both work and play without missing a beat."

While an Airstream trailer ranges in price from about \$37,000 to \$150,000, it's important to check local codes within a municipality and/or homeowner's association before making plans to semi-permanently park one in the backyard.

A trailer needs to be parked on a level and relatively dry spot, where rainwater won't collect. An Airstream needs either 30- or 50-amp electrical service and both water and septic hookups to fully pitch camp, Cullis said.

Kircus has power, water

and septic hookups in place for Vie, with a Wi-Fi extender in her home to boost the signal to her trailer for work and her son's video gaming activities with friends.

Amber Ehrlich of Phoenix, Arizona, has transformed her 2017 Flying Cloud Airstream trailer, which she has dubbed "Zoe," into a short-term rental unit. Parked in the backyard of Ehrlich's 1935 bungalow in Phoenix's Coronado Historic District, the "Zoe" experience features amenities both inside and outside the trailer.

Surrounded by a private backyard oasis with a fire pit and pool, Zoe houses a

queen-size bed, working kitchen with dinette seating, bathroom and shower.

"Most of the properties in our neighborhood have guest houses," Ehrlich, a professional organizer, said. "Instead of building a structure in our backyard, Zoe can roll in and roll out."

Ehrlich has dedicated power, water and septic hookups for her trailer. Maintaining positive relationships with neighbors is essential to the success of Ehrlich's enterprise.

"There's something about the romance of camping in the backyard, and Zoe transforms the experience into

'glamping' (glamour camping)," Ehrlich said. "I believe buying this trailer was a smart investment, as Airstreams tend to hold their value."

There are clubs and online forums dedicated to rehabbing old campers and trailers, Cullis said.

"It's part nostalgia, but some might also think it's American enterprise," Cullis said. "Not only do people have a sense of adventure when they buy an Airstream for the road, they also embrace its different uses when it's off-road."

Ehrlich said her dream is to someday live in her Airstream and rent out her house.

HOME OF THE WEEK

Modern(e) sophistication in Beverley Hills

Throughout this exceptionally sophisticated three-level home in Alexandria's Beverley Hills neighborhood, its 1940s-inspired Streamline Moderne architectural design is beautifully represented amid an impeccable attention to upscale custom upgrades.

You will appreciate the home's five-year restoration that removed a few interior walls to create a sprawling floor plan that resulted in an openness that highlights long horizontal lines and corner windows, giving the home its sophisticated feel. You'll flow easily inside to outside, where detailed landscaping, mature trees, terraced living spaces and elevated balconies create a spectacular retreat enhanced by a hard-wired sound system that sets the tone for sublime entertaining.

This stunning home with 3,050 square feet of living space boasts three bedrooms organized around two master suites, bonus rooms,



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three full bathrooms and a climate controlled garage with identical sleek double doors that could be used alternatively as an additional living space.

The chef's kitchen features professional line Jenn-Air appliances and a SubZero refrigerator. Wine and cigar enthusiasts will love the floor-to-ceiling SubZero built-in two-zone wine refrigerator with an internal cherry wood cigar humidor

AT A GLANCE

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Bathrooms: Three
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and refrigerated beverage drawers. The restoration also included upgraded electrical systems, lighting, multi-zoned HVAC with ducting, roof and a new driveway and parking pad for multiple cars.

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SEPT. 15 & 16

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The free festival, presented by Howard Alan Events, will have \$15 million worth of art on display. Each artist will work their booth, meaning that patrons can ask them questions as they browse. Artists will sell their wares, including paintings, photography, ceramics, glass, wood, handmade jewelry, collage and mixed media, at the event.

The festival will take

place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 16.

The festival coincides with the Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser, during which attendees can purchase one of 1,400 handmade bowls made by ceramic artists at The Art League and a scoop of ice cream for \$15. The fundraiser takes place both days of the festival.

The Torpedo Factory's Beer & Wine Torpedo Garden will be open between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sept. 15 and Sept. 16, during which patrons can partake in a sampling of craft beer while exploring the studios of artists.

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American Horticultural Society gala

American Horticultural Society's Annual Gala returns for its 25th year on Sept. 22 with Monte Durham, Alexandria resident and star of TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta," serving as honorary chair.

The gala, titled "25 Years of Color in the Garden," will take place at AHS River Farm headquarters in the city at 7931 East Boulevard Drive. The event takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. and includes a cocktail reception, silent and online auctions and a three-course dinner with live music.

This year, Leslie Ariail,



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who is part of the Alexandria Times' ownership group, will serve as chair of the AHS Gala Host Committee.

Proceeds that are raised at the gala will be used to

fund AHS' programs, including maintaining River Farm and continuing its education and outreach programs.

Tickets are still available on the AHS website.

SEPT. 23

Unleash your inner nerd at Run! Geek! Run!

Alexandria-based Ironistic will host Run! Geek! Run!, its 10th annual 5K for charity, on Sept. 23, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The race will start at

George Washington Middle School and conclude at the Braddock Road Metro.

The race welcomes solo and team runners. The cost

to sign up is \$35 until registration closes on Sept. 19 and \$40 the day of the race. All proceeds will go to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.

SEPT. 24

Swing at Boys and Girls Club golf tournament

The Alexandria Boys and Girls Club will hold its annual golf tournament on Sept. 24 at Springfield Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, 22152.

Registration and lunch on the patio start at 11 a.m. followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start and 6 p.m. reception and awards ceremony. Cost is \$250 for an individual player, \$600 for

a twosome, \$900 for a foursome and \$1,000 for a VIP Foursome.

For more information or to register, contact Clarissa Pintado at cpintado@fiske-lawgroup.com

SEPT. 29

Port City Brewing Co. celebrates Oktoberfest

Port City Brewing Co. is celebrating the release of its Oktoberfest on Sept. 29 from noon to 10 p.m. with an outdoor party in its parking lot.

The event will include live music from 4 to 6 p.m. with Derek Evry and from 7

to 9 p.m. with Amber North. Rocklands BBQ and the DC Slices food truck will be on site, and Logan's Sausage will set up a sausage sampling table, serving up Bratwurst made with Port City's Oktoberfest and a special jalapeno cheddar

sausage.

Port City will also host an Oktoberfest competition for patrons dressed in costume. Attendees that use Lyft to travel to the brewery can use the code OKT18PC-BC for \$5 off on their ride to and from the event.

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Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Belle Haven Country Club
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SEPTEMBER 8

"BOWLS AND PLATES WITH NICE CURVES" WORKSHOP "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry" juror, Lisa York, presents "Bowls and Plates with Nice Curves." This demonstration workshop explores how the curves and form of a plate or bowl functions in the home, the use of geometric shapes as part of surface decorations and a variety of thrown and alteration techniques.

Plus, it provides insight into the jurying process. The workshop is \$65 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$75 for non-members.

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.
Information: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/bowls-and-plates

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Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive
Information: www.harmonizers.org

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limited to this night only. There is a suggested \$5 donation to help defray the costs of space rental and snacks. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 8:15. The show is 18+ recommended, since performers can't control what prompts they get from the audience.

Time: 8 p.m.
Location: The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St.
Information: www.facebook.com/auxiliaryimprov/

SEPTEMBER 9

APOTHECARY GEEK TOUR: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TOUR Learn about the muggle botanical science that inspired the potions and herbology of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series and make your own magical sleeping potion. This tour will be conducted exclusively in American Sign Language and only visitors fluent in ASL should attend, as there will be no English interpretation provided. Please arrive between 10:45 and 11 a.m. as the museum is not open to the public until 1 p.m. and the doors will be locked when the tour begins at 11 a.m. Adults and children age 8 and older are welcome. Advance purchase recommended due to limited space.

Time: 11 a.m. to noon
Location: Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum
Information: www.alexandriava.gov/apothecary

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top finishers. Children can join the fun during the free Kids Fun Run (registration required). Participants receive a medal and certification of participation.

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Information: www.mountvernon.org/patriotrun

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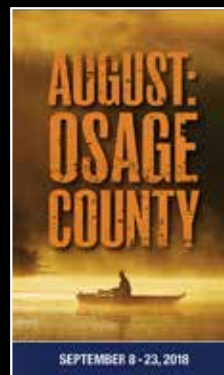
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Our View

Local events highlight the fall busy season

Labor Day didn't just mark the end of summer – it also represented the start of our region's busy season.

Those who drove on the beltway or into the District during the past few days encountered an increase in traffic compared with the summer months. School has started in Alexandria and we welcomed a new superintendent, Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Ed.D., and also the new Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School in the city's West End.

For those with school-aged children, the coming weeks will be filled with back-to-school nights, class potlucks, parent weekends at colleges and various school events. It's an exciting, but often exhausting time.

Layered on top of the traffic and school activity is an uptick for most people in the pace of their jobs. While many of us get a bit of a summer respite even when we're not at the beach, any lull likely ended on Monday.

September also marks the official launch of election season, both locally as Alexandrians prepare to elect their city council and mayor, and also nationally as the "Battle for Congress" is gearing up. Ready or not, negative national election ads are heading for a station near you.

Our local government is also gearing up: the first city council meeting of the fall term is Tuesday. In the coming months, council will consider, and residents will comment on, topics ranging from lights at T.C. Williams High School to ethics reform – by code, a public hearing has to be held on the subject by December – to issues surrounding a new Potomac Yard Metro station. These topics are interesting, but participation is not for the faint-hearted.

Autumn, in addition to eventually bringing relief from the recent sauna-like heat wave, also launches the fall event season. As our story "ODBC regatta returns to the waterfront" beginning on page 1 and events page on 20 illustrate, Alexandrians will have numerous events to choose from that are both charitable and fun.

For starters, there's the Sept. 15 concert that launches the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 75th season, and the first under new maestro James Ross.

The King Street Arts Festival returns to Old Town on Sept. 15 and 16, showcasing the work of more than 200 artists from Washington Street to the waterfront. If you attend the free festival, you can stop by the Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser at Market Square. All proceeds benefit the Art League's programs.

Then there's the American Horticultural Society's annual gala at River Farm on Sept. 22, with local celebrity and "Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta" star Monte Durham as honorary chair.

For runners, Ironistic's Run! Geek! Run! 5K race takes place on Sept. 23, with proceeds going to support the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Or, if you prefer golf to running, there's the Alexandria Boys and Girls Club annual golf tournament on Sept. 24 at Springfield Country Club.

And, of course, the above-mentioned regatta will be held during the day on Sept. 22. While the boat race is not an open competition, any city resident can come to the waterfront and enjoy the sight of colorful boats on the river.

The events listed above are not intended as a comprehensive list of opportunities this fall in Alexandria, just a sampling of what's taking place. None of the events listed occur at the same time, so it's conceivably possible to attend, if not participate in, each one.

If anyone pulls off this participation marathon, we'd love to hear from you. In fact, if you can document your attendance at each event, we'll provide two tickets to an upcoming Alexandria Symphony concert. Good luck – and happy fall.

Opinion

"Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe."

- Thomas Jefferson



Your Views

City officials created Chatham quagmire

To the editor:

I have read the battle of Chatham square stories and I have no "car" in this fight. I believe the struggle between nearby residents and the Chatham community is sadly working to the advantage of the real villains of this episode: the city planning staff, elected officials and developers who are working in league and don't care about the messes they make. In fact, the bureaucrats are likely amused they avoid the guilt of this situation.

We know the story. The developers squeeze every dollar and square foot they can. The staff approves and politicians, to give the developers what they want, make so-called compromises and add fine print.

Should the buyers have read the documents that reveal they aren't considered real citizens for parking purposes? Yes. And you should have

read that Google has the rights to harvest your body organs when you use their search engine. (That's an exaggeration for effect, just to be clear.)

We have a struggle between neighbors and I prefer to be neighborly and less fine print focused.

But in the long run, every citizen should know this situation was likely created by city staff and elected officials who failed at their jobs of due diligence. Either there should be plenty of parking or fewer residential units. It's that simple. The idea some have that less parking will encourage public transit is a myth that is disproven daily by our still-growing car culture.

Hopefully the incoming council will put an end to this type of dealing – but it will require vigilance.

-Dan Hazelwood,
Alexandria

Elected officials should focus on poor ACPS results

To the editor:

Standardized test results for the 2017-2018 school year came out the week of Aug. 20 and the results were anything but encouraging. In all but a few very narrow areas, Alexandria City Public Schools scores were lower than the year prior. Worse still, despite outspending the Virginia average by almost \$7,000 per pupil, Alexandria schools scored below the Virginia average in every measured category.

Because of its importance as a skill in modern society, perhaps the most depressing statistic was math, where Alexandria scored 16 percentage points less than the state average.

Unfortunately, it seems local officials have resigned themselves to these low levels of performance: Vice Mayor Justin Wilson said he did not find this year's data concerning, as it mirrored the decreases in pass rates across the state. Wilson attributed the results to a higher level of poverty in Alexandria, overlooking the fact that Alexandria has one of the highest median household incomes in the state. New school Superintendent Dr. Gregory Hutchings Jr. said the results, while not ideal, were in line with his expectations.

In an extraordinary understatement, Hutchings went on to say "there's room for improvement." Finally, in a statement somehow meant to be comforting, School Board member Margaret Lorber, when asked about the low scores, pointed out that "testing doesn't account for ACPS' outstanding programs in music, art and drama." Well, that's a relief.

Further highlighting the disconnect between our elected officials and our city's most pressing issues — although there was some mention of in-

creasing capital improvements for schools — discussion of the low performance of ACPS was nearly absent from the June primary campaigns. Most of the candidates instead focused their attention on their support for affordable housing and other more popular issues, and largely chose to ignore ACPS' lagging performance.

Also ignored in the campaigns were the 25 percent of ACPS schools that are not even fully accredited by the state, including Jefferson-Houston School, now denied accreditation for six straight years. Our high school, T.C. Williams, is only partially accredited.

It's time for this issue to take center stage in Alexandria. Alexandria's education system represents our city's future, and it's time for our leaders to give it the attention it's due. Pre-K education might help, but most studies have found that the bump in performance provided by Pre-K largely dissipates by the time students reach middle school.

It's time for new thinking. A popular saying goes that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. That's largely what Alexandria is doing, bringing in new school leaders on almost a yearly basis and expecting different results.

Washington D.C. is having great success with its charter schools, improving performance in three of four measured areas since 2015. The wait lists for charter schools in D.C. continue to grow, reflecting parents seeking successful solutions for their children. It's time Alexandria opened the aperture on any and all solutions that can help our schools. Alexandria students are paying the price.

-Thomas W. Spoehr,
Alexandria



The Business Plan

with Bill Reagan

Look before you lease

Some of the chief disrupters to businesses' momentum involve real estate.

First, there's the challenge of finding the ideal location — appealing and convenient for customers and where your business activity is permitted. Too often, businesspeople make these decisions emotionally and rush to sign a lease without due diligence. Real estate matters are complex, and it behooves us to get expert guidance.

The first stop should be the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. Nobody is more conversant with the city's real estate than the staff of the city's economic development program. Describe to them your ideal space needs and target market, and they will share their expertise on what types of businesses work best in which neighborhoods and have synergy with other types of businesses. They will also discuss how those neighborhoods and businesses — and others you might not have considered — are likely to evolve over time.

The next essential is a well-connected commercial broker, and the economic development staff can make those referrals. Tenant brokers go beyond just being "space finders" but, even in that capacity, they are likely to produce more options for you because they have access to many more properties than you'd find through a Google search. And they cost you nothing — their commission is folded into the transaction costs that the landlord pays.

A knowledgeable broker will do a careful needs assessment, drilling down to the characteristics of the property most essential to your business while considering your budget constraints. They will then begin a targeted search, freeing you to stay fo-

cused on your business. Another area where business owners sometimes get tripped up is with the actual costs of occupying space. The utilities, insurance, taxes, sewer and trash, for example, vary from building to building and can be complicated. A qualified broker can break those down so you can compare one property with another.

Property owners usually hold most of the market knowledge, but when it's time to negotiate, the broker knows market rates and has the expertise to get the best deal for you. They also pay attention to things you might not otherwise consider, such as the landlord delivering the

property in good order; rent concessions if you need to manage construction costs or your occupancy is procedurally delayed; and provisions to better position you for lease renewals or changes to market conditions.

Some of the costliest business heartaches could have been avoided had business owners used a commercial broker in the search and negotiation process, an attorney to review their lease and possibly help them through permitting hurdles and an architect for planning purposes. Small business owners are typically short of cash, but these expenses are sound investments that save money down the road.

One final suggestion is to consider consulting with the Alexandria Small Business Development Center. We can provide objective feedback, connect you to commercial brokers, attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, city facilitators and qualified architects and contractors, as well as put together a solid financing plan for your business. And our services are without cost.

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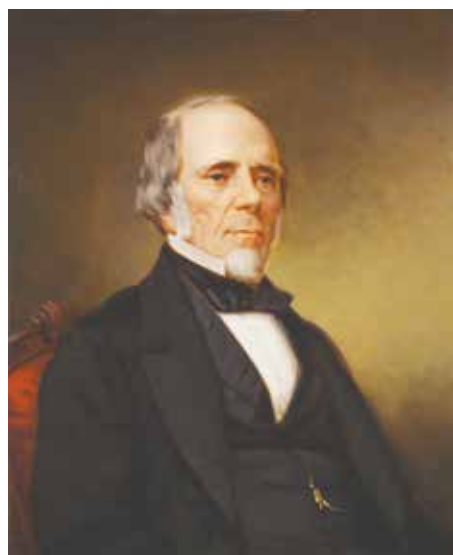
What I did this summer: TRAVELOGUES AT THE LYCEUM

In 1839, The Lyceum Company, which promoted education in Alexandria, partnered with the library to build what became known as Lyceum Hall. Now Alexandria's History Museum, Lyceum Hall was the intellectual and cultural center of the city for its first two decades.

The Lyceum Company hosted lectures and debates. The hall was also rented out for musical performances, additional lectures, meetings, scientific displays and fundraisers. Among the many lectures were travelogues and tales of far off, and to Alexandria audiences, exotic places. Some were simple lectures, others were illustrated with paintings or dioramas, and all contributed to entertaining curious Alexandrians.

In the first such lecture, in February 1840, Alexandria native Charles Alexander shared "A Day in London," which was "listened to, with delight, by a crowded audience," according to an account in the Alexandria Gazette. Alexander's lecture was published in the paper over two days in February and it filled nine full-page columns.

Alexander shared "impressions made upon my own mind by a recent sojourn within [London], mingled with reflections as the subject may naturally suggest." Alexander spoke twice more about his travels, sharing "Recollections of Paris" in January 1841 and "A Pilgrimage to Penhurst" later that same year. In 1842, The Lyceum Company elected him as the organization's second president.



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Professor Romeo Elton.

Another Alexandria resident, civil engineer Maskell C. Ewing, lectured on "Naples and its environs" in November 1841. Ewing, originally from Pennsylvania and a 1926 graduate of the United States Military Academy, spent time in Europe during his military career and later worked for the Georgetown-Alexandria Canal as an engineer.

As surveyor for the city of Alexandria, Ewing created a plan of the city and several charts of the Potomac as well. Ewing's map of Alexandria sold at Bell & Entwisle's shop (color \$1; plain \$.75), but his 1841 lecture at Lyceum Hall focused on Italy.

While Ewing likely spoke at length about Pompeii and Herculaneum as part

of Naples' "environs," Professor Romeo Elton, formerly of Brown University, lectured for three January nights in 1846 specifically on those ruins. Ads for the lectures noted that "Each Lecture will be illustrated by large paintings."

After the first lecture, a writer to the Alexandria Gazette noted that people were so familiar with the topic that "we do not know that the Lecturer *taught* us much," but added that because of Brown's first-hand experience, "we followed him willingly, and with fond recollections of our early studies, and with renewed pleasure, because he has been an eye witness to what he describes."

Other speakers passing through Alexandria shared their adventures with willing audiences at Lyceum Hall and often found different ways to bring them to life. Dr. Boyd Reilly, in April 1846, shared his experiences of living in Constantinople – dressed in an "ancient costume," sharing "Turkish curiosities" and closing with "a specimen of Turkish poetry and vocal music."

In 1844, Dr. Dionysius Lardner lectured for four evenings on astronomy, but concluded each lecture showing dioramas of Rome, Jerusalem, Constantinople and various other exotic locales. Lardner lit his dioramas with limelight, developed less than a decade earlier, to add drama to his displays. Even the science crowd appears to have been drawn to the lure of faraway places.

SEE LYCEUM

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Weekly Poll

Last Week

Which ACPS result on the recently released 2017-18 SOL test do you think is most significant?

51% - The fact that per pupil spending in Alexandria is almost \$7,000 above the state average

30% - The gap between ACPS scores in all categories and that of the rest of the state

9% - The eight percentage point gain by Hispanic students in English writing performance

8% - The poor performance by students with disabilities

3% - Other

0% - The across-the-board gains in science

This Week

Take the poll at alextimes.com

The start of the school year marks the beginning of events season in Alexandria. Which do you plan to attend?

A) The American Horticultural Society Gala

B) The Alexandria Symphony's 75th season kickoff concert

C) The Old Dominion Boat Club regatta

D) The Run Geek Run 5K race

E) The Boys and Girls Club golf tournament

F) More than one event

G) No events

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“These are areas where small groups can come out and do some work,” Sanders said. “We ... have a writable surface along this wall so we can do some teaching out here, and then really fun, flexible furniture, so this is a nice way to make your circulation space more functional and useable.”

Flexible furniture can be found throughout the building to allow for maximum functionality of all features: the same desk where a student can read alone can be added to other desks to form a collaborative, circular table; the ledge in the media center that acts as seat for a third grader becomes a desk for a first grader.

“The furniture was very intentional to increase efforts for collaboration with the students,” Dischner said.

Another intentional effort the architects made while designing the school was ensuring every classroom was technology friendly. Technology will be a key learning tool at the school, since it will follow a STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – focused curriculum.

Every classroom in the school is equipped with a smart board and document camera, and each grade level has access to a different type of technology. Kindergarten classrooms will have iPads, first and second grade classrooms will have laptop carts and the upper levels – grades

three, four and five – will have personal devices for each student.

The school’s design also pays homage to its namesake, Ferdinand T. Day.

The lobby of the school features a seven by 22 foot timeline dedicated to Day, a civil rights leader who was elected to the Alexandria City School Board just 10 years after the Brown vs. Board of Education decision and who became the first African American to be elected chair of a public school board in Virginia.

The timeline, designed in-house by ACPS’ office of communications, lays out Ferdinand T. Day’s story in the context of Alexandria’s and America’s civil rights history.

Black and white photos with varying outlines – blue for Day, yellow for national events and green for Alexandria – can be read as individual histories or together as one big timeline.

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place Aug. 30 in front of the timeline in the Ferdinand T. Day lobby. Born on Aug. 7, 1918, Day would’ve been 100 years old the same month as the school’s ribbon cutting.

City and school leaders were in attendance at the event, in addition to several of Ferdinand T. Day’s relatives, including his daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

“I think education was his first love, and he fought to be sure that it was equitable and

available for all,” Day’s daughter, Gwen Day-Fuller, said. “I am humbled to see his name on this building, but I strongly believe deep down inside that he deserved it. He was part of the bravest generation, and his dedication, love, passion and drive have brought us all to this momentous occasion today.”

Day’s great-granddaughters, Imani Christou-Fuller, 12, Chloe Christou-Fuller, 10, and Brianna Gwendolyn Ringer, 10, travelled from Boston to join their grandmother in cutting the ribbon.

“It’s really exciting because my great-grandfather was actually my favorite relative of all time,” Chloe Christou-Fuller said. “It makes me very happy that they’re naming a school after him where a lot of children can come here and learn.”

Hutchings concluded the program by saying without people like Day, a black man like him wouldn’t have been named the new superintendent of ACPS.

“Mr. Day has paved the way for me to stand here today,” Hutchings said. “It was because of a person like Mr. Day who was able to move, by trajectory, integration into all of our schools. That could not have been possible without his leadership, without his guidance, without his strength and his tenacity to be able to come out and really lead.”

- mschrott@alextimes.com

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In February 1855, W.G. Dix lectured on the “Climate, Scenery, and Productions of the Andes of South America.” A commenter in the Alexandria Gazette noted the lecture was “instructive and interesting” and that Dix “interspersed his discourse with pleasing anecdotes,” implying that he had visited the region.

In December 1855, Rev. John Morris of Baltimore shared his “Personal Adventures in the Alps” in a free lecture for the Young Men’s Christian Association. He illustrated his lecture with “beautiful paintings of the various scenes through which [he] passed.”

Over the years, lecture topics varied at Lyceum Hall and renters used the hall for a wide range of activities. But

tales of travel to exotic foreign locales, often illustrated to bring them to life, gave Alexandrians a chance to visit London and Paris; explore Pompeii and Vesuvius; climb the Alps and the Andes and discover other distant places without ever leaving the confines of Lyceum Hall.

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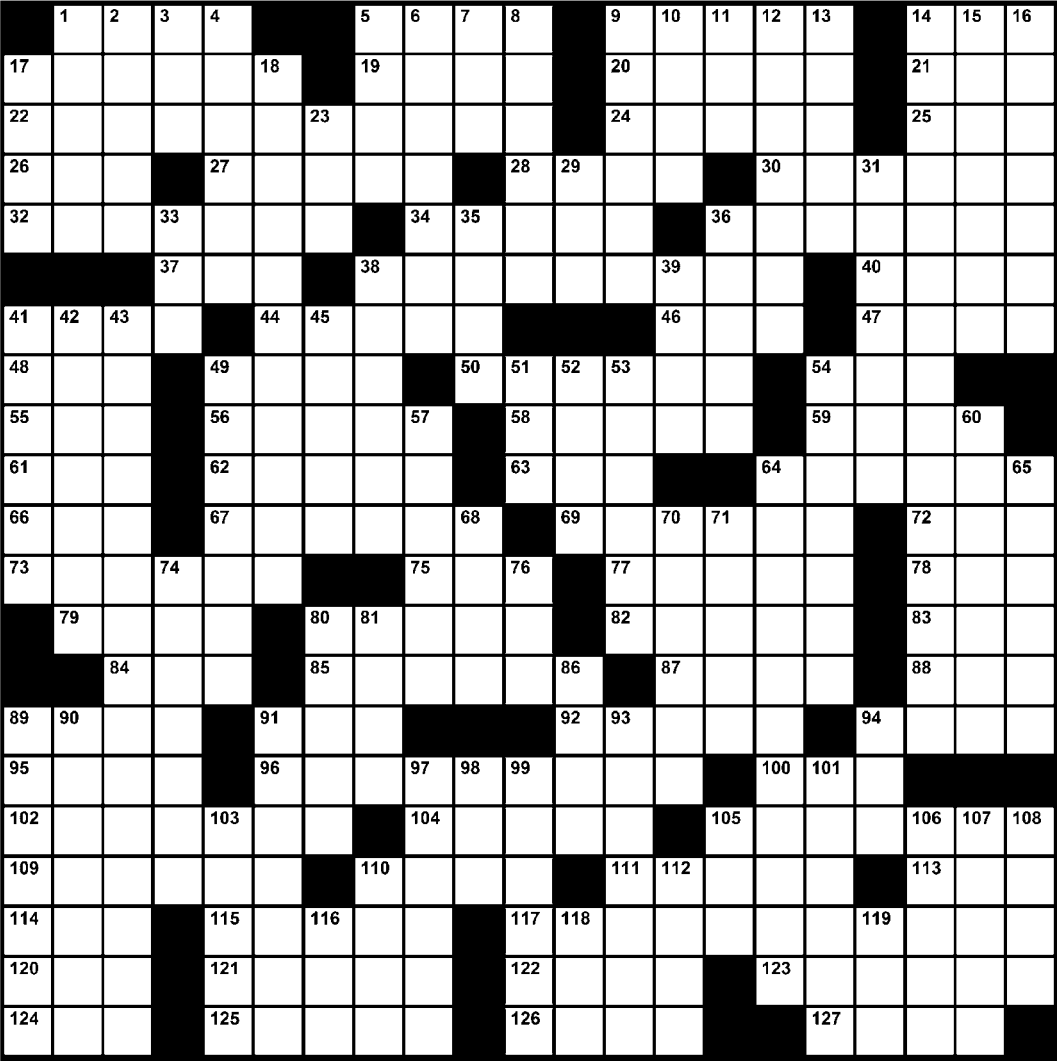
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- 31 Recover from

33 Color quality

35 Like neat beds

36 Some sweet pastries

38 A whole bunch

39 Chore

41 Make lovable

42 Welcoming thing

43 "Jaws" devourer

45 Quiet periods

49 Some tribal VIPs

51 "Blindspot" network

52 Not clerical

53 "Oh, really?"

54 Stalemate

57 Lethargy

60 Bring down in worth

64 Creature in the mountains

65 Split of a sort

68 Gyro bread

70 Thing on a 9-ball

71 Good thing on a hot day

74 Plain-weave cotton

76 Advanced deg.

80 Genre

81 Stead

86 List-ending abbr.

89 Legendary password user

90 Some dried medicinal roots

91 Up-to-date

93 Constituent part

94 U-turn from NNW

97 Leveled

98 Earned the title

99 Sounded reptilian

101 Exhaustive, as an effort

103 Dunkable cookies

105 Cash convenience, briefly

106 ___ prosequi (court-record entry)

107 Some ashes

108 Rusher's gain

110 Roman attire

112 Make less difficult

116 Roofing sealant

118 "This ___ shall pass"

119 Neckpiece of Hawaii

Classifieds

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
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LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2018 beginning at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

BAR Case #2018-00267
Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 801 South Royal Street
Applicants: Michael & Alexis Doxey

BAR Case #2018-00268
Request for alterations at 801 South Royal Street
Applicants: Michael & Alexis Doxey

BAR Case #2018-00343
Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 609 South Lee Street
Applicant: Steve Kelmar

BAR Case #2018-00344
Request for addition/alterations and HVAC equipment screening waiver at 609 South Lee Street
Applicant: Steve Kelmar

BAR Case #2018-00352
Request for new construction at 1101 North Washington Street
Applicant: Toll Mid-Atlantic LP Company, Inc

BAR Case #2018-00371
Request for signage at 620 Queen Street
Applicant: Manchester Condominium

BAR Case #2018-00372
Request for alterations at 1125 King Street
Applicant: Ted Pronel Georgicsbpines LLC aka J McLaughlin

BAR Case #2018-00373
Request for signage at 1125 King Street
Applicant: Ted Pronel Georgicsbpines LLC aka J McLaughlin

BAR Case #2018-00374
Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 203 South Union Street
Applicant: Keith Urbahn & Matthew Latimer

BAR Case #2018-00375
Request for alterations at 203 South Union Street
Applicant: Keith Urbahn & Matthew Latimer

BAR Case #2018-00376

Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 1850 Carpenter Road
Applicant: Michael Becker

BAR Case #2018-00377
Request for alterations at 1850 Carpenter Road
Applicant: Michael Becker

BAR Case #2018-00378
Request for partial demolition/capsulation at 314 Wolfe Street
Applicants: Mark Poskaitis & Jill DiPasquale

BAR Case #2018-00379
Request for addition and alterations at 314 Wolfe Street
Applicants: Mark Poskaitis & Jill DiPasquale

Update on Consolidation of the Boards of Architectural Review Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or at www.alexandriava.gov/dockets.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, FORSYTH COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
18 CVD 566

Maria Pereira Hernandez, Plaintiff, v. Reyes Aristides Velasquez, Defendant.

To: Reyes Aristides Velazquez,

Please take notice that a Complaint for Child Custody has been filed in the above-entitled action. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 2nd day of October, 2018, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 23rd day of August, 2018.

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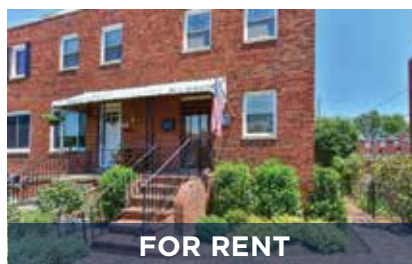
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