



Jen Mueller and Maya introduce Alexandria Police Officers Jon Griffin and Eric Barnes to the yoga exercise.

108 Sun Salutations

Dozens of children and their parents participated in the Fall 2012 YoKids Challenge at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14. YoKid, a nonprofit children's yoga instruction program, provides free instruction in yoga postures for children of all ages. YoKid instructors introduced the children to the sun salutation sequence, a flowing sequence of postures that energize and strengthen the body while calming and focusing the mind. Whole Foods Market stores in Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. co-sponsored the event with YoKid. The challenge was to complete 108 sun salutations broken into four sets of 27. After the



YoKid organizer and instructor Kelsey Mitchell leads the participants in the first set of 27 sun salutations at the YoKids Challenge. Annabelle Cape moves up to get a closer look at Kelsey during the exercise.

completion of the challenge, participants were invited to visit the Healthy Eating Fair that included a variety of vendors providing numerous healthy food option samples.



Jen Mueller calls out the moves in the sun salutation as Alexandria Police Officer Eric Barnes follows her lead.



Imena Samson strikes a lotus position in the yoga warm-up. Imena came with her mom, Shanna, and Fernanda Pinedo, an exchange student from Mexico studying at T.C. Williams High School.

Choice: Insiders Versus Outsiders

Growth, development, taxes and spending form dividing line between city candidates.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

When they head into the voting booths on Election Day, Alexandria voters will be confronted with a choice: Do they like the recent direction of government at City Hall, where controversial planning decisions have divided the city and the average residential tax bill has nearly doubled in the last decade? Or are they looking for people who will work against the status quo?

For the most part, that's a parti-

san question.

Democrats have been in control of the city for years and have supported plans to increase density along the waterfront and the West End. Republicans and independents have offered a critical voice, challenging the direction of the development and the pace of spending. Now voters will have the final say when they choose a mayor and six City Council members on Nov. 6.

"We've let developers basically dictate a lot of the public policy," said independent mayoral candi-

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Eye of the Beholder

Artist loses commission because he used religious symbols in Freedmen's Cemetery sculpture.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

The Contraband and Freedmen's Cemetery is no stranger to controversy. Now a new conflict has emerged at the final resting place for dozens of former slaves. This one is about art and religion, two subjects that many people shy away from in polite conversation. The public debate now enveloping the project in south Old Town has long ago dispensed with niceties.

"It's a robbing of the African culture," said artist Ed Dwight. "And

it's shameful."

Dwight is a Colorado-based artist whose work was chosen by a selection panel to be featured at the memorial. The panel was composed of people who had been part of the group that approved the design of the memorial as well as descendants of people who are buried there. But the stakeholder group's selection of Dwight to receive the commission was overturned by the Public Art Committee, which ditched Dwight's sculpture in favor of a separate submission proposed by

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Private Virtue is a public good.

That's the result of a decision this week at the Alexandria Circuit Court, which is giving the green light to city officials who want to lease part of a public alley to a private restaurant known as Virtue. The case went all the way to the Virginia Supreme Court before it was remanded back to the Circuit Court, where the Boat Club argued that they had a right to use the alley to transport their boats.

"Once a piece of land was treated as a public way, it was dedicated to the public, it became a public way by operation of the city charter," said City Attorney James Banks. "That's a very clear principal of law, and that was really the turning point for the entire case."

The history of the alley dates back to the earliest days of the city, when former Mayor John Fitzgerald and businessman Valentine Peers had joint ownership of land that's now known as Wales Alley. Back then it was called Fitzgerald Alley, until Andrew Wales started selling beer in the alley in 1786. Three years later, Fitzgerald and Peers decided to dissolve their joint ownership, creating a deed that allowed "free use and passage." Boat Club President Miles Holtzman says the Boat Club's right to use the alley dates to that deed.

"Usually with eminent domain, it's property being taken from a private entity for public good. In this case, it was given to another private property owner."

Print Is Not Dead

How modern is Alexandria City Hall?

Visitors are bombarded with messages about how they can find this or that online, and callers are often referred to the city's website for information. Then there are all the Facebook and Twitter posts. But when it comes to the old-fashioned tax bill, well that's a hard copy document that arrives snail mail.

"I heard some distressing news yesterday, that nobody has proposed modernizing this City Council's business with the people in the form of taxation notices," said Caryle neighborhood resident Grant Withers. "We still get them in the mail, and I wonder if we can get them in email."

"The government always gets accused of folks always saying they never got their notice," responded Mayor Bill Euille. "Folks really like to have a hard copy, but we can certainly take under consideration your suggestion about emailing."

Maybe there are now three certainties in life — death, taxes and email.

Price of Public Art

Public art is always a matter of controversy.

Is the statue of a Confederate veteran appropriate for the intersection of Prince and Washington streets? Should that strange eyeball overlook Canal Place? Does that strange sculpture at the intersection of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon avenues have pornographic undertones? Perhaps a more vexing question is how and when private businesses are required to donate public art.

"We do not support the lack of clarity and guidance on the amount of money that developers will be expected to contribute," said David Millard, representing a group of commercial real-estate owners. "The policy has had a number of extravagant suggestions for what this contribution should be."

Last weekend, City Council members considered a policy for public art but eventually concluded that it needed more work. In the next few weeks, city officials will be considering a policy that would dictate private funding of 30 cents a square foot of development with a cap of \$75,000. That means smaller development will not be exempt. The new draft policy is also expected to clarify how the requirement can be fulfilled and when the contribution should be expected.

"We need to adopt a policy," said Mayor Bill Euille. "And we need to do it quickly."

A final decision has been docketed for the Oct. 23 City Council meeting.

— Michael Lee Pope

News



Photos by Jack Crawford/ASF

Riverfest shoppers browse silent auction items Oct. 13 at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's facility behind Robinson Terminal South in Old Town.

Riverfest 2012 Foundation hosts Seaport Day fundraiser.

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation played host to more than 150 attendees at the 2012 Seaport Days festival and second annual Riverfest Oct. 13 at its waterfront facility in Old Town.

Located behind Robinson Terminal South, eight local restaurants participated in the Oktoberfest-like event including Virtue Feed and Grain, Faccia Luna, Chadwick's, Union Street Public House, Pizzeria Paradiso, Hard Times Café, Bittersweet Café and Port City Brewing. Entertainment was provided by the Randy Barrett bluegrass trio as well as local country singer John Stone.

Proceeds from the event support the programs of the foundation, which uses boat building as a way to improve the lives of young people. Through project-based learning, Alexandria Seaport Founda-

tion apprentices gain carpentry skills, social skills and life skills while at the same time working toward their GED. The foundation also works with 120 local middle school students in partnership with Alexandria City Public Schools and reaches hundreds of youth across the country through its Building to Teach program, which trains other organizations in hands-on learning.

The foundation hosts an open shop on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at its 2 Duke Street facility for anyone interested in boatbuilding. Many volunteer opportunities are available including tutoring, mentoring, teaching workshop skills and event planning. For information on events and activities at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, contact Kathy Seifert at 703-549-7078.

— Jeanne Theismann



The Randy Barrett trio entertains the crowd at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's second annual Riverfest.

People



Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel delivers the keynote address at the service.



Photos by Scott Saltgaver

Captain Thurston McClain, President of the Volunteer Firefighters Jay Johnson, Fire Chief Adam Thiel and Captain Luis Santano salute after placing the memorial wreath at the foot of the memorial.

Alexandria Fire/EMS Holds Memorial Service

The annual Alexandria Fire/EMS Memorial Service was held at Ivy Hill Cemetery on Thursday morning, Oct. 11. The memorial service honors the men and women of the Alexandria Fire Services. Following the service and wreath-laying ceremony, lunch was served in the First Baptist Church.



Retired fire department employee Callie Terrell places a rose in memory of a fallen member of the Alexandria Fire Services. Holding the vessel is Captain Thurston McClain.



Lieutenant Matthew Craig plays Taps at the conclusion of the annual memorial service at Ivy Hill Cemetery.



The memorial took place last Thursday morning in the Memorial Circle at Ivy Hill. In the center of the circle is an obelisk erected by the citizens of Alexandria in memory of the seven firefighters of Company 4 who lost their lives in a King Street store fire on Nov. 17, 1855.

Military Notes

More than 500 members of the New York Air National Guard received recognition for their service in a combat zone on Sunday, Sept. 12 during the 106th Rescue Wing Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony. 2nd Lt. **Eugene A Finkle** from Alexandria, assigned to the 106th Maintenance Squadron was recognized for service overseas. The Hometown Heroes program recog-

nizes Airmen who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom (operations in Afghanistan) since Sept. 11, 2001.

Navy Seaman Shane J. Murphy, son of Carol C. and John O. Murphy of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Murphy is a

2004 graduate of T. C. Williams High School of Alexandria. He is a 2011 graduate of Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, with an associate's degree.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jessa R. Gatchalian graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Marivel Reyes of Duke

St., Alexandria.

Coast Guard Seaman Christopher J. Graves, son of John S. Graves, of Alexandria, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Air Force Airman Angel L. Bush graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Texas. He is the son of Dale Collier of Parkcenter Drive, Alexandria, and nephew of Debbie Forbes of Ross St., Kissimmee, Fla. Bush graduated in 2009 from North Kissimmee Christian School, Kissimmee.

Army Pvt. John-Patrick P. Sunga has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill,

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News



Port City Brewery's Jen Chace, Janet Barnett and Cathy Puskar at the Senior Services of Alexandria's Oct. 16 Oktoberfest to support Meals On Wheels. Barnett is holding Port City's bronze medal-winning Monumental IPA craft beer.



Alexandria Chamber of Commerce chair Andrew Palmieri and Roger Parks toast the Meals On Wheels program at the Port City Brewery Oktoberfest.

Photos by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet

Oktoberfest Benefits Seniors Port City Brewery hosts Meals On Wheels fundraiser.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

The award-winning Port City Brewery hosted the inaugural Senior Services of Alexandria Oktoberfest tour and tasting fundraiser Oct. 16 to support the Meals On Wheels program for homebound seniors.

"We know there are seniors going hungry out there," said Executive Director Janet Barnett. "We already provide meals to about 70 homebound se-

niors but because of pride, there are many more who won't raise their hands and say 'I need help.'"

More than 100 attendees turned out to support the program and to sample the locally-brewed craft beers, including the Monumental IPA, which was just awarded the Bronze Medal at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver.

"We're honored to support the Meals On Wheels program," said Port City's tasting room manager Jen Chace. "We're also proud to introduce a new audi

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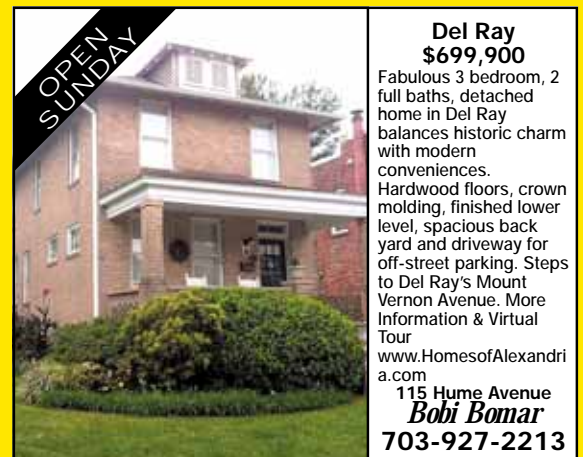
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A Fond Farewell

Women Mean Business group disbands.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

For 12 years, they gathered in the early morning hours each week with the single purpose of helping in the city's fight against breast cancer. But after raising more than \$100,000 for the annual walk and spearheading the inauguration of a new surgical fund, the members of Women Mean Business have decided to disband.

"We're a small group of women and several of us were not able to do it this year," said Carolyn Wilder as a few members of the group met one last time Oct. 9. "We took a hard look at where we were in our lives and decided that there just wasn't enough man power to do a successful event."

Founded in 2000 by Donna Udvari of Burke and Herbert Bank, Donna McIntyre of Today's Cargo and Rose Gentile of Gentile Financial Group, Women Mean Business raised funds for the Walk Fund through an annual silent auction. In 2010, auction proceeds helped launch the new Breast Cancer Surgical Fund.

"Beginning in 2005, we held a silent auction as a fundraiser for the Walk," said WMB president Mary Breiner. "In 2010, proceeds helped launch the Surgical Fund, a public/private partnership between the City of Alexandria and Inova Alexandria Hospital. The fund pays for surgical and anesthesiology expenses at the

Medicaid rate for uninsured women who have no means to pay for breast cancer surgery — including lumpectomies and mastectomies."

With full-time jobs and families of their own, the small group of nine women did all the work behind the auction, from soliciting donations to setting up tables the day of the event.

"We worked very well together," said Breiner, a partner in the Old Town law firm of Breiner & Breiner. "We each respected each other's strengths."

Wilder, a retirement coach and president of Great Transitions, was quick to chime in.

"My strength was as a street walker," she said with a laugh. "I was known for walking along King Street soliciting donations for the auction."

Other members of the group included Sally Hitchcock, Carla Clark, Jennifer Harchick and Victoria Almquist.

"This wasn't an easy decision to make," said Almquist, director of outreach at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "But several of us had been mulling it over and realized that after surpassing our goal of \$100,000, this would be a good time to go out."

Almquist, a seven-year breast cancer survivor, stressed the need for continued sup-

port for the city's breast cancer programs.

"We can't thank our supporters enough for helping us in our mission," Almquist said. "But we want to remind everyone that the fund is still out there. There is still a vital need and this is still a worthy cause. Hopefully we've gotten the surgical fund well-known enough in the community that people will continue to donate."

The women did not hesitate to credit Lisa Baker, the executive director of Alexandria's

Commission for Women, Marianne Raub of Helen Olivia Florist and ACT's John Porter for contributing to the success of the silent auction, which began as a small reception in an office lobby and ended last year with 150 attendees gathering at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Old Town.

"The Silent Auction Event was known for its 'look' — beautiful flowers, delicious food and wine and fabulous items ranging from original art and jewelry to oriental rugs and sailing cruises on the Chesapeake," Almquist said. "All of the donated items came from local businesses and supporters and we and the city owe them a huge debt of gratitude."

As the final meeting of Women Mean Business concluded, Breiner, Almquist and Wilder talked of the volunteer efforts of WMB members in other Alexandria nonprofits.

"None of us have stopped contributing to the community," said

Breiner, noting in particular Wilder's work with Senior Services and Gentile's involvement with Living Legends. "We've just transitioned into other things. But we are leaving with a sense of accomplishment — that a small group really can accomplish something."

For more information or to donate to the Oct. 20 Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, visit www.alexcanerwalk.com or call 703-746-3123.



Women Mean Business members, shown prior to last year's silent auction to raise money for the city's breast cancer surgical fund, have decided to disband after 12 years.

Photos by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet



Mary Breiner, Victoria Almquist and Carolyn Wilder meet Oct. 9 for a final gathering of Women Mean Business members. Since 2007, the group raised more than \$100,000 to provide mammograms and diagnostics to uninsured women.

"We are leaving with a sense of accomplishment — that a small group really can accomplish something."
— Women Mean Business president Mary Breiner

Port City Brewery Hosts Meals On Wheels Fundraiser

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ence to our selection of beers, which also recently won a gold and two bronze medals at the Virginia Craft Beer Festival in Charlottesville last month."

Barnett conceived of the event to raise awareness and funds specifically for the

Meals On Wheels program, one of many that Senior Services provides for city residents.

"We want people to know

"We know there are seniors going hungry out there."

— Senior Services of Alexandria Executive Director Janet Barnett

that we are here for them," Barnett said. "Even on a temporary basis, like when someone comes home from the hospital

or can't use a stove, we are here to help see that no senior in this city ever goes hungry."

For more information or to make a donation to Meals On Wheels, call 703-836-4414 ext. 12 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Police Investigate Sexual Assault

Alexandria Police are investigating a sexual assault that occurred on Thursday, Oct. 11, at approximately 11:30 p.m. near the intersection of Van Dorn Street and Courtney Avenue.

A 20 year-old female city resident was walking from the intersection of Eisenhower Avenue and Van Dorn Street, when she was approached by a man who displayed a knife and demanded money. The victim told the suspect she didn't have any money. The suspect then grabbed the victim and pulled her over a guard-rail and into the bushes where he sexually assaulted her. The suspect then fled the area on foot heading north towards S. Pickett Street.

The suspect is described as Hispanic, in his late 20s or early 30s, approximately 5'7", weighing close to 150 pounds. He had short black hair and was clean shaven. The suspect was wearing a dark brown t-shirt, blue jeans, tennis shoes and black framed glasses. The victim was not seriously injured.

Detectives do not believe that this incident is related to the prior assaults that occurred in the Holmes Run Parkway area.

Anyone with information about this incident or who might have been in the area is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Section at 703-746-6711.

Witnesses can remain anonymous.

Suspect Sought in Robbery

Alexandria Police are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect involved in the robbery of the Dunkin Donuts, located at 4653 Duke St. On Thursday, Oct. 11, at 11:15 a.m., the suspect entered the business, displayed a handgun and demanded an employee to open the cash register. The employee complied and the suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the store. He was last seen in a small blue vehicle heading westbound on Duke Street. The victim was not injured.

The suspect is described as a black male, in his mid-20s, 5'10" to 5'11", with a thin build. He had short hair and was wearing khaki pants and a white plaid shirt.

Surveillance video of the robbery and the suspect can be viewed on the Alexandria Police Department's YouTube Channel: youtube.com/AlexandriaVAPD.

Anyone with information about this case or who recognizes the suspect in the surveillance video is asked to call Detective Chris Whelan of the Criminal Investigations Section at 703-746-6884.

Water Main Upgrades Underway

Virginia American Water has started water main upgrades on South Lee Street and Lee Court in Alexandria to enhance water quality, improve service reliability and increase flows for fire protection. The cost of the water system improvements is approximately \$265,000.

Beginning this week, Virginia American Water will replace approximately 800 feet of six-inch pipeline along South Lee Street between Jefferson Street and Jones Point Park with a new eight-inch water main. In addition, crews will replace 160 feet of two-inch water main on Lee Court with a new six-inch main. Portions of the existing pipes date back to 1950.

Crews will work weekdays between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The project is expected to last five months. At least one lane of traffic on South Lee Street and Lee Court will remain open while the project is underway.

'Fall Haul' To Benefit Inova

The Twig Thrift Shop located at 106 North Columbus St., Old Town Alexandria mounts its "Fall Haul Extended Hours Sale," with a kick off on Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28. In addition to regular store hours (9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) the shop will be open extended evening hours on Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., regular Saturday hours 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and extended hours on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital.

For more information call 703 683-5544. See www.thetwig.org

News



Photos contributed

Shoppers browse through the tables of home goods at last Saturday's yard sale at Keller Williams.

Yard Sale Supports Dinners for Needy Families

The parking lot at the Old Town Keller Williams office on S. Washington Street was transformed Saturday morning, Oct. 13 into a large White Elephant/Yard Sale. Tables were filled with gently used, high quality home goods. The sale raised \$1,665 for the upcoming annual Thanksgiving Dinner Event.

Last year, the staff and Keller Williams agents, working with ALIVE!, provided and delivered 60 Thanksgiving dinners to families in Alexandria. Each family received a turkey, pumpkin pie, bag of potatoes, dinner rolls, stuffing, green beans, corn and cranberries. This year a goal of 100 dinners has been set.



Bryan Taylor, Brenda Stone and Christina Wood take a short break with a Buddha on the loveseat in the parking lot.



Keller Williams agent Teri Welch helps a customer at the sale.



Photo by Michael Lee Pope/Gazette Packet

All 12 City Council candidates appear on stage at Lyles-Crouch elementary school.

Growth, Development, Taxes, Spending Separate Candidates

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date Andrew Macdonald during a recent candidates forum. “We don’t need to let Moody’s dictate what kind of development we will have.”

On the campaign trail, Macdonald and others have been critical of Mayor Bill Euille and the Democrats for supporting the waterfront plan and the Beauregard plan, which allow developers to dramatically increase the scale of development in Alexandria. They’ve accused insiders for letting open space and affordable housing slip away, and they’ve been critical of spending priorities at City Hall.

“For all the things, Mr. Macdonald, that you and a few folks in this community are raising Cain over and suggesting that everything is wrong and that we’ve been a failure at it, it’s just the opposite,” Euille said at a recent forum. “If you get out and be among people in the community, if you go and attend events and if you are all over the city like I am, and if you are even outside the city like I am, you will hear from people that they are very pleased.”

THIS ELECTION YEAR is like none other in the long history of Alexandria. Ever since the city first began electing leaders, local races were held early in the year — sometimes as early as February, with recent years having May elections. But after two Democrats lost their seats in 2009, the lame-duck members of the all-Democratic City Council ditched the May election in favor of moving local elections to November, when record number of Democrats are expected at the polls to support the reelection of incumbent President Barack Obama.

“I think the move was cynical by those who lost,” said Republican Bob Wood. “I think it was moved to the national election to put it underneath the cloud of national politics.”

Democrats have defended the move as a way to increase the number of voters who participate in the process and save money. The move gives Democrats an advantage because of the sheer number of voters who

will be voting in the presidential election — many of whom would never think about voting in a May election for mayor and City Council. One potential stumbling block for the party, though, is the layout of the ballot. Party labels will not appear for city candidates, and the Republican candidates will appear first.

“After you vote for the president, turn over that ballot and the first name you are going to see is Frank Fannon,” said Frank Fannon in his closing remarks at a recent debate. “Put a check by it.”

NO OTHER ISSUE has dominated city politics in recent years like the waterfront plan. The zoning change would almost triple density allowed at three sites on the waterfront compared to what’s there now. The proposal led to several emotional public hearings, culminating in a January vote that’s now being challenged in court.

“I think the original proposal made by the city went way too far, and I can understand why people got upset,” said former Democratic Councilman Tim Lovain. “But over the course of a couple of years with a lot of input from citizens, that plan was greatly improved and in the end I thought it was a pretty balanced plan that I would have favored.”

Allison Silberberg is the lone Democrat on the ballot who opposes the waterfront plan. Although she was one of a handful of candidates who opposed the plan during the primary earlier this year, she was the only one who won a spot on the ticket. Now she is an outsider among insiders, speaking out against a plan that has the support of every other Democrat running for City Council.

“The plan did not have consensus, and I felt that we should pause and get it right,” said Silberberg. “While National Harbor is great to some people, to some people it feels like Pottersville.”

ALL THREE Republicans oppose the waterfront plan, as do Libertarian candidate Robert Kraus and independent candidate Glenda Davis. They are trying to capitalize

on the unpopularity of the plan, especially in Old Town. Many residents who live close to the three sites slated for redevelopment feel that their concerns were dismissed by city officials, who refused to accept a protest petition calling for a supermajority vote to pass the plan.

“Upzoning is a mistake,” said Republican Councilwoman Alicia Hughes. “You’ve got three private properties that make up this plan. Essentially develop them parcel by parcel and let the citizens have their day and save the taxpayer dollars.”

Supporters of the plan — all the Democrats with the exception of Silberberg — say it was the best possible outcome. They say Alexandria does not have the money to purchase them, and allowing by-right development would have privatized the waterfront by adding new residential properties that would not welcome the public. Meanwhile, giving developers additional density would give the city an ability to seek money for flood mitigation and transportation improvements.

“The waterfront is the reason that Alexandria is Alexandria, and it’s what makes us different in the region,” said former Democratic Councilman Justin Wilson. “Unfortunately, many of the folks on this stage are laboring under the assumption that the preservation of the status quo was a possibility.”

AS THE CAMPAIGN heads into the final stretch, each of the candidates has been crafting their own message to voters about what they would do if elected. Independent candidate Jermaine Mincey, for example, answers every question by saying he will “listen to the people.” But when pressed about how he would have voted on key issues, he declines to say what he would have done if he had been a council member when those votes were taken. On the campaign trail, he has repeatedly called attention to a civic engagement plan known as “What’s Next Alexandria,” which he says was modeled after his campaign platform.

“The first line of that plan says to reach

out to the entire community,” said Mincey. “If the current council members and former council members would have done this during the Beauregard plan, they would have realized there was a problem.”

Incumbent Democrats such as Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg have defended recent actions of City Council, describing the direction of City Hall as responsible and responsive in a time of economic uncertainty. First-time candidate John Chapman has largely agreed with the recent direction of city government, although he said he might have voted to defer action on the Beauregard plan during the primary. More recently, he said the public participation during the waterfront plan and other plans have been lacking.

“A number of small-area plans have not yielded consensus with citizens,” said Chapman. “We need to figure out how to get it better — how do we not waste your time by not having you come to a meeting in the evening to hear about a plan that you are, two weeks later, going to hear about the same thing.”

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— John Chapman

Opinion

Pick Your Own Election Day

It's called "absentee voting in person," and there are a lot of reasons why you should.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The deadline to register to vote is past, although in Northern Virginia, it's clear that a very high percentage of eligible voters are registered.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters registered in Virginia, and 3,752,858 actually voted. Just in the month of September 2012, Fairfax County saw more than 6,000 newly registered voters, for a total of 646,881 active voters. Arlington registered more than 3,300 new voters in September, with more than 130,000 active voters total. Alexandria added more than 1,300 new voters last month alone, with 81,847 active voters.

Voting on Election Day at one's home precinct is often a wonderful experience, especially if you are a regular voter. Yes, there will be lines, but if the weather is nice, you can chat with your neighbors and enjoy the process. Assuming you can get to your polling place, the weather is nice and ...

In a survey by The Weather Channel last month in battleground states, between 20 and 35 percent of registered voters said that if there

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is bad weather on Election Day, they would be likely not to vote. Remember that the great Northern Virginia Earthquake was on a Primary Election Day, and that moderately unusual events, weather related and otherwise can turn the commute home into a multi-hour ordeal that could cause many voters to miss the 7 p.m. closing time at the polling places.

There is a way for voters to choose their own Election Day. Pick a day that works for you, check the weather forecast and go vote.

From now until Nov. 3, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area, and more.

In the City of Alexandria, absentee voting in person continues through Saturday, Nov. 3. Regular hours for in-person absentee voting

are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100.

Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25. Beatley will be open for voting Monday to Thursday, noon-8 p.m.; Fridays, noon-6 p.m.; Saturdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

In Alexandria, if you use a paper ballot, don't forget to vote both sides of the ballot.

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

Saturday, Nov. 3 is the last day to vote absentee-in-person.

Voters can also vote absentee by mail. The deadline to submit an application to have an absentee ballot mailed to you is Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. The application must be received at the Voter Registration Office by that time. Voters who request a mailed absentee ballot must return them to their local elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6, for the ballot to be counted.

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

Letters to the Editor

Metro on Scenic Easement?

To the Editor:

The Potomac North Plan that was adopted on May 10, 2010 talks about possible sites for the Potomac Yard Metro, but it is very vague, saying only that:

"After the initial screening, three of the eight original station location alternatives remained

under consideration and could proceed to the environmental analysis phase of the feasibility process: No build, A and the B Alternatives" (page 58 North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan).

Furthermore, the report gives no specific impacts on any of the alternatives, and I have been told repeatedly that the city has not committed itself to any one option. Yet, on June 3, 2010, the city signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the developer, requiring them to contribute only if option B is chosen — in

essence, making it the preferred option. So, when developer contributions towards a Metro Station are touted as part of the plan, the City Council is in fact endorsing only Option B.

"The parties acknowledge and agree that the financial structure set forth herein as well as the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan and related rezoning will only work if either location B-2 or B-3 (either in their current location or with minor adjustments due to environmental studies or final engineering) is designated for the Metrorail Station, and that if site "A" is chosen, or if the "no-build" alternative is chosen, CPYR shall have no obligation for financial contributions or undertakings contemplated by this Agreement" (point 8).

Now that I bring it up, I am informed that I should have known that B was always the preferred option of the city, which is the one that does most harm to the parkway, both in the short and long term. When I point out that one cannot discern this from the public documents provided at the hearing on May 10, 2010, I am informed that everyone, including the City Council, was told that, because of the Environmental Impact statement (EIS), the report could not be specific. However since all analysis and assumptions in the plan presuppose option B, we should all have known that B is the City Council option. This is an absurd argument.

In the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Concept Development Study, it is clear that the Metro location for Option B lies in a scenic easement on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Neither the Staff Report nor the Small Area Plan presented at the public hear

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School Supply Drive

The Alexandria Sheriff's Office collected school supplies for Alexandria City Public Schools students in need and delivered them to the ACPS central office on Monday, Oct. 15. Community Relations Deputy Valarie Wright organized the supply drive, collecting donations for notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, glue, rulers, scissors, and hand sanitizer from Sheriff's Office staff and a \$250 donation from Alexandria Sheriff's Association. In addition, the Sheriff's Office donated 50 backpacks. Arnecia Moody, an ACPS social worker who serves as the homeless liaison, will be able to get the supplies to children and youth who need them most, including homeless students. Above Wright and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne look over some of the school supplies.



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Aging Well in Alexandria

By Mary Lee Anderson
Resource Center Director

Senior Services of Alexandria recently co-sponsored an event at the Watergate at Landmark for their senior residents on "Aging Well in Alexandria." This vibrant condominium community, located in the west end of Alexandria, is home to many engaged and active seniors who turned out to hear from a variety of speakers about the myriad of services that Alexandria offers for this special population.

Senior Services of Alexandria

The session opened with an excellent presentation by the Division of Aging and Adult Services Staff about the highlights of the City's Strategic Plan on Aging and

the many services provided by DAAS for seniors in our community. Staff from Senior Services of Alexandria gave an overview of the services it provides to seniors through its Resource Center and other programs including assistance with meals, money management, employment and in-home care. Representatives were also on hand from the Department of Parks and Recreation, AARP, Senior Navigator and the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP).

During the two-hour session, there was lively conversation and exchange of information among attendees. Senior Services of Alexandria will continue



From left: Debbie Ludington, long term care coordinator from the City of Alexandria and Mary Lee Anderson, resource center director at Senior Services of Alexandria share information with Watergate at Landmark residents on aging well in Alexandria.

its outreach to communities around the city to educate our seniors on all the resources available to them. Our mission is to foster independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity, and we are on a mission to get the word out. For more information about upcoming events call 703-836 4414, ext 10 or www.seniorservicesalex.org.

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ing in May 2010 reported on that.

The City Council has de-facto committed to putting the Metro Station on a National Park scenic easement. Now that I bring that up, the conversation becomes more explicit telling me that the parkway is not worth saving, I could not disagree more. It is the genesis of what Alexandria is today, because the Historic District was created to protect it.

There is another problem. The “we must be vague” argument is precisely the process that a City Council and city staff would have followed if they wanted to prevent the advocates of the George Washington Memorial Parkway from filling the room in objection to a

Metro Station on the scenic easement. Furthermore, the Memorandum of Understanding was not available to the public at the public hearing held on May 10, 2010. So those of us who feel we were deprived of the opportunity to object, how can we be made whole?

After bringing this up, and being told that the City Council has not made up its mind, council promptly entered a discussion with the Chamber of Commerce representatives about the benefits of getting a developer-funded Metro. How this benefit is arranged for (the developer only has to pay, if we put it on the Scenic Easement) is always omitted. As they say, the devil is in the details.

As the exiled duke said in

Shakespeare’s As You Like it, “Tis true I have seen better days,” so it is today I feel totally exiled from the city I moved to 25 years ago. I feel deceived by the non-transparency and obfuscation in the adoption of the 2010 plan to put the metro on the scenic easement.

Poul Hertel
Alexandria

Impressed By Candidate

To the Editor:

On Sept. 19 I attended a city-sponsored meeting at the Lee Center concerning potential new aquatic facilities for Alexandria. Only a handful of citizens showed up, but Andrew Macdonald was there. Initially I thought he was just there to campaign, but no — he stayed for the whole meeting. He and I sat side-by-side for two hours and worked together concerning new ideas for Alexandria pools, and he made many good contributions. I had a chance to chat with him quite a bit, and he seemed extremely sensible to me.

Following this positive experience, I attended a fundraiser for Dr. Macdonald on Oct. 6. In his remarks to the group, Andrew made it clear that he is not an ideologue. Rather, his main emphasis was that he strongly wants to get the community much more involved in city decision-making, instead of just presenting citizens with one “fait accompli” after another.

Andrew is a Ph.D. geologist who has presented lectures all over the world. He was on the Alexandria City Council 2003-2007, and was vice mayor 2006-2007. He is extremely intelligent, hard-working, and sensible. I am convinced that “Mayor Andrew Macdonald” would be a great improvement for Alexandria.

Roger J. Sullivan
Alexandria

Obvious Choice

To the Editor:

I am a woman who has lived long enough to have worked for 30 years, raise two daughters, become a grandmother, and become an active volunteer for causes I believe in. I’ve dealt with organizational budgets and home budgets. I have paid taxes (and still do) and poured over ways to maximize my earning power and my retirement.

I’ve dealt with the issue of equal pay for equal work in my life. I also know how it feels to be out of

work. I remember the time before Roe v Wade, and I worry that today’s women of child-bearing age think that having a choice about their healthcare is a right that will never go away. I remember a time when gay and lesbian and other LGBT men and women could not openly live a full life.

Because of these life experiences, I look for a leader who offers fairness and integrity. I think I am representative of a large percentage of women voters in Virginia and in the United States.

As I watched the debate last week between Tim Kaine and George Allen, I was struck by all the ways that Tim Kaine appealed to me, and probably to women and men of all ages. His openness and ability to articulate his positions was powerful. He knows how to balance a budget; he knows how to get a great bond rating for the state; he knows we have to invest in education, in alternative energy; in our country’s infrastructure; he supports equal pay for equal work (the Lily Ledbetter act); he knows we need affordable healthcare and preventive care; he knows that women want to be in charge of their own healthcare and he stands in support of that; he supports Medicare and Social Security; he wants to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for better drug prices for Medicare.

And, Kaine, unlike many in his opponent’s party, brings no ideology into the lives of the people he will serve. He respects the fact that he will be governing all of the people, not just those who believe and think the way he does.

It seems to me that the choice between Tim Kaine and George Allen is not really much of a choice.

I’ll be voting for Tim Kaine for the U. S. Senate from Virginia. I hope you will, too.

Marianne Anderson
Alexandria

Out of Touch

To the Editor:

As a life long Alexandrian, I’m shocked and dismayed that Justin Wilson would run again after being thrown off of City Council by the voters in the last election. As a Council member, Wilson voted “for” BRAC and “against” helping the children of the Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club during the last recession. Doesn’t he realize that most of the citizens of Alexandria oppose unnecessary traffic congestion in our West End while support helping those organizations that serve our most

needy children! In my view, his values are completely out of touch with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents on these two major issues and probably many minor ones as well.

Gerald B. File
Alexandria

Housecleaning At City Hall

To the Editor:

During the mayoral debate on Oct. 2, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Old Dominion Boat Club, the North Old Town Independent Civic Citizens Association, and the Rosemont Citizens Association, I was struck by Mayor Euille’s unexpected frankness about the importance of the proposed Metro station for the Potomac Yard developers. He said in effect, “the Metro station at Potomac Yard is essential; otherwise that project will never be successful.” For those who were unable to attend this important debate and may want to hear the Mayor’s exact words, video clips of the entire debate are posted online at <http://www.youtube.com/user/MacdonaldforMayor>.

After the City Council meeting on Saturday, Oct. 13, however, we now know why Mayor Euille said this. At that meeting, Alexandria resident Poul Hertel read into the record portions of a two-year-old Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city government and the Potomac Yard developers. While I was not at this meeting, as I understand it, this MOU — which was never released publicly — states that unless the city adopts the Metro route through Potomac Yard that the developers want — regardless of the recommendations from the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for which the process is just now getting underway — the developers are under no obligation to contribute to the construction of the Metro station. I find this outrageous. Never mind that the developers’ preferred option also threatens the scenic easement along the George Washington Parkway. And I believe it is also true that the current city administration is already proposing to siphon off some of the next 30 years of tax revenues to help build this station — and that’s without having to absorb additional costs if the EIS ultimately recommends against the location that the developers prefer. No wonder the city never

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released this MOU, and no wonder the mayor is so adamant about the Metro station being essential to the project. One can only speculate as to how many other secret backroom deals may have been negotiated by the current Mayor and City Council.

This is yet another example where the deal is already done, and input from residents and en-

vironmental planning is just a sham. Examples like this clearly demonstrate that a thorough housecleaning at City Hall is long overdue. It is astounding to what lengths the current city administration is willing to go to encourage developers — even if it ends up saddling the city with additional costs.


Fortunately, on Nov. 6 Alexandrians will have the opportunity to vote for a fresh alterna-

tive and reset City Hall. This election is vitally important for the future of the city we love. Will Alexandria continue to be turned over to developers, as it has been throughout Mayor Euille's nine-year administration, or will it be returned to the citizens? The choice is yours, Alexandria.

Hugh Van Horn
Alexandria


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Missy says, "IT'S POLICY, NOT POLITICS! VOTE FOR BOB!"



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Vote for Change

To the Editor:

The time for change at City Hall is overdue, and we have a chance to effect that change on the first Tuesday of November. There are a lot of significant reasons for replacing most of our current leaders, but the most egregious among them are BRAC; the waterfront rezoning plan; the Beauregard small area plan; huge tour buses running amok in old town, clogging the streets and choking the citizenry with diesel engine smoke; and the outrageous decision to pay city manager Rashad Young approximately 23 percent more than he was paid in his last position as city manager of Greensboro, N.C., to manage a city just a little more than half the size of Greensboro.

For those who don't know: At the time Mr. Rashad was hired to manage our city of 144,301 (2011 estimated population), he was given a salary greater than that of his counterparts in Arlington (2011 estimated population: 240,875) and Fairfax County (2011 estimated population: 1,100,692). When Fairfax hired its new manager earlier this year he

was given a salary just \$12,000 more than Mr. Rashad's — to manage a county with a population 7.6 times larger than Alexandria's. Clearly, City Hall was out to lunch on this matter.

Repeatedly, our current leaders have done an unacceptable job of representing the interests of the majority of Alexandrians, choosing instead to cater to the wants of developers and other special-interest groups. Of particular concern are the BRAC Five: Mayor Euille, current council members Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, and two former council members seeking reelection — Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson.

I urge all eligible voters in Alexandria to vote for change on Nov. 6. We need it and we deserve it.

Robert T. Keelin
Alexandria

Fresh Alternative

To the Editor:

Not long ago, I saw a clip on television of Barack Obama saying that as President, he would represent all the people, no matter whether they had voted for him or not. I wish three-term Alexan-

dria Mayor Bill Euille shared that sentiment. I do not believe that he does. On Oct. 10, Mayor Euille refused to attend the candidates' forum of the Old Town Civic Association.

When he was invited to participate in a 30-minute debate with his opponent, Andrew Macdonald, before the association, Mayor Euille said he had to be at City Hall to chair a meeting of a new committee dealing with the possible future Potomac Yard Metro station on that evening.

The Metro station meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and the civic association meeting at 7 p.m. at Lyles Crouch School, just blocks away. The forum organizers rearranged the program of the forum in hopes that the Mayor would attend. All the candidates for council, except Mr. Smedberg who was out of town, assembled on stage in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. and took questions until almost 8:30 p.m. before an audience of 200 to 300 citizens.

At that point, the presiding board member, Michael Hobbs, announced an intermission. He

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allowed more than 30 minutes to pass to give the Mayor more time to appear. Finally Mr. Macdonald took the stage at 9:05 p.m. and answered the questions that would have been put to both candidates. The moderator enforced the time limits just as if time had to be allotted to the absent Mayor. This was a clear disadvantage for Mr. Macdonald since, without his opponent, there was no way for the citizens to compare their ideas and plans for the future of the city by

hearing the views of both.

The Transportation and Environmental Services Department has posted a video of the meeting Mayor Euille chaired on the city's web site. The tape shows the meeting lasting a little more than an hour. In other words, there was ample time for the Mayor to come to a citizens' meeting afterwards.

The Mayor has assumed that not many Old Town voters will support him on Nov. 6. Therefore no one in Old Town, not even good

citizens seeking to be better informed on local issues by hearing from all the candidates for office, were worthy of his time. Any elected official with such disdain and distaste for his voters cannot serve well in democratic government. This Mayor is unworthy of support. We need that fresh alternative that Andrew Macdonald is offering.

Katy Cannady
Alexandria

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Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
2005 DEWITT AVE	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$620,000	Detached	0.08	22301	DEL RAY
320 WEST ST S #104	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$597,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	DUKE CONDOMINIUM
1113 QUAKER HILL CT	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$591,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	QUAKER HILL
546 WEST ST N	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$590,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	COLECROFT
1119 MICHIGAN CT	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$590,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
341 HELMUTH LN	3	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$587,500	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
2718 HICKORY ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$587,000	Detached	0.09	22305	GROVES
814 FAYETTE ST N	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$582,500	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
708 MOUNT VERNON AVE #A	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$575,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	MOUNT VERNON GATE
2506 TERRETT AVE	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$575,000	Detached	0.13	22301	ABINGDON
4646 KIRKPATRICK LN	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$575,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #107	1	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$575,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #306	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$575,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO
1115 CAMERON ST #402	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$569,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	THE PRESCOTT
320 MASON AVE E	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$564,900	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
3306 RUSSELL RD	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$560,000	Detached	0.20	22305	ECHOWOOD
414 COLUMBUS ST S	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$560,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
4632 KEMP CT	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$555,000	Townhouse	0.03	22311	STONEGATE
537 COLECROFT CT	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$555,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	COLECROFT
3826 WATKINS MILL DR	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$552,500	Townhouse	0.05	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
4636 LATROBE PL	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$542,500	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
309 BELLEFONTE AVE E	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$540,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	RIVER TERRACE
803 DEVON PL	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$532,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
23 UHLER AVE	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$529,000	Townhouse	0.06	22301	GROVES MT
535 NELSON AVE E	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$525,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22301	LINDEN GARDENS
315 CUSTIS AVE E #A	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$525,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
627 COLUMBUS ST S #627	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$525,000	Townhouse		22314	ARCH HALL
532 NELSON AVE E	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$524,000	Townhouse	0.07	22301	LINDEN GARDENS
915 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$520,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	HUNTING CREEK
1133 POWHATAN ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$520,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
4614 LATROBE PL	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$515,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
1600 PRINCE ST #215	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$510,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	1600 PRINCE STREET
10 CUSTIS AVE E	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$505,000	Duplex	0.07	22301	GROVES MT
911 PORTNER PL	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$505,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	BASHFORD LANE CLUSTER
1605 HUNTING CREEK DR #B	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$503,000	Townhouse		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
811 LATHAM ST N	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$500,000	Detached	0.28	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #206	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$500,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO
1110 PORTNER RD	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
735 MASSEY LN #A	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$490,000	Townhouse		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
910 POWHATAN ST #104N	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$489,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1511	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$488,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
20 DEL RAY AVE W	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$480,000	Detached	0.11	22301	ROSECREST
400 MADISON ST #409	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$480,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
900 WASHINGTON ST N #301E	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$479,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
5816 PEARSON LN	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	SUMMERS GROVE
2920 HICKORY ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$472,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
450 CLAYTON LN	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$470,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	KENNINGSTON COURTS
808 PENDLETON ST	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$466,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
239 TENNESSEE AVE	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$465,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
364 SAINT ASAPH ST #18	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$465,000	Attach/Row Hse		22314	BROCKETTS CROSSING
1606 BOYLE ST	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$465,000	Semi-Detached	0.06	22314	BAGGETT TRACT
108 GRETNA GREEN CT #XII-70	2	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$462,500	Townhouse		22304	BRIGADOON
253 TENNESSEE AVE	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$460,000	Townhouse	0.06	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
448 GLEBE RD	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$460,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	BEVERLY HILLS MANOR
8 ANCELL ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$455,501	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
5086 DONOVAN DR #444	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$445,000	Townhouse		22304	CAMERON STATION
3806 BRIGHTON CT	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$445,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	BRIGHTON SQUARE
5812 SUMMERS GROVE RD	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$438,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	SUMMERS GROVE
5509 GARY AVE	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$435,000	Detached	0.21	22311	SHIRLEY FOREST
504 PICKETT ST	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$425,000	Detached	0.18	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
243 TENNESSEE AVE	3	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$425,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1004	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$420,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
25 FORREST ST	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$418,000	Detached	0.12	22305	GROVES
5600 HARDING AVE	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$410,000	Townhouse	0.10	22311	WESTRIDGE OF ALEXANDRIA
830 CHAMBLISS ST N	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$410,000	Detached	0.28	22312	LINCOLNIA HILLS
5435 BARRISTER PL	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$408,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	HOLLAND TOWNE
1038 PELHAM ST N	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$400,000	Townhouse	0.07	22304	KMS TOWNHOUSES
4010 DUKE ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$399,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON KNOLLS
120 FURMAN ST	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$394,500	Detached	0.11	22304	NA
208 BURGESS AVE	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$392,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
1737 KINGSGATE CT #1737	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$380,000	Townhouse		22302	KINGSGATE
1738 KINGSGATE CT #1738	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$378,000	Townhouse		22302	KINGSGATE
1104 VALLEY DR #605-11	3	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$370,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX
130 CAMERON ST #111	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$369,900	Townhouse		22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
220 ST ASAPH ST N #10	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$369,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	WHALES TAIL
3817 KELLER AVE #185	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$365,000	Townhouse		22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
110 CAMERON #102	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$362,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
507 PAYNE ST N	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$350,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	ALEXANDRIA
501 SLATERS LN #324	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$350,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	MARINA TOWERS
800 ST ASAPH ST S #307	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$341,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	ST ASAPH SQUARE
3758 JASON AVE #91	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$335,000	Townhouse		22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
525 FAYETTE ST N #304	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$335,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE HENRY
305 WESMOND DR	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$332,499	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	LYNHAVEN
525 FAYETTE ST N #320	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$330,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	THE MONARCH
3400 GUNSTON RD #735-34	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$322,400	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	PARKFAIRFAX
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #308	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$305,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #109	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$299,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	CAMERON STATION
1615B VAN DORN ST #1615B	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$299,000	Townhouse		22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
1200 BRADDOCK PL #403	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$299,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
205 YOAKUM PKWY #711	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$295,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #311	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$288,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	CAMERON STATION
3313 WYNDHAM CL #4219	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$282,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22302	POINTE AT PARK C
287 PICKETT ST S #102	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$282,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	HILLWOOD
4854 EISENHOWER AVE #245	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$275,300	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
4560 STRUTFIELD LN #1408	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$272,100	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311	PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER
1613 RIPON PL #837-16	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$265,000	Townhouse		22302	PARKFAIRFAX
4860 EISENHOWER AVE #199	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$260,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
307 YOAKUM PKWY #1612	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$260,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
5300 HOLMES RUN PKWY #202	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$258,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	GREENHOUSE
820 WASHINGTON ST S #329	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	BEARINGS SOUTH
207 SKYHILL RD #10	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$250,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	SEMINARY WALK
132 ROBERTS LN #303	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$245,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	FORT ELLSWORTH
309 YOAKUM PKWY #1511	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$237,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
3101 HAMPTON DR N #1107	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$230,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	NORTHAMPTON PLACE
4560 STRUTFIELD LN #1203	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA		\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22311	PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER
3101 HAMPTON DR N #1316	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA		\$228,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22302	NORTHAMPTON PLACE

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Eye of the Beholder

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Mario Chiodo.

"I know that having gone through this once before with the Versace memorial, it's an exhaustive process," said Councilman David Speck during a City Council meeting last week. "So when I saw the Public Art Committee choose a different artist, I wondered why that was."

City Manager Rashad Young explained that city officials determined that Dwight broke the rules.

"That artist chose to include religious symbols in the sculpture, even though the (request for proposals) noted that those were specifically prohibited," Young said.

DWIGHT SAYS that nobody from the city ever called him to explain that

his submission, which was chosen by the selection panel, was in violation of any of the rules. If he had received a call, the artist said, he would have explained that the African symbols that appear at the base of his design are mostly secular. He acknowledged that one or two of the traditional icons might have been a reference to God, but most of them are about abstract concepts like longevity and prosperity that were popular with the Africans sold into slavery in America.

"What are cemeteries about if they are not about religion?" asked Dwight. "The idea that they would even suggest that these slaves be stripped away from their religion, to me, is just insane."

Last weekend, City Council members approved the sculpture created by Chiodo. He also said that nobody from the city contacted him, and he said he didn't know his selection had been chosen until a reporter from the Alexandria Gazette Packet contacted him to ask about the controversy.

"This is like out of a movie," said Chiodo. "I'm ecstatic."

Chiodo explained that his sculpture is set on a twisting vine of thorns and roses. An opposed figure at the bottom is looking up. The next figure is starting to make his way up the twisting vine, and he is touching the foot of a dead child. Above that, a woman holds a baby in one arm while reaching toward figures representing sacrifice and hardship with a rose. The

final figure is standing on his toes holding a rose that has yet to bloom.

"That unbloomed rose represents freedom, that it's there but it has not come yet," said Chiodo. "Standing on his tiptoes, he is obviously avoiding the thorns on the path that he's walking on because it was not easy. It was very difficult."

FOR DWIGHT, the back-and-forth of winning the commission from the selection panel only to lose it from the Public Art Commission has been a difficult path. He said his artwork was aimed at representing the people who are buried there in a way that was as figurative as possible, which is how he read the lengthy document outlining what the city wanted. By contrast, Dwight said, the Chiodo sculpture that was selected did not meet the conditions outlined in the request for proposals.

"Why somebody would come up with some kind of abstract nonsense when the proposal itself asked for figurative images reflective of the people who were buried there is beyond me," said Dwight. "It's got nothing to do with the African-American experience."

Chiodo disagrees, describing his artwork as an appropriate way to represent the freedmen who are buried at the cemetery.

"It was strictly about focusing on the symbols that represent oppression, hardship, courage and hope," said Chiodo. "That's what it's about, and that's for anyone to interpret however they want to."

Mario Chiodo's design



Chicago Art Development

"The idea that they would even suggest that these slaves be stripped away from their religion, to me, is just insane."

—Artist Ed Dwight



Edward Dwight's design

City of Alexandria

People

Kaleidoscope for Kids Presents Puppet Parade

Artist Eryn Lake could be seen out on the lawn next to the Durant Center teaching three giant puppets how to walk on Sept. 29. As a student, Lake attended the Free Columbia Art Course in Hudson, N.Y. and created a series of puppets from the short story "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving. The puppet parade was one of the many children's activities offered by the Kaleidoscope for Kids festival.

Completing a lesson in walking, the puppets "Young Rip" (Michael Gale), "Old Rip" (Evan Corcoran) and "Friend of Rip's" (James Radack) help artist Eryn Lake into the costume of "Van Bummel" for a last rehearsal before the puppet parade.

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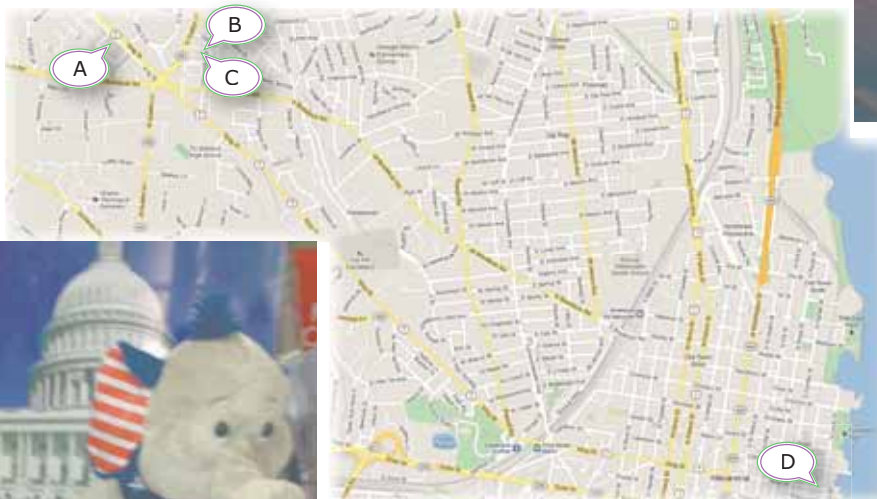
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101 King Street, Old Town,
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This boutique has made a splash at the end of King Street with a fantastic selection of dresses and jewelry. The guys have not been forgotten here. There is a Vineyard Vines section that includes ties and belts along with their timeless attire. Find a unique selection of bangles, necklaces, pins, hats and belts to show your political pride.



Entertainment

ACCT Whittles Down the Suspects in 'And Then There Were None'

Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents "And Then There Were None," an Agatha Christie Murder Mystery, the play is a masterpiece of mystery and murder.

After 10 strangers gather together on an isolated island off the coast of England, one by one, they each are discovered murdered. As those remaining frantically search for the murderer, their own guilty pasts return to haunt them.

All the characters deceive others and sometimes themselves about their true natures. All profess to be good, but in reality struggle with evil in the form of moral corruption caused by intolerance, jealousy, greed, and desire.

"And Then There Were None" is co-produced by Jim Howard and Jayn Rife and directed by Roland Branford Gomez with permission from Samuel French, Inc.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is lo-

cated at 1301 Collingwood Rd. ACCT is sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church and falls under their status as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization. ACCT presents classic plays and musicals that are comfortable and fun for families to enjoy together. They have a professional stage and are a member of both the Northern Virginia Theater Alliance and Washington Area Theater Community Honors.

Show dates are: **Thursday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays, Oct. 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Oct. 21 & 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$15, Youth/Senior (60+) \$12. Tickets and information at www.acctonline.org or call 703-660-2611.**

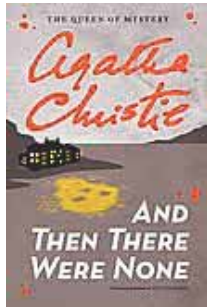


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"Everyone is accused," from left, Evan Milberg, Amy Wolf (on floor) Bob Cohen, Bailey R. Center, David James, Jenni Patton and Jim Howard appear in ACCT's production of Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None."

Calendar

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

ART AT THE CENTER CLASSES

Evening Drawing. Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Focus on improving drawing skills through fun activities that explore seeing and drawing from observation.

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After School Studio. Wednesdays or Thursdays, 4:15-5:45 p.m. This studio class is designed for artists ages 7-12 and includes instruction and studio work in paint, clay, collage and drawing. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.artatthecenter.org or call 703-201-1250.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. The Yacht Haven Garden Club presents their 29th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Viva La Diva" at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club, 5500 Schulz Circle. Email deborah.alea@verizon.net or call 703-447-1315.

Historic Train. 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the history of the C & O's Famous Passenger Train - The George Washington as well as discussing the Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society's Annual Meeting. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. 5-9 p.m. Come help raise funds for Avon Foundation for Women-Avon Walk for Breast Cancer by participating in Pizza Hut Fundraiser Night. Order from Pizza Hut on Oct. 18 and the

organization will receive 20 percent of the sales generated. Please be sure to pick up a fundraiser ticket and bring it to Pizza Hut. At Penn Daw Pizza Hut, 6321 Richmond Hwy. Call 703-765-8900.

Book Sale. 4-8:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit <http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us> or call 703-746-1702.

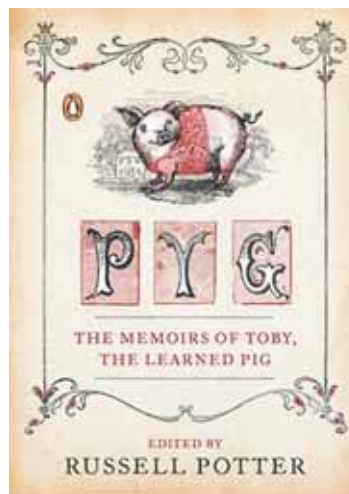
FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Poems & Stories. 7 p.m. Actors from the Georgetown Theatre Company will read stories and poems by Edgar Allan Poe at the Athenaeum, including The Cask of Amontillado, The System of Doctor Tarr, Professor Fether and more. A coffee and dessert reception follows the stories. Admission \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org. The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St.

Lafayette Wine Dinner at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 7-9:30 p.m. Celebrate General Lafayette's visit to Alexandria, enjoy an evening of French and Virginia wines specially paired with a four-course dinner. Tickets are \$100 per person and reservations are required. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advance notice. To make reservations, call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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Trunk Show with Fiber Artist Jen Athanas. 6-9 p.m. Meet artist Jen Athanas, maker of Jen-a-Fusion Fashion Accessories, at A Show of Hands. 2301 Mt Vernon Ave. Call 703-683-2905 or visit



www.ashowofhands.biz.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Spirits, Suffering and Society. 6-9 p.m. A re-enactment focusing on the social aspects of dying in a Civil War hospital. \$15. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Call 703-548-1789.

Frog Pond's 3rd Annual Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-noon. This family friendly festival will offer entertainment, light food and drink along with arts, crafts and other kid-friendly activities. 7204 Harrison Ln. Suggested donation \$5.

"AMTRAK High Speed Rail." 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the story of the AMTRAK High Speed Rail on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Call 703-765-4573 to reserve

Russell Potter and The Story of Toby the Learned Pig

Join Gadsby's Tavern Museum on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 for a lecture from Russell Potter, Rhode Island College professor and author of PYG: The Memoirs of Toby the Learned Pig who entertained crowds with his ability to spell, tell time, and answer questions from the crowd. Potter will talk about his research and learned pigs in 18th-century Alexandria, as well as read excerpts from the book. After the lecture there will be a book signing and Toby-approved refreshments. \$20 per person, \$15 for members of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Doors open at 3 p.m., lecture begins at 3:30 p.m. Purchase tickets by calling 703-746-4242 or at www.gadsbystavern.org.

a seat. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

Annual Mega Bazaar. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hollin Hall Senior Center is holding a Mega Craft Sale. More than 30 crafters, silent auction with services and new merchandise, bake sale, door prizes and lunch will be featured. Free. 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-4600, TTY 711. or visit www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. At the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Bake sale, jewelry, clothing, plants, white elephants and more. Call 703-914-0223.

2012 MVHS Fall Fest and Bazaar. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Arts, Crafts, Rummage Sale. Indoor tables are \$50, outside as low as \$20. Free space for community organizations on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Ron Skaggs at MVHSFallfest@gmail.com. Rain or Shine. Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Rd.

Spooky Saturdays at the

Athenaeum. 1-2 p.m. Making scary pop-up cards. Free. Recommended for children 6-9 years old. (The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit www.nvfaa.org.)

250th Anniversary of the Election of George Washington to the Vestry. 4:30-7 p.m. Local George Washington interpreter, Greg Fisher, will be discussing such topics as the role of a vestryman in Truro Parish, the planning and building of Pohick Church, and his hopes for the future as he leaves for Philadelphia as a delegate to the first Continental Congress. The program will be followed by a discussion, a reception and book-signing by Mary V. Thompson, author of "In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington." Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. For reservations call 703-372-1296. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Hwy in Lorton, at the corner of U.S. 1 & Telegraph Road. Visit <http://www.pohick.org>.

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Historic Huntley. Boy Scouts can hear the chilling tales during an overnight stay. Historic Huntley also hosts programs for scouts to earn merit badges, for homeschoolers seeking out local history, and for the general public. Information about all of the programs at Historic Huntley is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm or by calling Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525. Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Ln.

Kids' Class: Halloween Cookie Decorating. 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 4+ learn how to roll and cut cookie dough and then decorate cookie shapes using colored icing and candy. Children take home what they make. Admission: \$35. Advance registration is required. Call 703-548-2868 to secure a spot. Sugar Cube, 1218 King St.

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit <http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us> or call 703-746-1702.

Concert. 7 p.m. Choralis presents a concert of American choral music, including gospel, spirituals, folk, Native American and classical by Echos and the Cantus youth choirs. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$5 for students of 13-22; free for children under 12; \$30-\$55 for adults. Visit www.choralis.org or call 703-237-2499.

Fundraiser Walk/Run. 8 a.m. The

Help Raise Awareness for Alexandria's Homeless Animals

Walk for Homeless Animals, Saturday, Oct. 21, and help AWLA raise awareness about pet overpopulation in Alexandria and throughout the region. Each year, the League cares for thousands of animals at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Some are abused and neglected and some are simply unwanted, but all deserve a second chance in a permanent, loving home.

The Walk helps raise critical funds to support the many AWLA programs that combat animal homelessness, promote responsible pet care, and match all types of shelter animals with loving adopters. It is the only walk to benefit Alexandria's homeless animals.

Dogs are welcome and walkers are encouraged to bring their canine friends. We ask those with cats, small mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians to leave their companion animals at home, but hope you will join us and represent your companion animals. No species or breed is immune to homelessness and your participation helps support the AWLA's fight for all animals that do not have a voice.

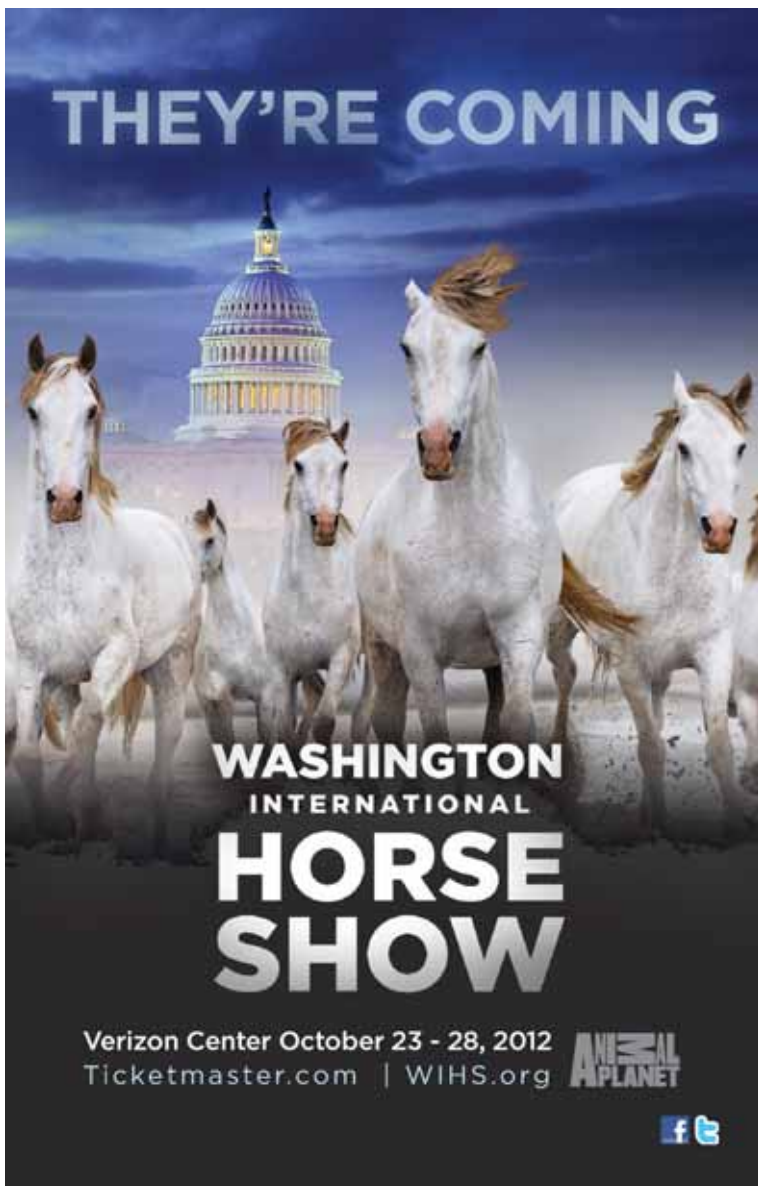
Adult registration is \$25 and includes an event t-shirt and bandana. Children and teenagers are invited to join in the fun under the supervision of a registered adult. Youth registration (ages 6-16) is \$10 and includes t-shirt. Children 5 or younger are free. We encourage people to form teams with coworkers, family members or civic group members. Prizes will be awarded to the top team and individual fundraisers. Adult participants who raise \$100 also win an LED flashlight and poop bag dispenser to keep your evening walks clean and bright. Day-of registration will be available the morning of the walk, at Market Square, starting at 7:30 a.m. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Event is rain or shine. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org.

Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer raises money for mammograms and diagnostic testing to uninsured and underinsured women. Participants have the option of either the 1.5K, 3.5K or 5K walk or run. This year's Walk will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theatres and the Hoffman Center, located at Eisenhower Avenue and Swamp Fox Road. On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the opening ceremony

begins at 8 a.m. Visit www.alexcanwalk.com.

Free Concert. 1-2 p.m. Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is celebrating its 21st season by holding a free concert for children and parents, featuring a narrative accompaniment to Aaron Copland's classic Appalachian Spring. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Visit

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Christmas Attic Seeks Advent Art

The Christmas Attic, an Old Town landmark, is seeking artists and community organizations — schools, churches, charities — to help produce a temporary exhibition featuring illuminated canvases of art to be revealed in each of the store's windows for "The Christmas Attic's Holiday Advent Calendar Art Project."

Starting Dec. 1, and running through Dec. 25, 2012 each day at sundown, the store will reveal "advent art" featuring a variety of local organizations and artists' holiday creations. All art will be placed either in the windows or on the brick of the building on the front side facing Union Street. There will be a VIP/media kick-off event on Dec. 1. At the closing of the Advent Calendar event, the canvases of advent art will be available for auction at a post-event celebration. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic. Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to en-



rich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The Christmas Attic is looking for 25 artists and/or community groups to participate in this community art project. Each day at sundown, one advent art piece will be revealed and illuminated. The store will select the order of when the canvases will be displayed for the 25 days. The final advent

day, Christmas Day, must be an image of a nativity scene. All art designs must be seen from a distance and weather proofed. Visit www.christmasattic.com for information and an application. Application and sketch ideas are due by Nov. 1.

The Christmas Attic was opened by a local family that loved the spirit and joy of the holidays. Since 1971, the store has long been considered a "must see" by locals and tourists alike. The Christmas Attic is located at 125 S. Union Street.

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www.eclipseco.org.

Biking. 10 a.m.-noon. This is a family-friendly 7-mile ride from Jones Point Park to National Harbor and back. This ride will be on bike paths all the way. There are two hills (the Wilson Bridge is like a long gradual hill) and one gravel section. Participants can stop at National Harbor for about 30 minutes to have fun before returning. Families with children are encouraged to attend. Children under 16 are legally required to wear a helmet. Meet at the Jones Point Park, near the restrooms. Bring a bicycle and water. Free. To RSVP, contact Jonathan Krall at jonathan@jonathankrall.net.

Oktoberfest & Silent Auction. 3-7 p.m. The entire community is invited to St. Aidan's annual Oktoberfest. The Kinderfest, from 3-5 p.m., is hosted by St. Aidan's Day School and includes a variety of games and activities for children. Oktoberfest features live German music, great food and drink. There will be a variety of grilled wurst, homemade hot German potato salad and other treats. The silent auction includes a range of gift items and donated services. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd. Call 703-360-4220, or visit <http://staidanepiscopal.com/drivingdirections>.

Free Lecture. 1-3 p.m. Donald Dahmann, a geographer in independent practice with ongoing research that includes preparation of a history of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, will talk about The 1805 Diary of the Rev. Dr. James Muir. at Alexandria Library located at 717 Queen St.

Storytime with Llama Llama. 10:30 a.m. Join for a Llama-themed storytime, followed by a very special meet and greet with the character himself. Bring cameras. Ages 6 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

Author B.G. Hennessey. 2-3:30 p.m. Gear up for Halloween as B.G. Hennessey presents The Scary Places

Map Book, an interactive exploration of famous scary places. RSVP info@hooray4books.com. Ages 5-10. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Cauldron Tea. 2 p.m. Come to the Carlyle House terrace for a spooky afternoon tea that will be sure to cast a spell on your Halloween celebrations. After the tea, guests are invited to tour the museum and learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Costumes welcome. Admission: \$25. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997.

Concert. 7 p.m. Focus Alexandria presents folk artist David Roth with special guest Lea at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org. Call 703-501-6061.

Jazz Concert. 4 p.m. The Committee for Jazz at Meade will feature Anita King at Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit <http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us>. or call 703-746-1702.

"Eclipse for Kids." 1 p.m. A special open rehearsal of the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra featuring Copland, Elgar, R. Strauss and Ravel. A donation is appreciated. Free admission. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Visit www.eclipseco.org.

Walk for Homeless Animals. 9 a.m. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is hosting the Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals, a family-friendly community event to benefit the residents of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and help raise awareness about the problem of pet overpopulation. The 1.5-mile walk

begins and ends at Market Square and walkers and their four-legged companions will travel through the historic neighborhoods of Old Town Alexandria. All proceeds from the event assist the League in combatting overpopulation and promoting responsible animal care. Open to the public. Prizes will be awarded to top fundraisers and a raffle will be held. Contact Patrick Cole at 703-746-5655 or 703-585-7065, or email pcole@AlexandriaAnimals.org.

Book Launch with Rachel Blumenthal and Juliette Kopp. 2-3 p.m. Celebrate with local authors Rachel Blumenthal and Juliette Kopp as they present their books, *One Recumbent Mommy and Wherever I Am, I Will Love You Still*. RSVP info@hooray4books.com or rachel@rachelblumenthalbooks.com. Ages 3 and up. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

THROUGH OCT. 21

Jacques Brel. The classic compilation of Brel's brilliant music about life and death, love and loss, will be in performance at MetroStage 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, \$48-55, at 800-494-8497 or www.metrostage.org. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Call 703-548-9044.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

Hot Buttered Nuggets. 9-11 p.m. Eclectic musicians will perform various shows Rockabilly, Swing and Jazz. \$10. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St.

Preschool Fair. 9 a.m.-noon. Attending preschools will have a table set up with information about their school and parents will circulate in an open-house fashion. All parents are welcome and admission is free. At First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Contact momspreschoolfair@gmail.com with questions.

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(1) Those who have contributed at least one tangible improvement to the quality of the city's life that would likely be missing without this person's vision and energy.

(2) Those demonstrating exemplary service to the city over ten years or more, especially service on Boards, Commissions, Committees or Service Organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

Those currently running for or holding political office are not eligible for consideration. The contributions of City employees must be beyond the responsibilities of their jobs.

See www.AlexandriaLegends.com or call 703-625-2330 for a nomination form. Send your nominations no later than November 15th to

AlexandriaLegends@NinaTisara.com (email preferred) or Living Legends, P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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OCT. 23 THROUGH NOV. 18

Free Art Exhibition. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Black and White." Black and white may be expressed as color, value, feelings, politics and/or mood. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. The gallery is located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

OCT. 23 THROUGH NOV. 25

"Photographers at the Factory Invitational Exhibit." Juried by LensWork founder and editor, Brooks Jensen. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays 12-9 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery located at 105 N. Union St. #312. Call 703-683-2205. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

Art on the Rocks. 6-9 p.m. An art-inspired cocktail competition hosted by The Art League at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$35. Tickets can be purchased online or in the Gallery. Call 703-683-1780.

Author Series. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Spend a spooky evening with L.B. Taylor and talk about The Ghosts of Virginia at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

Dance with DJ Dabe Murphy. 9-11 p.m. \$6. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Visit www.nicksnightclub.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Ghosts and Folklore. 7 p.m. Alexandria is one of the most haunted cities in the country. Michael Lee Pope (author of Ghosts of Alexandria) and JJ Smith (author of Haunted Alexandria and Northern Virginia) join Betty Ward of Footsteps to the Past to share stories of the Female Stranger, Swope House and Ramsay House. A coffee and dessert reception follows the stories. Those who dare may take a short ghost walk at the end of this event. Admission \$10. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Call 703-548-0035.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 25-27

Steel Magnolias. Group Therapy Productions presents Robert Harling's comedy-drama Steel Magnolias at the Convergence Sanctuary 1801 N. Quaker Ln. All proceeds from the show will benefit Empowered Women International. Hours are 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 & 26, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 27. (Tickets/suggested donations are \$20. Tickets may be purchased by emailing gt.productions9@gmail.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-28

Fall Haul Extended Hours Sale. Twig Thrift Shop located at 106 North Columbus St. holds its Fall Haul Extended Hours Sale. In addition to regular store hours from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the shop will be open extended evening hours on Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26, from 5-8 p.m., regular Saturday hours 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and extended hours on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1-4 p.m.. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Call 703-683-5544 or visit www.thetwig.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Choreographers Collaboration Project Fall Concert. 7 p.m. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12-17, kids under 12 free. "Standing

Room Only" is a modern dance concert created specifically for the Athenaeum gallery space to allow the audience to see the dances and Athenaeum artwork from multiple perspectives. 201 Prince St. Call 703-683-2070.

Birchmere Shows. 7:30 p.m. Special guests for Tom Paxton's 75th birthday celebration show to include Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxers, Debi Smith, Robin Bullock and more. Visit <http://www.cathymarcy.com> or <http://www.debismith.com/> or www.robinbullock.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Spooky Saturdays at the Athenaeum. 1-2 p.m. Eerie Origami. Free. Recommended for children 6-9 years old. (The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ghouls and goblins, witches and wizards of all ages will be trick or treating with the Old Town Boutique District this Halloween. 35 member stores will be handing out treats — and maybe some tricks.

Funeral & Ghost Tour. 6-9 p.m. Step back in time and be a part of this historic funeral and learn about mourning practices in early America. Admission is \$15 including a ghost tour of Old Town, during which participants will visit the candlelit Carlyle House to view the coffin and pay respects to surviving family members. At 9 p.m., return to Carlyle House to escort John Carlyle's body to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House and visit his lantern-lit grave. Call 703-683-3451 to purchase ticket. Reservations are recommended. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.

Book Signing. 2-4 p.m. Lela Lane, a resident of Alexandria, will be available to sign copies of her book, Bloodlines: The Ancestry, at Grounded Coffee Shop, 6919 Telegraph Rd.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 27-28

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mount Vernon welcomes the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days. Autumn activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, a straw bale maze, early-American games and demonstrations. Visitors can also learn 18th-century dance steps. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price while supplies last. Fall Harvest Family Days is included with admission to the estate this weekend: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children 6-11; free for children under 5. Visit www.MountVernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

QuinTango Cabaret. 5-8 p.m. Admission: \$25 + \$25 dinner. Proceeds from this event support QuinTango's work in Alexandria Public Schools, with StringTango classes for 5th grader and dance workshops for all ages. Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Call 703-548-6811

Time Capsule Tour. Thomas Dolby's first U.S. full-band tour since the release of his critically hailed A Map of the Floating City. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

"Carmina Burana and Choral Dances." 4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St. Tickets at www.newdominion.org or at the door. \$30 (general admission),

\$25 for seniors, and \$5 for students and children.

Mad Science. 2-3:40 p.m. Come to the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (located at 107 South Fairfax St.) to explore where real science and mad science collide. Tours start every 20 minutes, featuring historic medicines with surprising side effects. Admission is \$6 per person ages 5 and up. Reservations recommended at www.apothecarymuseum.org. Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups are welcome (program completes the Brownie Home Scientist badge). Come in costume-mad scientist/sci-fi encouraged-and receive a special take-home goodie. Call 703-746-3852.

Annual Halloween Dog Walk. 1 p.m. The Dog Park shop on King Street is organizing the popular Halloween Dog Walk. Trick-or-treating dogs and their humans are invited to stop by the Dog Park for a map and bag and then visit participating businesses for more treats. Free. The Dog Park, 705 King St. Call 703-888-2818.

Concert. 5 p.m. Words&Music, Inc. presents A Celebration of All Hallow's Eve featuring Schumann's Spanisches Liederspiel and other musical treats for Halloween. The concert will take place at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Ticket prices are \$25 for adult and \$18 for students and seniors. 20 percent discount will be offered for members of the military and their families. Visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

THROUGH OCT. 28

Homage. Free exhibition including "In the Garden" by Luisa Mesa, Target Gallery's "Homage: Past Influences." At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

"And Then There Were None." 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21 and 28. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children and seniors. Tickets and information are available online at www.acctonline.org. Call 703-660-2611 Aldersgate, United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd.

2nd Annual "Taste of Fair Trade." Ten Thousand Villages, located at 915 King St., will celebrate Fair Trade month with its second annual "Taste of Fair Trade." Call 703-684-1435 or visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com Scheduled Tastings:
❖ Oct. 20-21: Iced tea, lemonade and other refreshing beverages.
❖ Oct. 27-28: Sample wines from South America and South Africa.

OCT. 29 THROUGH NOV. 4

Art Exhibition. Día de los Muertos: The Art of Remembrance - Exhibition & Celebration. There will be a Costume and Dance Party on Friday, Nov. 2, 8-11 p.m.. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, or two for \$35. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/dayofthedeath.

TUESDAY/OCT. 30

Poetry Presentation. 10:30 a.m. Join the "Tuesdays at Two" writing group showcasing talented local writers and poets. Free and open to the public. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat.

Doggie Happy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest. Registration 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; contest begins at 6 p.m. Jackson 20 and Kimpton's Hotel Monaco Alexandria host their annual Howl-o-ween. At Jackson 20 Restaurant, 480 King St. Call 703-842-2790.

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Obituary

Donald T. Rocen

Donald T. Rocen died on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, in Old Town Alexandria. He had pancreatic cancer, which he valiantly fought for the past year. He died peacefully at his home surrounded by his immediate family. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Rocen was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. After graduating from law school, he relocated to the Washington, D.C. area to begin his career with the Internal Revenue Service. He was a long time resident of Old Town Alexandria and Mt. Vernon. In addition, he relocated his family to Evergreen, Colo. to take an IRS position in Denver, Colo. for five years, before returning to the D.C. area. He also was part of the community in Hilton Head Island, S.C. for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Rocen was a loving, generous, humble, charismatic, and fun-loving husband, father, and step grandfather, who devoted his life to God, his family, and his friends. He was an impeccable host, along with his wife, Virginia, and always enjoyed celebration. He was a man of integrity who lived life to the fullest. He delighted in warm

weather and a good bottle of wine. He was a voracious reader of both fiction and non-fiction, and enjoyed a challenging crossword puzzle. He meticulously maintained his garden, where he spent hours relaxing in the sun.

He attended Fenwick High School in Chicago, Ill. before obtaining a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in 1967. He was then awarded a law degree (JD) from Northwestern University School of Law in 1970 and an advanced law degree (LLM) in taxation from Georgetown University in 1976.

Mr. Rocen began his law career as a tax attorney with the IRS in 1971. He served in a number of Office of Chief Counsel positions, including docket attorney in the General Litigation Division, branch chief and assistant director in the Disclosure Litigation Division, trial attorney in the Denver District Counsel Office and, finally, deputy associate chief counsel, litigation.

In 1986, Mr. Rocen was appointed by the President as Assis-



tant to IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs. At the end of his appointment as Assistant to the IRS Commissioner in 1989, Mr. Rocen joined the firm of Coopers & Lybrand, which eventually merged with Price

Waterhouse to become PWC, where he served in the National Tax Office.

In 2004, Mr. Rocen returned to the IRS, first as Special Counsel to the Chief Counsel and then as the Deputy Chief Counsel for Operations, where he directed approximately 1,000 attorneys serving the IRS operating divisions and other specialized areas.

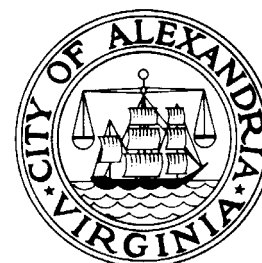
In 2007, Mr. Rocen retired from the IRS and began working with Miller & Chevalier, the first federal tax practice in the United States, where he worked until his death.

During his distinguished career, Mr. Rocen was awarded the IRS Commissioner's Award and the IRS Chief Counsel's Award, as well as the Meritorious Service Award and the Albert Gallatin Award from the Department of the Treasury.

Sanchez To Address NAACP Banquet

The Alexandria, Virginia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is hosting its 79th Annual Membership and Awards Banquet, themed "Your Power, Your Decision - Vote," on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Holiday Inn & Suites Alexandria - Historic District, 625 First Street, Alexandria. Reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by banquet dinner and live entertainment at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker is Sonia Sanchez — poet, activist, and scholar. Sanchez was the Laura Carnell Professor of English and Women's Studies at Temple University. She is the recipient of both the Robert Frost Medal for distinguished lifetime service to American poetry and the Langston Hughes Poetry Award. Tickets are \$75 per person and may be purchased online at www.naacpalexandriava.org or by mail at 253 S. Pickett St., #301, Alexandria, VA 22304.



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA SECOND HALF 2012 REAL ESTATE TAX AND REFUSE FEE ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2012

The second half 2012 real estate tax and refuse fee must be paid by November 15, 2012, to avoid late payment penalty and interest.

Pay by credit card or eCheck on the City's Website at alexandriava.gov/Payments, in person at City Hall or at any SunTrust Bank Branch located in the City. Real estate tax payments can be mailed to City of Alexandria, PO Box 34750, Alexandria, VA 22334-0750. Payments can also be made with cash only at approximately 70 Global Express Cash Payment Centers conveniently located throughout Northern Virginia. For a complete list of the available cash payment centers, please visit the City's Website at alexandriava.gov/Payments.

Real estate tax information is available on the City's Website at alexandriava.gov/RealEstateTax. Under Additional Resources on that Webpage, there is a link for Real Estate Tax History and Payments, which provides detailed tax balances and payments. For payment questions or to request a tax bill, please call the Treasury Division at 703.746.3902 or e-mail payments@alexandriava.gov. For assessment questions or to change a mailing address, please call the Real Estate Assessments Department at 703.746.4646 or e-mail realestate@alexandriava.gov. For refuse fee questions, please call the Solid Waste Division at 703.746.4410.

The Finance Department is open, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on November 15, 2012 to be considered on time.)

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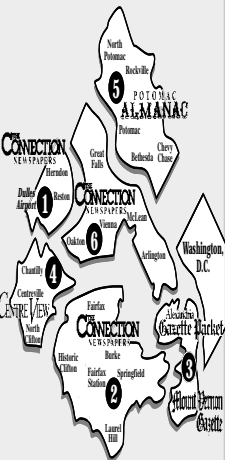
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Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Prima Sunga of E. Del Ray Ave., Alexandria. Sunga graduated in 2008 from T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Sara Mathewson of Alexandria was among the 13 members of The University of Scranton's Class of 2011 who were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army during the Jesuit school's commencement exercises held recently on campus. Mathewson has been assigned to the Transportation Corps.

Julianne Tortolano has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) program. She is the daughter of William T. and Mary Ann Tortolano of Achilles Court, Alexandria. Tortolano graduated in 2007 from Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Theodore J. Kent, son of Gretchen Rhedmon of Alexandria and Thomas Kent of Richmond, recently participated in Exercise African Lion held in Morocco, Africa, with members of his battalion, Bravo Company, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion based out of Roanoke. This exercise is one of many Joint Theater Security Cooperation Programs the U.S. Military participates in to foster good relations with allies while building cross-military joint efforts.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer John F. Thorne has deployed to Southwest Asia on a temporary assignment at an undisclosed air base to serve as the Central Command's Forward Headquarters First Sergeant.

He is the son of Edward and Chizuko Thorne of Ashfield Road, Alexandria. His daughter is Michelle Thorne of Borden Road, San Marcos, Calif. Petty Officer Thorne graduated in 1981 from Hayfield High School, Alexandria.

Chris Cummings has graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., as a classmate of the academy's Class of 2011. He received a bachelor's degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. Lt. Cummings is the son of Army Col. MaryAnn B. and Steve M. Cummings of Bayliss Place, Alexandria. He is also a second generation West Point graduate. His mother graduated in 1982, the third class to accept women. Lt. Cummings is currently at the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Ga., and will stay at Fort Benning to complete The Army's Ranger School starting in October. He has two sisters, Sara, an incoming freshman at the University of Alabama, and Rebecca, who will enter the eighth grade. His father served 26 years as a military police officer in the Army and his mother served 29 years in the Army.

Army Pvt. Vanessa Y. Alvarado has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Alvarado is the daughter of Rafael A. and Dina E. Alvarado of Edsall Road, Alexandria.

Army Pvt. Savana R. Scroggins has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Scroggins is the daughter of Christina Lawrence of Kenmore Ave., Alexandria, and niece of Kebbie Banks of Waverly Drive, Fredericksburg.

Navy Seaman Robert P. Hankinson, nephew of Joseph E. Garr of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Hankinson is a 2011 graduate of Palisades High School of Kintnersville, Pa.

Navy Midshipman Anton C. Ekman, son of Catherine J. and Craig R. Ekman of Alexandria, and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Ekman will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Ekman is a 2011 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School of Alexandria.

Navy Midshipman Anthony D. Juren, a 2010 graduate of Episcopal High School, Alexan-

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Navy Midshipman Robert S. Beydler, a 2011 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, Va., and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Beydler will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen.

Navy Midshipman Jake Dang, son of Ngoc-Anh Pham of Alexandria and Tom Dang, of Annandale and more than 900 other freshmen recently completed Plebe Summer while attending the United States Naval Academy. Dang will go on to complete the academic year as a Midshipmen. Dang is a 2011 graduate of Annandale High School of Annandale.

Navy Lt. Kathryn E. Buikema, daughter of Sally I. and David J. Buikema of Alexandria, recently checked into the Navy Information Operations Command (NOIC), Ft. Meade, Md. Buikema will fill the position of NIOC's general manager officer.

Buikema is a 1995 graduate of The Madeira School of Great Falls. She is a 2002 graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans, La., with a MPH degree and a 2010 graduate of Western University, Pomona, Calif. with a DO degree.

Air Force Airman Cody A. Ferguson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Ferguson is the son of Stephanie Hardwick of Cape Lanes, Madison Heights, and Jeffrey Ferguson of East Glebe Road, Alexandria. He is a 2009 graduate of Amherst County High School.

Justin Pelletier from Alexandria, serving with the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 102nd Military Police Battalion, was promoted to the rank of Captain in the New York Army National Guard.

Air Force Airman Ryan T. Russell graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Russell is the son of Catherine McDonald of North Howard Street, Alexandria, and John Russell of Garret Avenue, Churchton, Md. He is a 2011 graduate of Southern Senior High School, Harwood, Md.

Marine Corps Pfc. Kaleb M. Madison, son of Kathleen McQueen of Lawton, Okla., and Joseph Madison, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Army Spec. Brandon K. Schaefer has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Schaefer is the son of Joann Yoshimoto of 17th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Wash., and brother of Clifford Schaefer of Alexandria. He is a 1998 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Seattle. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2004 from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Alexander D. Thompson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Thompson is the son of Melissa Thompson of South West Street, Alexandria. He is a 2006 graduate of Westlake High School, Waldorf, Md. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Air National Guard Airman Jason R. Bushlow graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Bushlow is the son of Virginia Bushlow of Northwinds Drive, Charlestown, W.Va., and Steve Fletcher of Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. He is a 2007 graduate of Freedom High School, South Riding.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Tyree T. Carroll, son of Chandra L. Carroll of Alexandria and Vernon T. Carroll, of Oxon Hill, Md., was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Carroll is a 2011 graduate of T. C. Williams High School of Alexandria, Va.



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Principal Suzanne Maxey talks with parents at the Principal's Chat Oct. 3.

Coffee with the Principal

T.C. Williams hosts Principal's Chats.

By Yuhan Xu
Gazette Packet

At the beginning of the first of T.C. Williams High School's monthly Principal's Chats for the new school year, parents applauded and cheered Principal Suzanne Maxey's announcement: "We're fully accredited."

High schools are fully accredited when students achieve pass rates of 70 percent or more in all four core academic areas and attain 85 points or higher based on the Graduation and Completion Index. Schools in which students meet all achievement objectives established by the Virginia Board of Education are rated as fully accredited.

"Last year we got 81 points," Maxey said. "It's really extraordinary to get four points in a year. That's very big news."

The one-hour talk on the morning of Oct. 3 at the King Street campus had Maxey sharing information and hearing concerns and suggestions.

Without a set agenda, parents could ask and talk about any issues related to their children and school. One parent was concerned about school improvement funds — \$2 million per year for three years — during the transformation of TC.

"TC gets more money than anybody else in the state," Maxey said. "But the chance to get [additional] money from the state is very slim. We will have a

sustainability meeting to discuss how do we sustain what we've done without the \$2 million. We'll look at all of our programs, what worked, the cost and where we can get the money. We're proven that we're going to the right direction."

Besides school improvement funds, some parents were confused about the change of the Individual Achievement Plans (IAP). This year is the third year of TC transformation, IAP is required by the state to be incorporated into the Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP).

Before, every student has an IAP, which is developed collaboratively with the student, parent, math teacher, English teacher and school counselor to help create an individualized learning experience for each student.

"For IAP, we feel our kids don't own it," Maxey said. "They only listen to counselors and teachers to tell them what to do. Now with the ICAP, we have 15-20 kids per advisor who will be with them once a week, doing things like personality traits survey to help kids learn about themselves. Now kids have the opportunity to set goals for themselves. They can monitor those goals with their advisors."

In addition, the principal chatted with parents about dress code, laptop issues and shared some anecdotes from

school.

"I come for information and learn what's going on," said Janice Howard, who has a son who is a senior. "I came last year too."

"We have this chat on the first Wednesday of each month starting this semester," Maxey said. "It's very open. It's the chance for me to have my ears on the ground to really know what's going on. I love it."



Principal Maxey (left) is chatting with Janice Howard, a mother of a 12th grader, after the meeting.

TC Field Hockey Advances to Northern Region Tournament

**Laychak, Jerakis
score in 2-1 victory
over Annandale.**

By Jon Roetman
Gazette Packet

Megan Boyle had a message for her teammates as members of the T.C. Williams field hockey team huddled around the senior goalkeeper prior to facing Annandale in the first round of the Patriot District Tournament.

"I don't want this to be our last game," Boyle said. "We have the potential to go so far. You have to want it."

Early in the season, Boyle said the Titans were capable of success, but needed to believe in themselves. After TC walked off the field Monday, having extended its season with a fifth consecutive victory, Boyle pointed out that belief had arrived.

Fourth-seed T.C. Williams defeated No. 5 Annandale, 2-1, in the first round of the district tournament on Oct. 15 at Minnie Howard. The Titans advanced to the semifinals and secured a spot in the Northern Region Tournament for the first time since 2009. "We finally got it," Boyle said. "We were stuck in a bit of a rut in the beginning of the season and we finally got out. This is our fifth win in a row. We definitely started to believe in ourselves and it shows."

TC sophomore midfielder Megan Laychak scored the game-winner off a corner with 3:07 remaining in the second half. Annandale had tied the score at 1-1 with 12:30 remaining, but the Titans found a



Senior goalkeeper Megan Boyle and the T.C. Williams field hockey team secured a berth in regionals with a 2-1 win against Annandale on Oct. 15.

way to bounce back after losing a lead they had held since the opening minutes of the game.

"We were just staying positive and com-

"We're a different team this year. It's more about heart and wanting it than anything else."

— T.C. Williams field hockey coach William Heresniak

municating with each other," Laychak said. "We were saying we got this. We had it the whole game and we just kept pushing."

TC head coach William Heresniak said



T.C. Williams senior Emma Bracken, left, had an assist during the Titans' 2-1 win against Annandale in the opening round of the Patriot District Tournament on Oct. 15.

this year's Titan plays with strong desire. "We're a different team this year," he said. "It's more about heart and wanting it than anything else. ... "We've come back this year against other teams and we know that we can do it, so the players have faith in each other. That's the big thing."

TC jumped out to a 1-0 lead when junior forward Katherin Jerakis scored off an assist from senior Emma Bracken during a corner just 75 seconds into the game. The Titans held the lead for more

than 46 minutes until Annandale tied the score. "We always talk about coming out and scoring in the first five minutes and the last five minutes and we haven't really done that consistently this season," Bracken said. "So getting that first goal kind of let us get our nerves out and let us settle down a little bit. Scoring first really gives us the momentum, which we kind of carried throughout the game."

TC faced top-seed West Springfield in the semifinals on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. The Patriot District championship game is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Lee High School.

ODBC Rowers Capture 3 Medals at Occoquan Chase Regatta

If there is a truism in the sport of rowing, it is this: with each passing week of the fall crew season, the field of boats gets larger, and the competition gets more intense.

Such was the case this past Sunday for the men and women of the Old Dominion Boat Club Select Crew team, who traveled down I-95 to compete in the Occoquan Chase, a regatta that saw the young rowers square off against not only more than 20 boats in each of their respective events, but some of the toughest boats in the area, as well.

Against this challenging field, ODBC more than held its own, with the Women's Junior 8 "A" boat coming in 3rd out of 26 boats with a time of 19:11.53 to bring home the bronze medal in their race, and the Men's Junior 4 coming in third out of 24 boats with a time of 18:43.91 to also bring home the bronze. Members of the Women's Junior 8 "A" boat include coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Gabriela Salcedo, Alexandria Lemke, Nadia Magallon, Rebecca Gehring, Katie Pickup, Caroline Olsson, Maeve Bradley and Kate Arnold. \The Women are guided by Head Coach Steve Weir and Assistant Coach Patrick Marquardt.

Members of the Men's Junior 4 include coxswain Mark Comey and rowers Greg Montenegro, Madison Weitekamp, Carter Weitekamp and Chris Porter.

Guiding the ODBC Men are Head Coach Jaime Rubini and Assistant Coach Lexye Hearing. Rubini put in double duty on Sunday; in addition to coaching the Men's Junior 4 to a bronze medal, Rubini — who rowed for Peru in the 1971 Pan American games — also took to the water himself, capturing the gold medal with a time of 22:28.90 in the 60-plus masters single scull event. Medals in hand, Rubini and his rowers have this weekend off and will spend the next two weeks getting ready for their next race — the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia on Oct. 28.

As for the ODBC Girls, they leave on Friday morning to compete in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta, a two-day rowing event that will be held this weekend in Boston.

The ODBC Select Crew Team is sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters in conjunction with the Old Dominion Boat Club. Rowers on this year's crew are drawn from such schools as T.C. Williams, West Potomac, Georgetown Visitation and McLean.



Coxswain Rosa Procaccino steers the ODBC Women's Junior 8 "A" boat down the race course at the Occoquan Chase Regatta on Sunday, Oct. 14. The Women's Junior 8 came in 3rd out of a field of 26 boats to capture the bronze medal in the race.



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Fourth graders at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., gather around the school's lower school election table to answer the "Question of the Day."

Elections Come to Area Schools

Educators use current election to teach students about campaigns and elections.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

How would you change the current tax situation and, at the same time, address the larger issue of our national debt? Do you believe it is the government's job to provide health care for all citizens? Why or why not?

Would you approve the Keystone pipeline and what other changes would you make to help make the U.S. energy independent, while also protecting the environment?

Sound like questions that belong in a presidential debate? These are inquiries written by Advanced Placement government students at Alexandria's St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and they're just some of the local students getting involved in this year's election. From mock debates to in-school voter registration, some local educators are using the upcoming election to bring American government books to life.

"[Students in] ninth through 12th grade are holding a student debate between the Peoples' Democratic Front and the Young Conservatives, and then will hold a mock election after the debate," said Linda Stratton, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' director of communications. Stratton said the students prepared questions to introduce the four debate topics: health care, the economy, foreign policy, and energy and environment.

"The AP government class will be predicting the Electoral College result of the presidential race and

the overall make-up of the House and Senate," she added.

Students at the Potomac School in McLean used social media to simulate a real campaign. "Students put together a mock Facebook profile for a selected candidate," said Jenni Ashley, an intermediate school humanities teacher at the school. "To explore the issues, students researched the two candidates, particularly their websites and their positions on the issues."

"The majority of my students are 12. I would say that all of the students knew the candidates and had some idea of who they are. However, they were quite uninformed on the issues," she added, saying the election provides an opportunity to explore these issues.

Her students are learning about campaign issues in preparation for a pre-Election Day mock debate. "We will start to explore how the candidates are trying to win the election," said Ashley. "We are going to discuss the effectiveness of yard signs and create our own signs. And we will explore TV ads, both current and from past elections."

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— Jenni Ashley, the Potomac School in McLean

IN FACT, TEACHERS SAY mock debates are a way to teach students about elections and current events in way that keeps them engaged.

"A few days before the election, the [middle school] history department is hosting a mock debate that will lay out all of the issues of the election," said Stratton of students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes. "On Elec

Learning about Elective Politics

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tion Day, they will set up polling places throughout the school where students will vote on issues." While the students will not vote on actual candidates, they will receive "I voted" stickers.

Stratton added that the history department is sponsoring a "March Madness"-style contest to see which student can most accurately predict the results of the Electoral College and Senate races.

At Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., even kindergarten students are becoming politically active. "Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will be asked a "Question of the Day" relating to the election process in general and the presidential election specifically," said Leanne Gill, Norwood's director of communications. "The questions will be on display on an election table situated at the entrance to the lower school library."

Students write their answer on a piece of paper and place them in a box. The number of correct answers is posted each morning. "The goal ... is to provoke discussion and provide new information about the election process for our younger students," she said.

The school is holding a "Norwood School Voter Registration Week" prior to the Nov. 6 election. "As students attend library class, they will be given the

opportunity to register as citizens of Norwood School," said Gill. "On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we will hold our own Norwood presidential election."

Students will also receive an "I voted" sticker after casting their ballots and teachers hope to announce the results of the Norwood election before the end of Election Day. "Throughout the weeks leading up to the election, the library will showcase a display of books about elections, presidents, and government," she added.

In addition, teachers asked Norwood seventh and eight grade students to watch at least 20 minutes of each presidential debate. "The school is holding 'Election Days' after each debate when we discuss the debate and other issues related to the election," said Gill.

SOME STUDENTS SAY the lessons on political culture and good citizenship can extend beyond the election. "When you are running for President, it doesn't matter who you are — black or white, man or woman — it just matters that you work hard and do a good job," said Julius Camper, a fourth grade student at Norwood School.

Asma Poshni, also a fourth grade student at Norwood added: "Even though there are two people running in the election, none are bad. Both can do a good job."

Private Schools

Applying to Private Schools: Getting to Know the Schools

Considering private school? Local independent school officials offer advice on what to do and how to select the right school for your child after you've identified several choices.

"Now that you know where you are applying, be on time and follow the admissions calendar." Call the admissions director to introduce yourself, ask questions and let the director know who you are. "Putting a face, or a least a voice, with an application file can go a long way."

— **Rich Moss**, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac, Md.

"Find out when each school is having open houses or other events that help you get to know the

program. Some schools have a limited number of these 'get to know you' events. If you miss them, you can still visit and tour the programs, but you will sometimes have missed the one opportunity to also meet faculty and talk with a variety of students and volunteers. Remember, your child spends the majority of her or his waking hours at school. You should want to get to know as much as you can about the schools you are interested in, this is the time to do that."

— **Pat Harden**, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

"Each school has its own mission and community. It's important to

experience the school to get an accurate picture. Can you envision your child and family there?"

— **Diane Dunning**, director of admission and financial aid, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

"Track your application progress. Online systems are great and usually very efficient, but if you've not heard back from a school after you've applied, call to check on your status and to ensure that your application is complete and no further steps are needed."

— **Tim Simpson**, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

— Marilyn Campbell

School Notes

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon.. Photos are welcome.

The following Alexandria students have graduated from **James Madison University** during the May 5th commencement exercises. **Jacob Cochran**, bachelor of science degree in health sciences. **Randall Eyre**, bachelor of science degree in health sciences. **Alexandra Fracasso**, bachelor of science degree in health sciences. **Priyaliben Patel**, bachelor of science degree in health sciences. **Kevin Vasquez**, bachelor of arts degree in history. **Jayne Haley**, bachelor of business administration degree in hospitality and tourism management. **Rebecca Knutsen**, bachelor of business administration degree in hospitality and tourism management. **Allen Frazier**, bachelor of science degree in intelligence analysis. **Wyatt Floyd**, bachelor of science degree in in-


terdisciplinary liberal studies. **Caitlin Shott**, bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary liberal studies. **Penelope Jane Norton**, bachelor of arts degree in international affairs. **Lynsey Carter**, bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. **Billy Chong**, bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. **Jamie Coder**, bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. **Benjamin Hughes**, bachelor of business administration degree in management. **Audrey Sedlacek** of Alexandria, bachelor of business administration degree in management. **Leslie Spotswood**, bachelor of business administration degree in management. **Amanda Jennison**, bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. **Kelsey Rybicki**, bachelor of science degree in media arts and design. **Irene Dellet**, bachelor of science degree in media arts and design. **Joseph Schoen**, bachelor of science degree media arts and design. **Ashleigh Gunderson**, bachelor of arts degree in

psychology. **Christine Ryder**, bachelor of arts degree in psychology. **Erin Spence**, bachelor of arts degree in psychology. **Julio Arriaza**, bachelor of science degree in sociology. **Joseph Naca**, bachelor of science degree in sociology. **Stacey Sulko**, bachelor of arts degree in theatre and dance.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Frederick and Catalina Voellm of Alexandria, was recognized as a member of "The Academy's Own" for assisting the Admission Department. She was honored during the **Randolph Macon Academy's** awards ceremony on May 14, 2012.

Tressa Seetin graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies and a minor in women's studies from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Seetin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Seetin of Alexandria.

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People

Target Gallery Celebrates 25 Years

The Target Gallery, the national exhibition space in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, celebrated its 25th anniversary last month. Matthew Harwood, chair of the Target Gallery founding committee, addressed the gathering, speaking of the vision, beginnings and of the success of the art space.

The Target Gallery is located on the first floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center on North Union Street in Old Town.



Matthew Harwood, chair of the Target Gallery founding committee, addresses the crowd at the Target Gallery.



Exhibition juror J.W. Mahoney and Target Gallery director Allison Nance.

Photos by Louise Kraft/Gazette Packet

Bulletin Board

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday by noon. Photos welcome.

Volunteers Needed. AARP Tax-Aide, a national volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service for low to moderate income and elderly citizens, needs volunteers to electronically complete and file federal and state income tax forms for the 2013 tax season. Volunteers of all ages and background are welcome. The program offers free five-day training using IRS computers and software. Volunteers become IRS Certified Tax Counselors after completing and passing the IRS examination. Trainings sessions will be held in Annandale, Centerville and Alexandria in Dec. 2012 and Jan. 2013. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide. Email will be sent in Dec. announcing specific dates and times.

Poet Laureate Needed. The City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts is in search of individuals to serve on the Poet Laureate Selection Panel. Individuals with experience in arts education, business, or who are civic leaders, arts patrons and artists are encouraged to apply. All volunteers will serve three-year terms. Individuals who are interested in serving should send a letter of interest and vita to the Office of the Arts/Alexandria Commission for the Arts, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or send to aca@alexandriava.gov. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/arts or call 703-746-5588 for more information.

Volunteers Needed. Alexandria Archaeology is seeking one or two highly motivated volunteers to assist in the cataloging of these archaeological finds. Prior database and/or cataloging experience and a keen attention to detail are desirable qualifications for this position. This position offers the opportunity to work closely with Alexandria Archaeology's professional staff in a friendly and fast-paced museum environment. Interested applicants should contact Alexandria archaeologist Paul Nasca at paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov.

Internet Offered for Low-income Families. Comcast kicks off year two of Internet Essentials, an adoption program designed to help close the digital divide for low-income Americans. A household is eligible to participate if it meets all of the following criteria:

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Volunteers. Applications now being accepted for the 2013 Class of TreeStewards. The TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are volunteers dedicated to improving the health of our urban trees through educational programs, tree planting and care, demonstrations and tree maintenance throughout the community. New volunteer training will be held on Wednesday evenings, starting Feb. 13 through April 2013, with some Saturday mornings. Fun and interactive training is provided by recognized experts in tree care and citizen advocates. For more information and to complete an application, visit www.TreeStewards.org or call 703-527-2349.

Training Courses. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification. Classes range from \$70-\$110 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays, dependent upon the participant's choice. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in the area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass.

THROUGH OCT. 31

October is ALIVE! at Reunions.

During the month of October, Reunions, a specialty shop of distinctive antiques, home furnishings, gifts and accessories, is donating 5 percent of its proceeds to ALIVE! (Alexandrians InVolved Ecumenically). In addition to contributing sales proceeds from its October sales, Reunions is also encouraging customers to donate canned goods at the shop for ALIVE!'s food pantry. Reunions is located in the Fairlington Centre Shopping Center between N. Quaker Lane and Kenwood Avenue. Visit

them at www.reunionsva.com. To find out more about ALIVE! Visit www.alive-inc.org.

Donation. Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota will donate \$50 toward the 2012 Walk to Fight Breast Cancer in the City of Alexandria for every new and used vehicle sold throughout the month of October. The dealership will donate \$15 for every "Like" it receives on its Facebook page.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Commission for the Arts - Arts Forum Committee. 8:30 a.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton, cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5565.

Public Health Advisory Commission 5:30 p.m. Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St. Contact Dean Bryant, 703-746-4956.

Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Lance Mallamo, lance.mallamo@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-4702.

Park and Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Contact William Chesley, william.chesley@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5426.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) 7 p.m. City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

Public Records Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Jackie Cohan, 703-746-4402.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Bra Drive. In support of Breast Cancer Awareness, the bra drive will support of The Bra Recyclers, which will be collecting bras to recycle for women in need all over the world. For every pound of bras collected in October, The Bra Recyclers will make a monetary donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Customers who bring their gently worn bras to a Bloomers location will snag a swag bag and be entered into a raffle to win a free panty and bra set courtesy of Le Mystere. At 924 King St. Visit www.shopbloomers.com

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Yoga Session: Hip Openers

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SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Forum and Brunch. 9:30-11:30 a.m. There will be a brunch forum for the candidates for the Congressional seats of the 8th and 11th Congressional Districts at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Dr. Confirmed candidates are all four running in the 8th District (U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, Patrick Murray, Janet Murphy, Jason Howell) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) and Col. Chris Perkins (R) in the 11th. Forum begins at 10 a.m. \$5 with reservation; \$7 at the door. RSVP by calling Brian Kolstad at 703-965-4036.

Tea with Mrs. B. 8 a.m. Mrs. B and her friends at Teatism will engage children in a lively discussion about healthy breakfast choices and demonstrate how to create a colorful breakfast parfait. Layering yogurt, fruits, and other healthy ingredients, children will learn the benefits of starting the day off right. Light manners coaching and hands-on activities are sure to be a hit with parents too. At Old Town Teatism, 682 N St Asaph St. \$18 per person. To RSVP, contact Tea with Mrs. B at 202-448-2930.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

Meeting. "Riding Transit into a Financial Black Hole" with Rich Baier, Director Transportation and Environmental Services; Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager; and Eric Wagner, Alexandria Planning Commission at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. \$28-\$43. Dinner reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown, 703-548-7089 or agendaalexandria@aol.com to make reservation.

Alexandria Citizen Corps Council 7 p.m. Fire Station 204, 900 Second St.

Contact Kim Purcell, 703-746-5259.

Commission for the Arts - Grant Workshops 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Cheryl Colton, 703-746-5588.

Alexandria Sister Cities

Committee 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Rose Boyd, 703-746-4300.

Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Robert Garbacz, 703-746-4101.

ARHA Board of Commissioners 7:30 p.m. Ladrey Highrise, 300 Wythe St. Contact Roy Priest, 703-549-7115.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

City Council Work Session 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

Alexandria City Council Legislative Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

PG Board of Architectural Review 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Al Cox, 703-746-3833.

Foster and Adoptive Session. 6-7 p.m. UMFS will hold a free information session for prospective foster parents at UMFS, 5400 Shawnee Rd., Suite 101. Agency representatives will be on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements to foster or adopt. To RSVP, call 703-941-9008. Visit www.umfs.org.

The Mayoral and City Council Debate. 6-9 p.m. The Debate for City Council and Mayoral Candidates, sponsored by Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, will take place at Minnie Howard Middle School Auditorium.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Commission for the Arts - Arts Forum Committee. 8:30 a.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Cheryl Anne Colton, cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5565.

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