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The Lego Movie, Everything is Awesome group took the "Best Overall" in the stroller completion.

# Halloween on Parade

he sun was shining brightly for the annual Del Ray Halloween parade on Mount Vernon Avenue on Sunday afternoon, Oct.

26. Thousands of costumed participants filled the avenue to walk north to the festivities at the Mount Vernon Community Recreation Center field

This year's grand marshal was Egypt Garret, a student at Jefferson Houston Elementary School. Three honorary grand marshals were also riding in the parade: U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and two of his children, Patrick and Dorothy.

Winners were announced in the stroller, best decorated business and best pet costume contests. Stroller competition winner: Less Is More – Cab-

bage Patch Kid, Creative – Alexandria Firefighter's Family, Best Group – Running of the Bulls, Most Humorous – Old McDonald's Farm and Overall – Lego Movie, Everything Is Awesome.

Best Decorated Business winners included: Del Ray Variety – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, The Store – Your Dog's Best Friend – Runner Up, UPS Store – Best Use of a Small Space and Greenstreet Gardens – Best Seasonal Display.

Winners in the Best Pet Costume winners: Vola Lawson Best In Show – Harry Potter – The Chamber of Secrets, Team Award – Law Dogs & Perps, Most Creative – Minecraft,

How Could You Do This to Me – 1<sup>st</sup> Dog Astronaut and Honorable Mention – Aussie Super Dogs.



T.C. Williams drama students publicize their upcoming performance of Rhinoceros on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.



The "Snuggle Bear" — Laura Beth — takes a nap before the start of the parade.

# And the Winners ...

# Chamber honors 2014 local Businesses of the Year.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

he Alexandria Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business of the Year Awards Oct. 22, honoring businesses throughout the community and Lonnie C. Rich as the 2014 Business Leader of the Year.

"To paraphrase one of my favorite Yankees, Lou Gehrig, receiving this award tonight reminds me that I am one of the luckiest guys in the world," said Rich, a partner at Rich Rosenthal Brincefield Manitta Dzubin & Kroeger, as he accepted his award.

The event, sponsored by Eagle Bank, was held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial and honored businesses selected as Best in Business in their nominated categories.

The 2014 honorees were: Association/Nonprofit Business of the Year – Senior Services of Alexandria; Small Business of the Year – Rooftop Chimney Sweeps LLC; Medium Business of the Year –

Fluet Huber + Hoang PLLC; Large Business of the Year – Burke & Herbert Bank; Rising Star Business of the Year – Minuteman Press of Alexandria; and Overall Business of the Year - The Hoffman Company.

"The Chamber's Business Awards is the flagship awards program in the community that recognizes excellence in business," said Chamber of Commerce president and CEO John Long. "Presented annually, this event is the life-blood for businesses that set the standard, innovate and excel in our region."

Following the awards presentation, more than 200 guests sampled tastings from Chef Cathal Armstrong's Alexandria restaurants, including Restaurant Eve, The Majestic, Society Fair, Eamonn's A Dublin Chipper and Club PX Lounge. Armstrong was honored in 2012 as the Chamber's Business Leader of the Year.

A former member of City Council, Rich praised the Alexandria community and the efforts of other

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Business Leader of the Year Lonnie Rich, center, is joined by "Mango" Mike Anderson and Eric Nelson at the reception following the chamber awards presentation.

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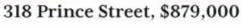








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# Severance Trial Set for October 2015

The murder trial of Charles Severance has been set for Oct. 5, 2015. The hearing last week, presided over by Fairfax County Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush, also addressed the defense's motion to remove Severance's shackles and whether or not cameras would be allowed in the courtroom.

"This is a very do-able trial date, despite the complexity of the case," said Roush. "It's not engraved in stone, but it is very firm." On account of Severance's good behavior since his arrival in the Arlington jail four weeks ago, the defense requested that Severance be allowed out of his handcuffs, which they claim are causing pain and limiting his ability to communicate. Roush denied the motion, saying the handcuffs are there due to the nature of the charges and that she would not tell the sheriff how to run the jail.

The media, represented by attorney David Warrington, motioned to permit electronic coverage of the trial, with the understanding that the court has the authority to turn them off whenever necessary. Roush has been on both sides of the issues, opposing their use during 2003 trial of beltway sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, but allowing full video coverage in the trial 2013 trial of Julio Blanco Garcia. The ruling on the Severance case was in between; allowing one still camera in the courtroom for pre-trial coverage, but Roush said she still needed to consider what electronic media would be allowed during the trial.

— Vernon Miles

# City Suspends 'For Sale' Car Ticketing

Cars displaying for "For Sale" signs on Alexandria public streets will no longer be ticketed. Since the 1960s, section 10-4-13(a) of the city code has prohibited displaying the car on the street for the purposes of selling it. Since September, City of Alexandria staff has been reviewing the ordinance and have announced that enforcement of the prohibition has been suspended as of Tuesday, Oct. 28.

"Vehicles displaying 'for sale' signs on public streets will not be ticketed until further notice," read an announcement from the city. "This will allow the city and the community time to assess any positive or negative implications of the practice."

If the City Council moves forward with an amendment or repeal of the ordinance, a public hearing will be held and the council will vote on the change. If the law is not changed, the City of Alexandria must provide at least 30 days public notice before ticketing will resume.

Vernon Miles

# A Feast for Foodies Rotary's Taste For Giving raises funds for local nonprofits.

By Jeanne Theismann GAZETTE PACKET

he Rotary Club of Alexandria held its seventh annual Taste For Giving, a community-wide fundraiser to benefit more than 30 local charities and nonprofits, Oct. 24 in the atrium of the U.S. Patent and Trade Office.

"We had a great team and everyone worked hard," said event chairman John Renner. "It's great to see that the event was a success for our club and for the community."

Spearheaded by the Taste For Giving Event, the Rotary Club of Alexandria was able to donate more than \$90,000 to local charities at its Contributions Day meeting earlier this year.

Presenting sponsor for this year's event was Lane Construction with Loch Harbor serving as Diamond Sponsor. North Mountain Vineyards was the wine sponsor with beer provided by Port City Brewery and the USPTO donating the space and parking.

In addition to entertainment and a live and silent auction, attendees enjoyed food provided by participating restaurants that included Tres Hermanas, Sweet Fire Donna's, Pork Barrel BBQ, Bastille, Ben and Jerry's, the Charthouse, Dishes of India,

"Mango" Mike Anderson, left,

dishes out Sweet Fire Donna's

**BBQ** to Burke and Herbert vice

president Walter Clarke at the

**Rotary Club of Alexandria's Taste** 

For Giving fundraiser Oct. 24 at

the USPTO.



Mary Ellen Fannon, executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation Mari Lou Livingood and Duncan Blair.

Firehook, Hard Times Café, La Porta's, Nando's Peri Peri, Overwood, Red Rocks Pizzeria, Tempo, Trademark and Union Street Public House.

"Not only do these restaurants support our event, but they are very generous supporting many other charity events that support the needy in our community," added Joan Renner, president of the Alexandria Rotary Club. "They are always enthusiastic about helping the community and being part of a community event. Honestly, it's the restaurants that make this event and we couldn't do it without them."

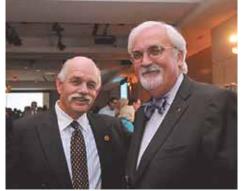
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"Running" Brooke Curran and Donna Wilson.



Shelley Finger, Frank Fannon and **Kay Matthews** 



Nolan Forness of B&C Jewelers and architect Steve Gresham.

Photos by Louise Krafft GAZETTE PACKET



**Shannon Jones joins executive** directors Kari Galloway (Guest House) and Courtney Bishop (Carpenter's Shelter) in serving of samples from the Belle View restaurant, Taste of India.



Taste for Giving chair John J. Renner II, president of the Rotary Club of Alexandria Joan Renner and honorary chairs Senator John Warner and his wife Jeanne.



Cathy Puskar, Pat Clarke, Vincent McDonald and Bill Stokes.

# Pirates Take Over on Halloween at Del Ray Home Azombie head

Pirate Lady shares her methods for creating the perfect scary house.

> By Veronica Bruno GAZETTE PACKET

t's like being a kid all over again. You get to create your own little world. One that everyone else gets to enjoy with you," says Tami Sarjeant, owner of 1407 Russell Road in the Del Ray area of Alexandria. Also known as the "pirate lady," the pirates and other nefarious characters take over her property around Halloween time. Her house on Russell Road has also won the Del Ray Best House Decoration award in 2011 and the Hall of Fame award in 2012.

Several pieces were custom-designed. "My contractor Romalo Pol works with me to build the ship, jail and throne. We build everything from scratch. That's why it looks a bit different from year to year. Somehow the ship keeps getting larger and larger."

To get it all done on-time, she gets help from other community members. "Sheriff Dana Lawhorne generously helps out. From



The house at 1407 Russell Road in Delray is completely decked out and ready for Halloween trick-and-treaters.

painting when I'm at work, to helping with the heavy lifting. And the new flying bats are his creation."

It takes Sarjeant over a month and a half of working every night and all weekend to get the house ready. There is a large ship

festooned with rascally pirates, sharks sticking out of the lawn, skulls galore, smoking cauldrons of various sizes, drunken sailors, and stray cats and spiders. New elements are added every year. In fact, adding them is the favorite aspect for Ms. Sarjeant. Among the additions are new 3D waves added to the pirate ship: "The 3D waves were great fun .... It's worth every bruise, scrape, and broken nail when you see how much the kids enjoy it." Other additions include more witches, Wizard of Oz elements, and an elusive black cat — "Look for him before he finds you," she said.

greets visitors.

PHOTO CONTRIBUT

And the project keeps growing bigger every year. Sarjeant used to store

all the pieces in her basement, but now rents out storage units to manage the project. "Two years ago I ran out of room so I had to rent a storage unit. This year I have

"Red wine and ebay."

Ricardo Martinez

—Tami Seargent, noting her inspiration

two." But the community support and enthusiasm is all worth it.

"It's nice to see some of the same faces year after year, watching them grow up. They come out night after night to see what new pieces have gone up since the previous visit. To give the families something fun that they can do together, come together as a community ... that's what living in Del Ray/Rosemont is all about."

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# News

# Sole Provider

Firefighters distribute 2,500 pairs of shoes to children in need.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

eeing is believing for Nicholas Chakos and his family, who made the drive from Pittsburgh to Alexandria to help provide 2,500 pairs of shoes to children in need as part of the Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue coat and shoe distribution Oct. 28 at Penn Daw Fire Station 11.

"This is a wonderful example of what a public and private partnership should be," said Chakos, who serves as the executive director of FOCUS North America, a nonprofit organization that provides services to the homeless and working poor in 50 cities across the country. "With the public and private sectors coming together today, more than 2,500 families in need will be helped."

The addition of shoes as part of the annual firefighters coat distribution, spearheaded by Alexandria resident Capt. Willie Bailey of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, was organized by Chakos and FOCUS of North America through the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships.

"Through PP3 we met Capt. Bailey and wanted to do what we could to help," Chakos said. "While we primarily provide jobs and housing to help the homeless and working poor, there are still a lot of tangible items those families need. Shoes are an important item that families go through very quickly and even low cost ones can be difficult to afford."

Chakos procured 2,500 pairs of athletic shoes from the Toms Shoe Company to be distributed to families throughout Northern Virginia. Each child received two pair of shoes – one for now and one to grow into.

For the fourth year, Pennsylvania-based nonprofit Operation Warm donated more than 1,800 new coats, all of which were made in America.

"I think it's important to note where these coats came from," said Fairfax County Fire Chief Richie Bowers as he showed off the Made in the U.S.A. tags on each coat. "Not only were hundreds of American jobs saved by purchasing these coats, they are distributed exclusively by firefighters across the country doing in their communities what Capt. Bailey is doing here."

Primo's Restaurant provided food for the dozens of retired firefighters and volunteers who gathered





Heidi Chakos and her son Andrew, 9, help a young Head Start student show off his new coat at the Firefighters and Friends coat and shoe distribution at Penn Daw Station 11 Oct. 28.

before dawn to sort through the coats and shoes and prepare them for distribution to representatives of 60 area schools and nonprofit organizations.

"We also were able to give away 500 gift certificates from the Hair Cuttery to boys and girls under 18," Bailey said.

Additional contributors to the annual coat distribution effort include Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax, Local 2068, Nationwide Credit Corporation, Apple Federal Credit Union, Promax Realtors, ACT for Alexandria and the Fairfax Firefighters Retiree Association.

"This is a wonderful program," said ACT for Alexandria Executive Director John Porter. "Combined with Operation Warm and FOCUS, it has exceeded all expectations in providing coats and shoes to children in Alexandria and throughout Fairfax County."

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# Sharing Fun of Reading

# Volunteering with The Reading Connection.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE Gazette Packet

iana Mertz opened the door to the Ruby Tucker Center on Tancil Court in Alexandria. The excited sound of children's voices fills every corner of the room where the weekly hour of reading is about to begin. A blur of purple plaid whirls over with a big smile and locks herself around Mertz's knees. This particular night is the 25th anni-

PEOPLE AT WORK versary of The Reading Connection (TRC), which sponsors these programs in 13 sites across the metropolitan area. Ruby Tucker Center hosts chil-

dren from 4-7 years old from the adjoining affordable housing complex. Some other TRC programs are held in shelters. Three teachers whose school was located close to a shelter started the program, and they were seeing at-risk kids in their classrooms realizing they had different needs.

The evening begins with a quiet-down time to calm children racing around the room. "What are the rules?" Mertz asks.

A small hand shoots up enthusiastically. "Listen,"

"That's right," she responds. "Now what is next?" Several hands vie for recognition. "Respect, a small voice blurts out."

"Yes, correct. Would you want to have someone talking while you were trying to listen to a story?" Toes are still wiggling but she has their attention.

Mertz explains, "The theme of the evening is butterflies." The stories begin with a reading of "Dinosaurs Roar, Butterflies Soar" to the group of about 15 children. Later they break into six small groups, each led by a volunteer. Mertz is immediately surrounded by several children competing for the coveted seat on her lap and surrounding her spot on the floor as she opens the first page of "Clara Caterpillar." One of the listeners braids Mertz's long blond hair as she turns the pages.

Mertz has been volunteering at this location once a month as well as another TRC site in D.C. since



Diana Mertz, a monthly volunteer at The Reading Connection, reads "Clara Caterpillar" to her group at the Ruby Tucker Center in Alexandria.



Quiet-down time begins the evening's reading session as Diana Mertz asks the children, "What are the rules?"

2012. She said she was looking for a way to get involved in the community. Mertz explained that she doesn't have children of her own so she hasn't read any of these books for years. Mertz said she loves to see how the children grow and develop. She remembers a five year old when they had the theme of "Nurses." She wanted to sound out a word. "It was steth-o-scope. I was amazed. And we are instilling that reading is fun for kids who often don't have reading at home."

Both Mertz and her husband volunteer for TRC. They go to the library to research a topic, bring home 15 or so books, read them, and exchange ideas. Then on the way home after they have read to the children they talk about what worked and what didn't, what went well. "It makes us enthusiastic so we want to do it again."

She remembers a favorite theme of "Electricity." She explained one child was the battery jumping up and down while the others held hands to practice the flow of current. "They really loved it." She said it is also important to find age appropriate reading and something that will challenge them mentally. And of course, it's important to have fun. "I enjoy the challenge of interacting with kids."

At the beginning orientation they got ideas of how to choose books and then had an on- site observa-

There is also continuing education as well as an on-line blog where volunteers can exchange information. Sometimes the volunteers get together to brainstorm an idea.

"Activity time," Mertz announces. "Everyone find a spot at the table." She holds up butterfly forms, tissue paper and pipe cleaners. She turns to one child standing at the front of the table beside her, "Now you can help pass these scissors out; there are plenty for everyone."

She looks around, "What joy the kids have!"



Tatyana Schremko Schriempf (Galinas' sister), Tatjana Fernbach Christie (Galinas' daughter), Alexa Tatyana Schriempf and J. Thomas Schriempf. On laptop via Skype: Andrew 'Ricky' Christie, James Christy Sr. and James Christy Jr. in Canada.

# Reunited

# After 70 years of searching, family split by war comes together.

By Vernon Miles Gazette Packet

ears of starvation and war had robbed Galina Lodoba and her half-sister Tatyana Schremko of their parents and their homes, and the sisters had struggled in the years that followed to keep together and stay alive. While trying to escape the Soviet army, Galina and Tatyana were separated on the last day of the Second World War.

For almost 70 years, that was the end of the story. Tatyana, now an Alexandria resident and artist, never gave up the search for her sister. There had been vague hints about where her sister might be: first a letter immediately after the war, then a report by the Red Cross in the '70s, but there was no way for Tatyana to find out what had happened to Galina.

"All the time I'd been searching for my sister," said Tatyana. "I had no idea where she may be, if she was even alive."

Then, in October of 2014, Tatyana received a phone call from her daughter Alexa. She was crying and told her mother that she'd found Galina.

"She's not alive, is she," Tatyana said.

"No momma, she's not."

2013. Tatjana Christie, Galina's and the cold, leaving the two daughter named for an aunt of them with just each other to she'd never met, arrived in survive the occupation. The Washington Oct. 11 and met her aunt for the first time.

Tatyana would never get a chance to meet her sister, a pain that she says is still very fresh, but she did have a chance to meet a niece she never knew

"This is really terrible for me," said Tatyana. "But nothing is ever a total negative, there is a balance."

Tatyana and Tatjana spoke on the phone for hours, filling in the gaps in their respective stories. Some of the resemblances in the post-war lives of Tatyana and Galina were uncanny. Both had married physicists, and both had one daughter each.

"There was a need to absorb each other, to understand what each other's lives are like," said Tatjana. "She wanted to know if my mother happy, what was her life like? For both of us, there had been a lifetime of searching."

Tatyana and Galina were born in the city of Harbin, China. When the Japanese invaded in 1931, the city was turned into a war zone and the two sisters fled with their family to Kharkiv in Ukraine.

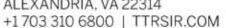
"That was the end of us," said

Tatyana's father was arrested and they never saw him again. Soon after, Germany invaded and Tatyana and Galina's Galina had died on Feb. 10, mother died from starvation German officers warned them

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# News

# Buried Alive Poe and poetry in an Alexandria crypt.

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

pparently, reading Edgar Allen Poe stories in Alexandria's haunted Athenaeum wasn't creepy enough, so the Guillotine Theater upped the ante. Their next reading, which focused on Poe's stories about being buried alive, was hosted inside a crypt of Alexandria's Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The Guillotine Theatre, formerly the Georgetown Theatre Company, teamed up with the Ivy Hill Cemetery to present an evening of poetry and short stories by American poet Edgar Allen Poe last weekend. The actors performed readings of "Cask of Amontillado," "The Black Cat," "Berenice," "The Premature Burial" and "The Raven."

All of these, except for the Raven, dealt heavily with themes of being walled up and buried alive.

"There's something special about the way people's eyes linger on the walls when [Fortunato] is sealed in during Cask of Amontillado," said Catherine Aselford, director of the Guillotine Theatre

Ivy Hill Cemetery's receiving vault, or The Vault, is one of the facility's two oldest buildings. The Vault and the caretaker office were both built in the late 1850s when the cemetery was established by local farm owner Hugh Charles Smith. Smith and his family



Fortunato, as played by Ian Blackwell, chained up and left to die in The Vault.

were some of the cemetery's first inhabitants and, as far as anyone knows, are still buried there.

The receiving vault's original purpose was to house bodies during the winter months, when the ground was too cold to bury them. With more modern grave digging techniques, the facility's traditional use gave way to becoming a storage shed for the cem-

etery groundskeepers.

"My entire life I walked by this door, when it was only two inches open, and my father used to tell me a big old troll lived in here. I was terrified," said Lucy Burke Goddin, president of the Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society. "Come to find out; it was just a bunch of dead bodies, so that's OK."

The building was recently cleared out of

the junk that had accumulated over the years and passed a city inspection saying it was still safe and usable as an event space. Since its restoration, the Vault has been a part of numerous events, including a gathering of Alexandria's Victorian Society to discuss mourning practices, a lecture on medical practices during the Civil War, and a séance with a local medium.

"My job, my mission, is to preserve, protect, and promote the history of Ivy Hill," said Goddin. She said her model for event hosting etiquette at a cemetery is the Congressional Cemetery. "We're not losing respect [for the interred], we're attracting audiences from a broad spectrum to support the cemetery."

But poetry readings and psychic mediums are about as wild as events at the cemetery will get. Goddin specifically drew the line at animal sacrifice.

"We're trying not to get too ridiculous," said Goddin. "In the past, people would be discouraged from walking around, or walking their dog. Just be respectful. If you see a funeral or someone grieving, walk the other way. Enjoy it, be respectful. It's one of the largest green spaces in Alexandria."

Retta Hall, whose husband is buried at the cemetery, attended the Poe reading and the psychic reading.

"It was excellent," said Hall. "[Goddin] does some really great stuff here."

# Resurrection of Ivy Hill

By Michael McMorrow
Gazette Packet

everaging Mobile Technology for Cemetery Marketing and Maintenance"

and "The Use of Mechanical Armatures to Support Weak or Failed Gravestones"

are unlikely lures for the ordinary weekend. But do not try telling that to Lucy Burke Goddin, president of Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society in Alexandria.

Recently, Goddin attended Operation Conservation, a conference co-sponsored by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery and the Association for Gravestone Studies. The forbidding titles presented above are only two of the several technical presentations. "Conference attendees form partnerships," according to Goddin, through which problems and solutions can be shared with people working at other historic locations.

Asked what value she sees in such an event, Goddin first points to the mission of her society. Cemeteries, she said, "are not just places for dead people." They need to be kept "alive" because of what can be learned from the lives of the deceased and from the beauty of the grounds, both manmade and natural, including flora and fauna. Cemeteries are known as places of quiet and contemplation; a resting place for the living. The society aims to protect and preserve Ivy Hill so that it becomes, in ef-



"The Vault" at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

fect, "a tourist destination."

All these objectives are rooted in the decades after the mid-1800s. That is when cemeteries were born. People died before that, of course, with their remains placed in a churchyard or a plot on the farm. With urbanization and population growth and related public health concerns, that arrange-



Effort to make historic cemeteries "destinations."

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Goddin admires John Philip Sousa's grave marker at Congressional Cemetery.

ment did not work well anymore. Cemeteries ("place for the sleeping") were laid out in the countryside. Respect for the deceased became reflected in ornamental grave markers and artful landscaping. Public parks, museums and art galleries were non-existent. Cemeteries attracted people. They would trek into the countryside for a day of picnics and hiking, and sometimes even hunting and racing. In Goddin's terms, those early cemeteries were "alive." Attitudes changed over time, graveyards lost their attraction and cemeteries became forgotten places. Goddin, and the other attend-

ees of Operation Conservation, seek to reverse history and to resurrect historic cemeteries as "destinations."

The premier example of success at Ivy Hill is "The Vault." Originally intended to be a temporary place for remains, the restored structure can be augmented with temporary lighting and furniture for varied gatherings. The Victorian Society has convened there, as has a group conducting readings from the works of Edgar Allen Poe [see story above]. Goddin reports that the booking schedule has many openings that will suit interested persons.

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# ELECTION '14

# What's on the Ballot?

# Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

very voter in Virginia will vote for U.S. Senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives.
One constitutional question will appear on all Virginia ballots, Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place

## of residence and has not remarried? **SENATE**

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- ♦ Democrat Mark R. Warner, www.markwarnerva.com
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The 8th District is open seat because of the retirement of incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D), who was elected in 1990. Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. will face Republican Micah K. Edmond plus three independent candidates. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

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## Voting Early, Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations between now and Nov.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

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Oct. 30, 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 31, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Virginia's new photo ID requirements apply to absentee voters who cast their absentee ballot in person. Voters who do not have acceptable ID may apply for an ID (and receive a temporary ID) at the same time they come to cast their in-person absen-

tee ballot.

More details, http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720

### OBITUARY

# Edwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr.

dwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr., 82, of Huntersville, N.C. died on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House. Bumps was born Sept. 19, 1932 in Leesburg, Va., to the late Edwin and Flora George Myers.

Bumps graduated from Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria in 1951. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean Conflict. Bumps attended Mars Hill College and graduated from N.C. State with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for the U.S. Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C., until he retired. He loved the time he spent in the Navy. He was an avid N.C. State fan and enjoyed all sports, including playing tennis and golf. He loved to travel and cherished the time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bumps leaves to cherish his memory, his loving family; wife, Bobbie Garner Myers; daughters, Julie Lewis (Darryl) of Winston-Salem, N.C., Valerie Sutton (Michael) of Huntersville, N.C.; grandchildren, Katie



Reilly, Clarke Lewis, Connor Lewis, Paxson Sutton, Morgan Sutton; brothers, Norman Myers, Frank Myers; five nephews; three nieces.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, Oct. 26,

2014 from 1-3 p.m. at the Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home, Huntersville, N.C. Friends will also be received on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014 between 5-8 p.m. at the Marshall House in Leesburg, Va. Interment will be held at the Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Va., at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3, 2014.

The family would like to thank everyone at Levine & Dickson Hospice House for their comfort and care during this difficult time.

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# OPINION

# Voting

very year is Election Year in Virginia, and this year, the ballot is short but important. Turn out to vote for U.S. Senate, member of the House of Representatives, and a few questions.

You can vote absentee in person

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between now and Saturday, Nov. 1; after that, vote on Election Day, Nov.

4, at your assigned polling place. Bring photo identification with you, the rules have changed.

For information, contact State Board of Elections, 804 864-8901, Toll Free: 800 552-9745 FAX: 804 371-0194, info@sbe.virginia.gov; or visit http://www.sbe.virginia.gov

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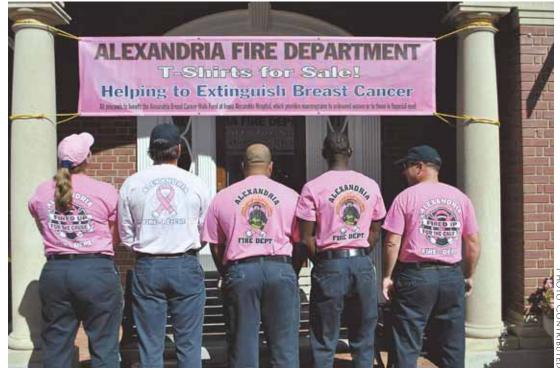
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### LETTERS

# Lights ... and Learning

To the Editor:

It was interesting to watch the School Board meeting as they received the Lights Feasibility Report. What was the purpose of a feasibility study for "Football Lights?" Was it a solution looking for a problem? Did it show the contribution of lights to the foot-



## Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirts

Alexandria Fire Department employees will wear pink Breast Cancer Awareness Tshirts as part of their uniform every day in October. Shirts are on sale to support the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund (see http://www.alexandriava.gov/ TheWalk) and are available in adult sizes S to XXX. \$15 per shirt. Stop by Station 201 at 317 Prince St. any time to purchase.

ball program? Did the board learn anything? Were they open to any options?

I am reading a current book "Learn or Die" by Professor Hess of the Darden School that addresses the importance of having a learning organization. While the focus of the book is on business organizations I think it could apply to organizations for learning ... school systems. The learning organization is open to different

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views to find the optimum solution. It seems that letters to the Gazette Packet have identified a range of views for consideration. Recent articles in the Washington Post have reviewed the potential contribution of football to individual development and at the same time concern for safety and attention to the issue of concussions. A recent PBS Newshour program featured the T.C. Williams football coach and trainer along with some of the players discussing the concerns of concussions. What are the football program

What are the athletic program needs? Clarify "needs" and "wants". Let's focus on the big picture, the whole system. Lots of questions ... how to decide? A basic rule in systems theory is "Do not optimize at the sub-system level." The system should be defined as the athletic program or the overall high school education program. Current practices suggest good decision-making should not be binary, yes or no, but a choice among at least three options. Fiscal decisions should recognize Economics 101 - "There are always limited resources." The ability to learn is the foundation for continuing improvement. Professor Hess offers comprehensive summaries of learning conversations and critical thinking tools for learning organizations. Seems like an approach for the Strategic Plan. Keep the focus on Learning.

> **Robert Smith** Alexandria

# Bragging Scottlaw:

To the Editor:

When is it permissible for a member of one of our boards or commissions to openly admit to

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# **OPINION**

# Planning for the Future

# Senior Law Day: Tools to build security for the future and beyond.

By Mary Lee Anderson Executive Director Senior Services of Alexandria

he Alexandria Bar Association and Senior Services of Alexandria recently welcomed more than 150 attendees to the fourth annual Senior Law Day. As our aging population continues to grow, issues like estate planning and long-term care should be on the forefront of people's minds. By the year 2050, 90 million people in the United States will be over the age of 65. Senior Law Day provided the ideal forum for local experts to talk about legal and financial planning issues everyone needs to consider, because early preparation can ease the burden on families and reduce unnecessary stress.

The session's keynote speaker, the Rev. Raymond C. O'Brien, professor of law at Catholic University, kicked off the event by giving a thorough overview

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Of the necessary tools to have in place, including a will, medical directive, and durable power of attorney.

Barbara Anderson, Esq., a prin-

Barbara Anderson, Esq., a principal of the Life & Estate Planning Law Center, moderated a panel dis-

cussion on estate planning. Attorneys Deborah Matthews and Patience Alexander joined her in emphasizing the importance of working with someone who is knowledgeable about the Commonwealth of Virginia's laws concerning probate and estate planning, and the key issues to consider when choosing executors and beneficiaries. Copies of the Virginia State Bar's "Senior Citizens Handbook" were available for the audience to take home.

The second panel was moderated by Natalie Page Esq., and focused on financial and long-term care planning. This type of planning is critical for families — seniors as well as adult caregivers. AARP expert Patrick Killeen discussed a variety of long-term care scenarios including in-home care, assisted living and nursing home facilities, group homes and adult day-care programs. Navigating this system and finding the appropriate solution can be complicated,



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

From left: Chris Wright, Alexandria Bar Association; Mary Lee Anderson, Senior Services of Alexandria; and Mitch Opalski, Synergy HomeCare.

and Tom West of Signature Estate and Investment Advisors stressed the importance of considering key issues before a crisis, so that decisions can be made without undue pressure. A copy of the presentations and answers to questions raised by the audience will be available on Senior Services website, www.seniorservicesalex.org

The next Senior Speaker Series event will be "Preparing for Important Conversations," on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at Beth El Hebrew Congregation at 3830 Seminary Road. Senior Speaker Series programs are free and open to the public. To register for the November session, go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10

Another upcoming event for caregivers is the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Caregivers Conference in Alexandria on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m.- 3:30 .pm. This event is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium, and will feature local health experts providing practical tips on how to respond to behavioral issues associated with dementia, and the opportunity to visit with exhibitors who offer supportive services. On-line registration is at https://nvdcc.eventbrite.com or call 703-324-5425.





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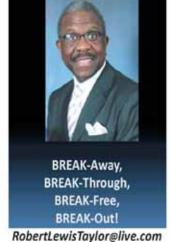
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# Entertainment

# Port City Presents 'In the Next Room'

Comedy examines sexual repression in the Victorian era, beginning Nov. 7.

By Steve Hibbard
Gazette Packet

ort City Playhouse will present Sarah Ruhl's "In the Next Room," a comedic examination of sexual repression in the Victorian era, Nov. 7 to 22. The comedy centers on Dr. Givings, an enlightened physician in late 19<sup>th</sup> century New York, who has developed a new, electric-powered device to treat the "hysteria" of his female patients brought on by sexual frustration. It takes the doctor a while to realize that his wife is suffering from a similar complaint and that treatment sometimes requires the human touch.

Director Mary Ayala-Bush said even though the play is a period piece, it has relevance to the current day. "I wanted to make the show both a statement of the fact that it occurs at the dawn of the 20th century but that with very little change could be a statement of our current direction as a society that is increasingly relying on technology for its emotional fulfillment," she said.

She said because the subject matter is about love and sex, it's both provocative and extremely funny in the circumstances that are presented. "It would be very easy to turn the show into a farce, but it would lose so much of the nuance related to the back stories of the various characters," she said.

She said the play shows how we can lose our humanity if we rely on technology for our fulfillment. "Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, texting, are all beneficial tools, but in the end they are poor substitutes for face-to-face engagement," she said.

Will MacLeod is playing the role of Dr. Givings, a scientist obsessed with electricity and medicine. "He's purely interested in the scientific side of his invention, and doesn't seem to make the connection between the direct physical effects that his treatments are having and the personal and emotional effects that they will have on his patients," he said.

He said, "The biggest challenges have involved getting the giggles out in rehearsals, because, obviously, this is a pretty funny and awkward subject matter, but Dr. Givings wouldn't really understand why any of this would be funny and wouldn't laugh at any of it."

Madeline Byrd plays the role of his charming wife, Mrs. Givings, who is driven to seek the company of the visitors to her home, including her husband's patients. "Her curiosity about her husband's work and the treatments he provides 'in the next room' ultimately leads to her discovery



Madeline Byrd (Catherine Givings), Alexandra Guyker (Mrs. Daldry), and Cal Whitehurst (Mr. Daldry) in rehearsal for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room."



From left, Will MacLeod (Dr. Givings) and Nathan Vasquez (Leo Irving) rehearse for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room." Kelly Moran, who plays Annie, is in the background.



Alexandra Guyker (Mrs. Daldry) is being tended to by Kelly Moran (Annie) in rehearsals for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room."

and understanding of love," she said.

She added, "This play has many moments of hilarity in the midst of a complex and layered story of love, loss and what it means to be truly connected to someone."

"Audiences will laugh, they will cry, and hopefully they will leave the theatre with a new appreciation of what it means to love and be loved," Byrd said.

Kelly L. Moran plays the role of Annie, the nurse/mid-wife. "She supports Dr. Givings with his numerous 'hysteria' patients and in his constant quest for bigger and better machines to hasten the work. If the good doctor wants 100 feet of copper pipe, Annie rushes right out to get it," she said.

"The play is a little naughty and risqué, with the audience as voyeur to some intimate moments — but funny moments," Moran said.

Kadira Coley plays the role of Elizabeth, the housekeeper for the Daldrys and the wet nurse for the Givings. "Throughout the play you see Elizabeth's struggle with recently losing her son while nursing someone else's child," she said.

She added, "The play is hilarious and I think our audiences will be in stitches for the majority of the evening. But I also hope that the audience will take away the special journey that each of the characters in the play experiences throughout the play."

Cal Whitehurst plays the role of Mr. Daldry, a well-to-do, middle-aged man married to a younger woman. "In sexual matters he is very Victorian, believing that nice women are too pure at heart to enjoy relations with their husbands, so he makes sure his wife doesn't enjoy them by getting the business done as quickly as possible," he said. "He fails to see the connection between this behavior and his wife's unhappiness."

The challenge, he said, was "portraying a man who loves his wife but cannot bring himself to discover the source of her unhappiness — and whose lack of passion for his wife leads him to a one-sided flirtation with the pretty, high-spirited and somewhat eccentric Mrs. Givings."

He said, "The moral of the story is that while sexual fulfillment is vital to the happiness of a romantic relationship, sex without romance is just a matter of mechanics."

Producer Alan Wray added, "What's not to like about a comedy and something that updates the ideas from the Restoration Drawing Room Comedy. I hope that the audience can walk away being able to laugh and feel they've had a fun evening."

Performances for "In the Next Room" are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Nov. 15 and 22, at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302, just east of I-395 at the Shirlington exit, at the corner of Crestwood Drive and Quaker Lane. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of 10 or more.

## Calendar

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

### ONGOING

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

"Metamorphosis" Juried Art
Exhibit. Runs through Sunday, Nov.
2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and
Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon6 p.m. Del Ray Artisans
Gallery.Transformative art
embodying 'change'. Visit
www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for
more.

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

www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Vist TheDelRayArtisans.org/ PrudentialPenFed for more.

October-long Star-Spangled
Banner Exhibition. George

Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written.

Art Exhibit. Runs through Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center,105 North Union St. "Beyond the Edge" Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit www.theartleague.org for more. **Photography Exhibition.** Through
Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday
through Friday and during
performances. Schlesinger Center

performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ gallery.html.

The Rocky Horror Show. Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is

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\$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 at
Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron
St. An exhibit for artists who are 55
or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or
703-824-1345 for more.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit

www.torpedofactory.org for more. **Art Exhibit.** Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit

more.

www.torpedofactory.org for more. **Art Exhibit**. Through Jan. 2 at 1717

King St. and 300 S. Washington St.

BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com. for

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarelyseen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

**George Washington's Mount** 

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

more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848. **Dinner for the Washingtons**. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon

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

Second Thursday Music.

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

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

#### **CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday
(except Federal Holidays) 10:3011:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum,
134 North Royal Street, Alexandria.
Join other families with toddlers
(walkers through 36 months) to have
fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom.
Playtime features a craft table, book
corner, toys and group dancing. \$7
for a group of three. Visit
www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern
or call 703-746-4242.

**Pottery Classes.** 1- 4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

Sewing Classes. Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

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

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume** 

Contest. 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants will strut down the catwalk in the outdoor courtyard, modeling their Halloween finest. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.jackson20.com for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit www.laurieanderson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine
Cruise.7 p.m. at Alexandria City
Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac
Riverboat Company invites guests
with costumed-pup in tow to cruise
around the Potomac River on this 40minute ride to Halloween tunes.
Halloween doggie treats will be
provided, as well as a photographer
to capture the morning's

festivities.Vist www.potomacriverboatco.com for

Book Talk Program. 7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch as actor David Keltz returns to the Lyceum to reenact famed storyteller Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Alexandria shortly before his death. Admission is \$15. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/ Lyceum for more.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Annual Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

Trick-or-Treat. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit

www.mountvernon.org/ for more. Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gerald Albright. \$35. Visit www.geraldalbright.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Halloween Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Revel in an evening of merriment among art at the Halloween Costume Ball, where guests will be entertained with music, food, drink, a silent movie and work by local artists. Costumes are required. Call 703-838-4827 or visit

www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Community Fun Days. Hopkins
House, 5904 Richmond Highway.
Activities will include games,
balloons, face painting. Visit
www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 1

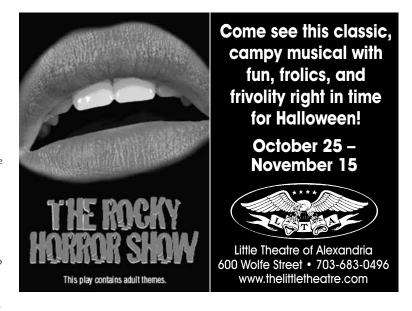
Cemetery News.1 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Kyle Wichtendahl, Educational Programming Coordinator for the Civil War Medicine Museum, will conduct a lecture on early embalming and burial practices. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-549-7413 for more.

Inviting Native Pollinators. 2-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp explain what threatens native pollinators and teaches you how to invite pollinators into your landscape. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Sinead O'Connor. \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

20th Century Masterworks for Violin and Piano. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Michael De Sapio (violin), accompanied by Teodora Adjarova (piano), presents a program of 20th century neoclassical works. Recital is free of charge but donations are appreciated. Email michaelmartind@gmail.com for

Venetian Masquerade Scholarship Ball. 7-11 p.m. Belle Haven Country Club. 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Proceeds







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## **HOLIDAY FUNraiser WEEKEND!**

### November 14th-16th

Friday 6-9pm: "WIN" and "Cheese" Silent Auction, Food, Entertainment... Holiday Bazaar Opens! with jewelry, metaphysical items, creative gifts, candles, books, baked goods, and more!

Saturday 9-5pm: Bazaar continues with Readers, Astrology Readings and Aura Photos/Consultations

Sunday 10-4: Silent Auction Closes at 1:00 pm.... Bazaar and events continue SUPPORT OUR ONGOING HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE for local charities, your donation of non-perishable food will earn you raffle tickets or prizes throughout the weekend!!!

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# ENTERTAINMENT

from this event will fund preschool scholarships for children from lowresourced and military families. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

**Theater Performance**. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's' "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Art Show Reception. 1:00-3:00 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Come to the Horticulture Center and Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and see the work of artist Don Joseph DiFiore, photographer Chris Fedderson and artist Erika Ridgway. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Capturing an American Icon**. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S.Pitt St. An inspirational all saint choral evensong will be held with a reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Call 703-549-3312 or email grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 3

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer Songwriter, Richard Marx will be performing. Tickets go on sale July 25. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 4

The Hello Girls. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A surprising World War I story written and told by Ellouise Schoettler. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 6

**Richmond Fine Arts Flowers and** 

Tea Getaway.11:30 a.m.-6:30p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Richmond for a guided tour of the 12th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call 703-642-

5173 for more. **Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Eclectic Guitars: featuring Eric Johnson and Mike Stern. \$45. Visit www.ericjohnson.com, www.mikestern.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation with the President. \$15 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/ GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-9

Orchestra, 4 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Premiered at the Opera House" with The Metropolitan Chorus, featuring Carmina Burana, Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

in two-week exhibitions through the end of 2014. This dynamic pop-up gallery provides an opportunity for many of the associates to have their

- work on view. Visit torpedofactory.org/events/ for more.

  Oct. 20-Nov. 2: Ellen Kolansky, paintings; Maria Simonsson, fiber sculpture; Ann Noel, paintings; and Ellen Delaney, paintings
- ❖ Nov. 3-16: Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer
- Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs Nov. 17-30: Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Branden Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media
- Dec. 1-14: Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudkii, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic
- \* Dec. 15-28: Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilynn Spindler, paintings

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Opening Night. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The "Space Between Approaches" will be on display. Open to the public. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Soprano Elizabeth Kluegel will perform. Tickets are \$25. Call 703- 765-0063 or visit solaconcert.eventbrite.com

**Theater Performance**. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's' "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane. The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra 20th Anniversary Concert will include Symphony No. 1, by Beethoven, The Hebrides Overture, Mendelssohn and Songs from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.reunionmusic.org/ orchestra.html for more.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Proceeds from the sale of tables to vendors will benefit FCC's outreach ministry. There will also be a pancake breakfast that morning. Contact Sherri Carpenter at cbikerchic@hotmail.com or 703-963-0072 for more

**Workshop.**10 a.m-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a stone trough of hypertufa for a natural looking container that is ideal for succulents, conifers and rock garden plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Homeowner Rain Garden

**Workshop**.1-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to properly locate, design, construct and maintain a small-scale rain garden. Call 703-642-5173.

Scotch Tasting Party. 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Enjoy traditional music and delectable Scottish

accompaniments. Call 703-642-5173. **Concert.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents the Modern Man folk/humor trio, with singer-songwriter Kipyn Martin. Tickets are \$18. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's' "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

### SATURDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 8-11

Veterans Day Ceremony. Runs from Nov. 8 - 11. near the Mt. Vernon gift area. Quilts of Honor will be holding a special Veterans Day ceremony where "Quilted Hugs of Gratitude" will be presented to military veterans

past and present. Quilts are needed and can be donated throughout the year. Visit www.quiltsofhonor.org for

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Book Talk. 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Ŝt. Ruth Baja Williams will share her book that follows a 20year detour of her life in a diverse international community. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for

**Annual Benefit**. 5-8 p.m. at Laporta's Restaurant, 1600 Duke St. The event will feature a cocktail reception, silent auction, and live music provided by the Christophe Ludet Trio and accordion player Peter DiGiovanni. Tickets are \$125. Call 703-231-0824 for more.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 10

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for

### TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Free Veterans Day Lecture. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Enjoy a free lecture on African American involvement in World War I with historian C.R. Gibbs. Limited seating, reservations are encouraged. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Rachael Yamagata performs, 10th anniversary of her album; "Happenstance." \$25. Visit rachaelyamagata.com or www.Birchmere.com for more

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the historic Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Enjoy a presentation titled "Reporting from the Field - Travels of a Civil War Correspondent" by historical reenactor Steven Mark Diatz, who is a former librarian with the Alexandria Library. Call 703-746-4554 or visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Second Thursday Live. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meigs Hodge explores the delta and Chicago styles through the music of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

**Dance Performance**. 8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Niche in the Hall is a sitespecific performance that travels all three floors, cubbyholes, studios and alcoves in dialogue with the art and architecture of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

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# LETTERS

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breaking the law, while still being able to maintain a seat on that appointed body? In my opinion, this should never have happened. However, a few weeks ago, I sent the following request to the Mayor, Bill Euille.

"Mr. Mayor, a week ago at the second meeting of the council's appointed Bicycle Pedestrian Ad Hoc Advisory Committee one of the members of that committee made an egregious statement. To wit, he essentially said that there were nine stop signs on Union Street and that he doesn't stop at any of them and that he doesn't intend to stop at any of them because it's inconvenient. This statement coming from someone on a city-appointed committee to discuss the best ways for pedestrians, bicyclists and autos to come together in a reasonable manner is unfathomable. This individual should be removed from the committee!"

The mayor farmed this out to the other council members, and when I asked what the decision was he sent the following: "I shared your concerns and request with my council colleagues, and the consensus was to not remove him. Appointees to many other boards and commissions have perhaps made personal statements from time-to-time, which they may regret, however, we have not taken action against them. Doing such, may deter citizens from seeking appointment. Remember, he was appointed by council, and therefore, I do not have the authority to remove him, accordingly. I will

however, have a personal conversation with him."

Respectfully, I do not agree with the decisions of the mayor or council on this matter. This was not an offhand personal remark on an unrelated matter. It was a proclamation by an appointee of the council, acting in his official capacity, that he has broken the law, and intends to continue doing so, on the very subject matter on which he was appointed to advise the city.

It is not in our best interests to have scofflaws representing their constituents on a city sponsored committee. Let the City Council "show their love" for the committee member by forgiving his past transgressions, but they need to appoint to this important committee someone who in the future intends to respect and obey the law, rather than boasting that he will violate it.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet Alexandria

# An Answer Down the Road?

To the Editor:

The article about the plight of housing people of modest means, and especially those with blemished records, made me appreciate that in Alexandria there are some exceptionally compassionate people. Their sincere angst over the declining supply of affordable housing in Alexandria is admi-

rable. Finishing the article reminded me of the axiom, if there was an easy answer, then there would be no problem.

And it's a problem far from unique to Alexandria. Case in point: Across the Potomac, in larger and more populous Prince George's County, Md., there are 1,000 churches but few that have a prison ministry.

More telling: there is in all of PG county only one small apartment building dedicated to providing housing to recently released prisoners, and they must first have a job before they can rent a bed in one of the 10 apartments. Even Washington D.C., which has halfway houses galore, doesn't have anywhere near the amount of affordable housing it needs, even habitable space for its homeless families.

I only wish Alexandria's affordable housing advocates' solutions were as creative as their concern, especially for those hard cases whose inability to rent housing is due to their awful life choices (e. g., prison record, no education, no marketable skills, prior eviction, sex molester, etc.). Cajoling Alexandria landlords to reduce their rents to accommodate individuals who give every reason to believe they will not be responsible tenants strikes me as futile use of time

Perhaps a more expansive solution would be to stop treating Alexandria as if it were an island. Let's face it: The city is geographically small; it's becoming ever more densely populated and, more important, it's a sought after place in which to live. These three factors alone foretell rising not declining rents. But barely 40 miles away, in Baltimore city, there are literally thousands of empty houses, albeit all needing repair. Baltimore is looking for people and organizations, whether for-profit or nonprofit, to acquire and restore them for occupancy.

Surely this fact alone merits research by our affordable housing advocates. Unorthodox admittedly, but given the paucity of realistic options to provide affordable housing in Alexandria, certainly for the hard cases, there is no harm and certainly no shame in at least exploring if it can be proffered in nearby Baltimore to those unable to secure it here.

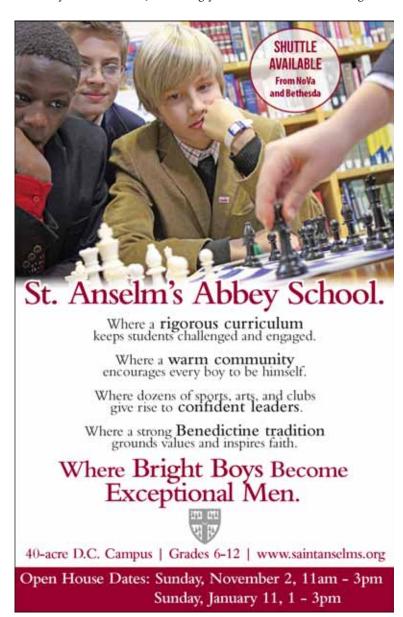
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# Del Ray's Haunted Houses

el Ray Business Association has made its selection for the 2014 Best Decorated Haunted Houses. Ten finalists were selected last week and winners announced on Sunday at the annual Halloween Parade.

The 2014 winners are First Place - 210 E Monroe (will be retired and go into the Hall of Fame after this year), Second Place - 109 Stewart Avenue, Third Place - 1904 La Grande Avenue and Fourth Place - 2603 Randolph Avenue.



1st place - 210 E. Monroe Avenue



2<sup>nd</sup> place - 109 Stewart



3<sup>rd</sup> place - 1904 La Grande Avenue



18 W. Caton Avenue



2930 Hickory Street



309 Hume Avenue



4<sup>th</sup> place - 2603 E. Randolph Avenue



302 E. Windsor Avenue



308 E. Windsor Avenue



102 W. Alexandria Avenue

# Chamber Honorees

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business leaders.

"When Joan Renner was chair of the chamber 10 years ago, she would regularly point out that we are a chamber of small businesses," Rich said. "Most of our members are not just business people, but we live as well as work in Alexandria, our kids go to school in the city, we are active in the faith community, we support local charities and we work hard and try to provide good products and services to our clients. I love it that all parts of my life feel fully integrated into one grand whole."

Rich thanked his wife, Marcia Call, and daughter Mattie, who were in the audience, then went on to recognize the work of his fellow chamber members.

"I love this Chamber of Commerce," Rich said. "I am very grateful for the recognition tonight, but truly feel that for the most part I am like every other chamber member that Joan Renner talked about 10 years ago – I am just a part of and involved in my community."

Rich ended his remarks with a quote from one of his favorite poets.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep," Rich said as he quoted Robert Frost. "We all have our promises and miles to go in continuing to make Alexandria a great community."



Board chair Joe Haggerty, left, and CEO John Long, right, pose for a photo with honorees of the 2014 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards Oct. 22 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



Sabel Kaminski and Lauren Douglas pose for a playful photo after accepting the Overall Business of the Year on behalf of the Hoffman Company.

> Employees of Burke and Herbert bank pose for a group photo at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year awards. Burke and Herbert Bank was honored as the 2014 Large Business of the Year.



# **SPORTS**

# Faddoul Is Bishop Ireton's Humbled Star

# Junior scores three goals in WCAC quarterfinal win over Good Counsel.

By Jon Roetman Gazette Packet

oey Faddoul had to humble him-

self before he could reach his potential on the soccer field.

In 2013, the sophomore received honorable mention in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, but his attitude hindered his ability to accomplish even more. He didn't take criticism well and carried an inflated sense of his abilities. He had the talent to be a goal-scoring force — and he knew it — but his production left room for improvement.

Now a junior, Faddoul has matured into a team captain and a leader. His attitude has improved and his goal-scoring talent is unmatched in the Washington, D.C.-metro area.

Faddoul, a first-team all-WCAC selection, netted a hat trick on Tuesday during a 3-2 victory over Good Counsel in the WCAC

tournament quarterfinals at Witter Fields in Alexandria. Faddoul's three goals gave him 27 for the season, making him the area's top goal scorer, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Faddoul also leads the Cardinals in assists.

"I guess you could say I thought I was better than I was," Faddoul said. "I kind of humbled myself a little bit last year, in the second half of the season. This year, I'm more mature and I take every criticism positively and I work as hard as I can."

Faddoul gave Ireton a 1-0 lead with a goal in the seventh minute. In the 61st minute, he extended the Cardinals' advantage to 2-0 by dribbling through defenders before using his left foot to deposit the ball in the net.

Good Counsel proved resilient, however, and tied the score at 2-all with a pair of goals in the next 10 minutes. In 74th minute, No. 11 scored the game-winner on a free kick.

"I just waited for the wall and the wall automatically backed up," Faddoul said. "I asked the ref if I had to wait for the whistle. He told me I could go whenever I wanted. I saw the keeper on the post and I just hit it."

The victory advanced Bishop Ireton to the WCAC semifinals, where the Cardinals will face DeMatha at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 at Heurich Field in Hyattsville, Md.

"I think today was a fine example of the kind of kid he has become, the kind of player he has become," Bishop Ireton head coach Jon Norem said about Faddoul. "He's always had it. Big players show up in big games and I think today was a statement. Last year it was there, it just wasn't his year. He's matured a lot on and off the field."

Bishop Ireton (13-4-2) will also compete in the VISAA state playoffs, starting with a home match against St. Anne's Belfield at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 at Fannon Field.

"I'm very proud of the boys for not putting their heads down and [not] being defeated because a lot of teams can do that once you've given up those two goals," Norem said after the Good Counsel game. "I've got a great group of kids."

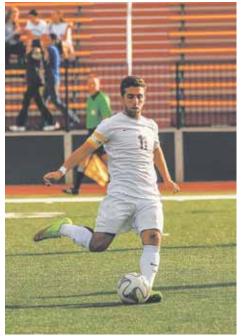


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Bishop Ireton junior Joey Faddoul, seen against Bishop McNamara on Oct. 24, has scored 27 goals this season.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

# BI Football Improves to 7-2

The Bishop Ireton football team defeated Potomac School 45-7 on Oct. 25, improving its record to 7-2.

Ireton quarterback Joe Dickinson completed 14 of 19 passes for 237 yards, with four touchdowns and one interception.

Drew Smith had four catches for 161 yards and four touchdowns. Running back Perris Jones carried 19 times for 129 yards.

Linebacker Josh Ammon had nine tackles and a sack. Silas Sullivan had two sacks, and Nigel Bullard and Joseph Wenger each had one.

The Cardinals will travel to face Saint John Paul the Great at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

# T.C. Football Falls To Lake Braddock

The T.C. Williams football team dropped to 2-6 with a 52-7 loss to Lake Braddock on Oct. 24 in Burke.

The Titans will play their final home game of the season against West Springfield (6-2) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. T.C. Williams' regular-season finale is Nov. 7 at West Potomac.

## Episcopal Football Beats SSSAS

The Episcopal football team defeated Alexandria rival St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 38-12 on Oct. 24. Episcopal (6-1) will travel to face Bullis at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

St. Stephen's (3-6) will host St. Albans at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

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

### COAT DRIVE

The Fund for Alexandria's Child invites

the public to help children in foster care or at risk of abuse or neglect keep warm this winter through the annual Fall Coat Drive, Oct. 1-Nov. 26. Donations of coats, hats, scarves, and gloves will help ensure that all Alexandria children can stay warm during the cold months. Individuals can donate through The Fund wish list on the Fall into Giving website or by purchasing items elsewhere and dropping them off or having them delivered to: Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, Attn: Community Resources Program, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. Call 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov.

### PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Alexandria is seeking community input on the outcomes and priorities that are most important to residents as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget process. This year, as part of the What's Next, Alexandria initiative, the City will seek input from the community throughout the development of the budget. This first phase of civic engagement is an online survey that asks community members to choose the long-term priorities most important to them. The survey, which is on the What's Next, Alexandria page, will be available through Nov. 5. Visit alexandriava.gov/Engage, or contact Arthur Wicks at Arthur.Wicks@alexandriava.gov or 703 746-3739.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking public input to inform a Park Improvement Plan for the City's existing neighborhood parks, characterized as being 0.5-10 acres and serving neighborhoods within 0.5 miles.

The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future. Park Planning staff wants to know how the parks are used, what users like about the parks, and hope to see in the future. Visit http://alexva.us/80193 to take an online survey about a neighborhood park. Or attend one of the following:

❖ Saturday/Nov. 1, 9-11a.m. at William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave. — Mulligan Park, Stevenson Park, Luckett Field & Skate Park, Ewald Park, Taney Avenue Park, Chambliss Park Children are welcome to join the workshops and provide their input at a 12 and under park planning table. For additional information, including a map of the neighborhood parks, visit the project website alexandriava.gov/65170 or contact Dana Wedeles at 703-746-5491 or Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov

### FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween SoberRide Program. 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-4 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Washington Regional Alcohol Program is offering free cab rides home. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number (1-800-200-TAXI) and be afforded a nocost (up to \$30), safe way home.

SoberRide is offered in the District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince George's counties; and throughout the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, (eastern) Loudoun and Prince William. Visit www.soberride.com for more.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 2

The Christ Child Project. Opportunities for involvement include: adopting a child/children, shopping for gifts, pricing at the store, and working during the store hours. To volunteer email Carolyn Carbaugh at cscarbaugh@verizon.net or call 301-292-2102.

### MONDAY/NOV. 3

Business Expo. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. The 2014 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business Competitiveness Summit & Expo is a collaboration between the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce andwill gather business and community leaders together to discuss the state of business in Alexandria. Register at www.alexchamber.com.

Nomination Deadline. 5 p.m. ACPS would like to honor great athletes of the past, present and future with a Hall of Fame. A committee will evaluate each nominee and will come to a consensus about the inaugural class of the Hall of Fame. To nominate someone for the Titan's Athletic Hall of Fame, visit www.Acps.k12.us.va.

# Retiring American Flags

American Legion Post 24 will be collecting all unserviceable American flags on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 400 Cameron St. to ensure they are retired in a respectful way in accordance with the Flag Code of the United States. Unserviceable American flags shall mean any textile flag representing the United States of America that is no longer proper for display due to its condition including tears, rips, stains, fading, obsolescence (meaning not the current 50 star U.S. national flag) or other damage. Flags of other nations or other flags are not accepted in this program. Drop off unserviceable American flags to be sure they are properly retired.

# PEOPLE

# A Family Split by War Comes Together

that, in a few weeks, the SS would arrive to Kharkiv.

"They told us to get our Jewish friends out," said Tatyana. "You never read about that. My sister was working with the underground, getting their friends out, with the help of those first German cavalry officers."

When the Germans retreated, the two sisters and much of the remaining population fled along with them. For the following two or three years, the sisters travelled across Europe, loosely following with the retreating Germans to avoid the Soviets.

"We had nothing," said Tatyana. "Each time you took a step from one location to the next, anything you accumulated you lost again."

Their trip was plagued with disease and parasites. Often there was no food, especially during the winters.

"She didn't want to tell some stories, because maybe she thought that her daughter would judge her," said Tatjana Christie, "but my mother was even more of a hero than I understood."

Tatjana and Tatyana both described Galina as an incredibly vivacious woman and a survivor.

The last time Tatyana saw her older sister Galina was "Victory in Europe Day." Nazi



Tatvana Schremko Schriempf with her niece Tatiana Fernbach Christie and daughter Alexa Tatyana Schriempf.

Germany's surrender had just been announced to a camp full of refugees from the war and what was left of the destitute army that had invaded the Soviet Union. The Soviet military was not far behind them, and Galina and Tatyana had seen first-hand what a vengeful army was capable of. Galina was lifting her 10-year-old sister up into the German jeep, full of refugees and

soldiers. Galina was trying desperately to hold on, but the ieep was moving too fast. Some of the Germans called for her to get onto the truck behind them to keep up. She did, but the truck was moving too slowly. Tatyana looked forward for a minute, and when she looked back for her sister, Galina was gone.

Tatyana originally wanted to move to

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Canada in 1949, but was encouraged by a friend she made in the school to go to the United States instead in 1950. One of the many ironies of Tatyana and Galina's life was that the ship to Canada, in 1949, was carrying Galina.

When Galina arrived in Canada, she began working at an immigrant hospital in Toronto. She fell in love, married, had a daughter, and was divorced. She built a new life in the post-war immigrant community in Canada, but the war and the loss of her sister stayed with her.

Even at the end, Galina was still searching for Tatyana. The last line of her obituary had Tatyana's full name and the date they were separated. It was this connection that finally allowed Alexa to stumble on the

"There is a trauma and loss; that I didn't try harder," said Tatyana. "I had a good life, I could have tried harder.'

There is some consolation, for Tatyana and Tatjana, in knowing the truth. For Tatjana, growing up knowing she had an aunt out there in the world was like living with a ghost.

Even meeting her in person, she described it as difficult to reconcile the woman she saw in front of her with her mother's sister, who'd taken up an almost mythological role in her life.

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RFP Closing Date and Time: November 24, 2014 4:00 p.m., providing local time.

prevailing local time Pre-Proposal Conference: October 31, 2014, 11:00 AM prevailing local time; City Hall, 301 King St Suite 2000, Chet and Sabra Avery Conference Room Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Jason Soltis, Contract Specialist III at 703.746.4299.

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On Tuesday, October

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### **OBITUARY**

Thomas James "Tom" Luckett, 66, of Sunset Beach, formerly of Alexandria VA, died October 11, 2014 at Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center.

Born in 1948 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late William and Catherine Luckett.

Tom was an educator and a coach for over 30 years. He was a sports enthusiast and was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals.

Surviving are his loving wife of 42 years, Mique Onley Luckett, daughter Jessica Onley Luckett Livengood and her husband Aaron Lee Livengood, his brother Robert Luckett, sister Connie Pittman and many other friends and family members.

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#### **OBITUARY**



Edwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr., 82, of Huntersville, NC passed away peacefully on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at Levine & Dickson Hospice House. Bumps was born September 19, 1932 in Leesburg, VA to the late Edwin and Flora George Myers. Bumps graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1951. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean Conflict. Bumps attended Mars Hill College and graduated from NC State with a degree in Electrical Engineering and worked for the US Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC until he retired He leved the time he server in the Naval. He was til he retired. He loved the time he spent in the Navy. He was an avid NC State fan and enjoyed all sports, including playing tennis and golf. He loved to travel and cherished the time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bumps leaves to cherish his memory, his loving family; wife, Bobbie Garner Myers; daughters, Julie Lewis (Darryl) of Winston-Salem, NC, Valerie Sutton (Michael) of Huntersville, NC; grandchildren, Katie Reilly, Clarke Lewis, Connor Lewis, Paxson Sutton, Morgan Sutton; brothers, Norman Myers, Frank Myers; 5 nephews; 3 nieces

The family will receive friends on Sunday October 26, 2014 from 1-3 pm at the Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home, Huntersville NC Friends will also be received on Sunday November Vallet, No. 1. Friends will also be received off suitably November 2, 2014 between 5-8pm at the Marshall House in Leesburg, Va. Interment will be held at the Union Cemetery in Leesburg, VA at 11:00 am on November 3, 2014.

The family would like to thank everyone at Levine & Dickson Hospice House for their comfort and care during this difficult

Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.raymerfh.com.

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### BARBOUR

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 of Alexandria, VA.

Beloved wife of Rev. Myron L. Barbour; mother of Scott Heuer man (Emily) and Susan Hollingsworth (Jason); step mother of Andy Barbour, Vicki Richardson and P.J. Barbour; sister of Lois Gresko, Don Breece and Jim Hare; grandmother of Sarah, Allan, Paige, Jacob, Joe and Nate; best friend of Corinne Kintz. Memorial service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Rd. Springfield, VA on Saturday. October 18, 2014 at 3 PM. Inurnment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United ommunity Ministries of Alexandria.



#### Michelle Marie Pineda (Shelly)

Age 28 of Alexandria, VA passed 8 October 2014 after a battle with Breast Cancer. Shelly was born 6 June 1986 at Fort Bragg, NC, the daughter of Alan B. and Judy R. Pineda She is survived by her parents, by a brother Charles (CJ) her niece Sophie, sister-in-law PT, her Aunt Jari and Uncles her niece Sophie, sister-in-law PT, her Aunt Jari and Uncles Jaye and Ron of Virginia, her Grandfather John C. Pineda of Houston, TX, her Grandmother Rose Pineda of Chicago, IL. She was predeceased by her Godfather, John J. Pineda (wife Stephanie) of Houston, TX and is survived by many family members from Maine, Texas and Illinois. A private ceremony was held by her family on 10 October 2014, and a celebration of her life was held on 19 October 2014 at her favorite restaurant for family and friends.

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Join the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Nov. 5, 6, 12, or 13 for a public meeting to discuss Washington D.C. to Richmond-Southeast High Speed Rail, to improve intercity passenger rail for faster, more reliable connections. DRPT strives to provide reasonable accommodations and services for persons who require special assistance to participate. Contact the Title VI compliance officer at 804-786-4440 or TDD 711. Comments will be accepted until Dec. 5. An online meeting is available at: www.DC2RVArail.com ·DRPT·

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