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# Northern Virginia Democrats Hold Their Ground

In an uneasy election, Beyer takes 8th district. Senate too close to call.

By Vernon Miles

Gazette Packet

espite the election still being too close to call, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner gave his supporters at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City a full smile and a victory speech. With less than 1 percent of the vote favoring Warner over his Republican challenger Ed Gillespie, the question is whether or not Gillespie will ask for a recount. But if this was troubling Warner as much as it was the Democrats gathered the night of Nov 4, he didn't show it.

"We've still got work ahead of us, but I've come out of tonight's election energized," said Warner. "Let's make sure we get our country headed back in the right direction."

However, while it had all of the tones of a victory speech, at no point did Warner ever say that he had won. If this was a show of restraint, it was not shared by his colleague Tim Kaine, Virginia's other senator and another former governor.

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, with Don Beyer, **Gov. Terry** McAuliffe and U.S. Sen. **Timothy Kaine behind** him, addresses the crowd of **Democratic** supporters on election night.

Photo by Vernon Miles Gazette Packet



Don Beyer, with his wife Megan, acknowledges his 8th District victory on election night.

"The results are in and we've won," said Kaine "Folks, we got this ... We held our own, we're doing it right here in Virginia."

Ninety-nine percent of Virginia's voting precincts have reported their votes, and it shows Warner leading by 17,000 votes, approximately .8 percent. Gillespie can file a recount petition with the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Each precinct would recount their votes and send them to a recount court, who would then declare a

winner. Following a recount, the loser can contest the findings in a joint session of the General Assembly

While Warner still has the edge, the election isn't fully over until Gillespie concedes or the recount and potentially the joint session are dismissed. Warner, however, was already addressing the campaign in the past tense.

"It's been a hard fought race," said Warner. "It went a little longer than we thought."

While the race wasn't expected to be this close, Mark Rozell, acting dean and professor of public policy at George Mason University, said the national trends that favored the Republicans in this election worked against Warner.

"An unpopular Democratic president, public discontent with incumbents, the usual midterm slide for the party in the White House all put Virginia in play," said Rozell. "Also, Warner was a popular governor. People see him as an executive-style leader, not one of 100. The image he has cultivated doesn't fit the Senate so well as it did the governorship."

William Schneider, also a professor of public policy at George Mason, agreed that the closeness of Warner's race was largely a reflection of hostility toward President Obama.

"All politics is national," said Schneider. "If a Democrat runs for

### **Election Results**

U.S. Senate

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D), 1,066,783, 49.12% Ed W. Gillespie, (R), 1,049,524, 48.33% Robert C. Sarvis, Libertarian, 53,414, 2.46% Write In, 1,968, 0.09%

#### VA 8th District U.S. House of Representatives

Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., 127,981, 62.95% Republican Micah K. Edmond, 64,175, 31.56% Independent Gwendolyn J. Beck, 5,420, 2.67% Libertarian Jeffrey S. Carson, 4,403, 2.17% Independent Green Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III, 962, 0.47%

dog-catcher, he's still going to be accused of being an Obama clone. That national trend hit Virginia and made the election a lot closer than people had expected, but Warner's apparent survival shows Virginia is still different from most other Southern states."

Meanwhile in the 8th District, Don Beyer claimed a victory early in the evening with 63 percent of the vote. With 127,981 votes, Beyer nearly doubled the votes of his closest competitor, Republican Micah Edmond.

"I will take this new responsibility as seriously as any person can," said Beyer. "We live in challenging times ... but there is no crisis before us we cannot master. All life asks of us is that we live it with courage."

After his speech, Beyer laid out his immediate priorities in office.

"Biggest priority will be building relationships across party lines," said Beyer. "I can't get anything done when I'm the minority unless I can forge partnerships with folks on the other side. There's a lot of things I want to do, but it all begins with having enough votes."

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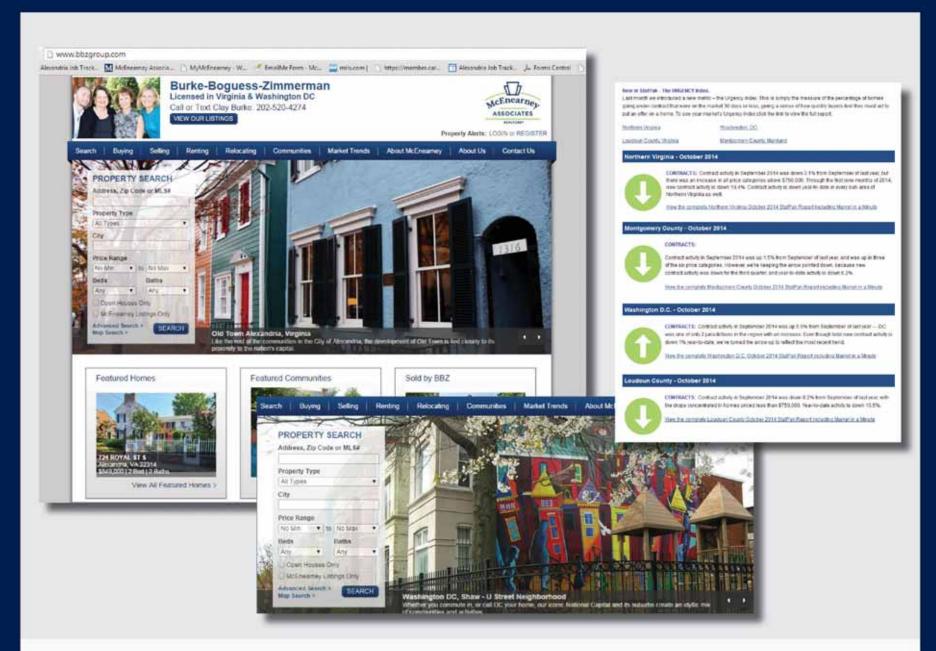
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# Faces of the Fallen

### Vietnam Memorial seeking photos of local veterans.

long with more than 58,000 other soldiers, the name of Capt. Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The Medal of Honor recipient is one of 67 Alexandrians who gave their lives during the Vietnam conflict and the Friends of Rocky Versace organization is hoping to put a face to each of those veterans.

As part of the Faces Never Forgotten national campaign of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, organizers are hoping to locate photos of 22 Alexandria veterans that are among the 20,000 of America's fallen from Vietnam without identifying

"We've come a long way in obtaining photos since the dedication of the Versace Plaza in July, 2002," said Mike Faber, founder and chief organizer of the Friends of Rocky Versace. "But we seem to have come to a dead end trying to locate these last 22 pictures."

The VVMF is asking the public to search through yearbooks, family photo albums and newspapers in an effort to locate photos of those still unidentified. Three states have collected all of their photos - New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyo-

The 22 missing photos of Alexandria veterans represents nearly onethird of the men whose names are carved into stone at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Del Ray.

Photos of the fallen will appear online at VVMF's Wall of Faces as well as on permanent display at the future Education Center at The



The name of Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace, left, is located on Panel 01E, Row 033 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

Wall. The goal is for fundraising to be complete and construction to start in 2018 and for the center to open in 2020.

"We're calling upon everyone to help us remember the service and sacrifice of those in their communities," said VVMF founder and president Jan Scruggs. "Sometimes there are no living relatives. We're asking people to do a little detective work. We can't let these service members and their sacrifice be forgotten."

Photos can be uploaded directly to VVMF's website or via mail. For details on how to submit a photo, visit http://www.vvmf.org/how-tosubmit.

- Jeanne Theismann

## Leading the Charge McMahan spearheads veterans business unit.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

n June of 2001, Emily McMahan was a newly commissioned military police officer and recent graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Just three months later, she was assisting the Pentagon police in the wake of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

"My first duty station was as a military police platoon leader in the 293rd Military Police Company at Fort Stewart, Ga.," said McMahan, who grew up north of Boston and graduated from Masconomet Regional High School. "I was first exposed to Washington, D.C. after my unit was sent to the Pentagon to assist the Pentagon police immediately after the 9/11 attacks."

Deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in 2003, McMahan led her platoon into Afghanistan's Shahi-Kowt valley and to the Pakistani border in support of the 2-505th Parachute Infantry Regiment's combat operations. Following her tour in Afghani2005 and 2006.

"During my time in Iraq, I worked with the Iraqi Police and Special Police in Baghdad in support of the 3d Infantry Division," said McMahan, whose military experience includes combat deployments supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. She is the recipient of two Bronze Stars for her service.

After leaving active duty in 2006 as a Captain, McMahan continued in the Washington, D.C. reserves until 2009. She went on to earn an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and in 2013, was named the director of the newly created Alexandria Veterans Business Enterprise Center.

"The AVBEC was created to establish Alexandria and the DC-metro area as the top community for veterans to start a business, grow their business, or explore a new career," McMahan said.

Created under the umbrella of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, AVBEC provides new or soon-to-retire ser-

stan, McMahan was deployed to Iraq in vice members with job transitioning skills and information on entrepreneurship.

> "I am excited about AVBEC and what we are doing for veterans in Alexandria," McMahan said. "It's a privilege and honor to help strengthen the veteran business community here and in the D.C. area."

> The mother of two young boys – John, 3, and Matthew, 11 months - McMahan met her husband Caleb during her time at Fort Stewart. The two were married at a courthouse in Savannah just days before their deployment to Iraq in 2005.

> Prior to creating the AVBEC, McMahan served as a partner and chief financial officer at Halfaker and Associates, a start-up technology firm serving the federal government. She and her family have called Northern Virginia home for eight years.

> "Serving in the military right after Sept. 11 was challenging amidst evolving conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan," McMahan said. "However, the one consistent theme is that when you're deployed with professionals who you trust, it doesn't matter where you are or what you're doing. Now,



**Emily McMahan with her husband** Caleb during a tour of duty before leaving the Army in 2009.

our mission with AVBEC is to reconnect those professionals in the business world and in our community."

### Alexandria Honors Veterans Week Nov. 9-16 schedule of events

lexandria Honors Veterans Week will kick off a series of events to honor and celebrate the service of local veterans.

Nov. 9 - EOD Warrior Foundation fundraiser, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, the Old Dominion Boat Club and the EOD Warrior Foundation. 1-8 p.m. at the Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St. Food, entertainment, EOD demon strations.

www.eodwarriorfoundation.org
Nov. 10-16 — Vets Gotta Eat! Restaurant Deals for Veterans – discount offered at more than 45 local restaurants for veterans and their families (up to parties of six). Veteran customers should show their ID card or other proof of veteran status to get the Vets Gotta Eat! discount. For complete list of participating restaurants, visit www.alexandriaveterans.org.

**Nov. 10- Dec. 1** — Year of the Veteran Art Exhibit — The Art League's IMPART (Injured Military Personnel Art) is partnering with the USO, Fort Belvoir, Combat Paper and the Smithsonian Arts, Military + Healing program for an exhibit honoring the work of veterans currently participating in art programs and/or classes through the partnering organizations. City Hall, 301 King St. Artists' Reception: Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 5 - 7

Nov. 10-16 — Veterans History Project - Ordinary Veterans, Extraordinary Stories. To date, 90,000 veterans have shared

their story with the Veterans History Project — a program of the Library of Congress — to collect and preserve personal accounts of veterans for future generations. Trained volunteers will conduct interviews for all veterans interested in sharing their stories. Location: Long and Foster Realtors, 400 King St. Interviews will take approximately 60 minutes. To make an appointment or for questions, call 703-683-0400. At the same location, Long and Foster will have a historical display with information about the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War.

Nov. 11: Veterans Day 2014 Events \* Lecture: African American Involvement in WWI — The Alexandria Black History Museum will host a free lecture on African American involvement in the World War I with historian C.R. Gibbs, on

Monday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Due to limited seating reservations are encouraged. Call 703-746-4356 to make reservations. 902 Wythe St.

❖ Veterans Day Concert — Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Special activities include a patriotic community concert by the all-veteran barbershop chorus at 11 a.m., at 2 p.m. wreath-laying at the tomb of George Washington. Active duty military personnel and veterans are admitted free of charge. The wreath laying is included with regular Mount Vernon admission. The barbershop concert and Martha Washington program are free.

❖ Capt. Rocky Versace Ceremony — 1-2 p.m. Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The one-hour ceremony includes the reading the names of Alexandria's 67 Vietnam War Fallen Heroes, recognition of all U.S. Military Veterans, reading of the Captain Versace Medal of Honor Citation, reading the tribute to Capt. Versace written by his fellow POW, 1st Lt. James "Nick" Rowe, wreath laying, the sounding of "Taps" and the singing of "God Bless America"

❖ Team Red. White & Blue Run — 6 p.m. at 301 King St. Team RWB Alexandria meets every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. for a weekly walk/run. After the run, the group heads to Bilbo Baggins For more informa-tion, call Bill Rausch, Team RWB Leader, 703-851-6208. bill.rausch@teamrwb.org

For questions or more information on Alexandria Honors Veterans Week events. contact Emily McMahan, AVBEC director: EMcMahan@alexandriasbdc.org. For a listing of all Alexandria Veterans Community Calendar events, visit http://bit.lv/

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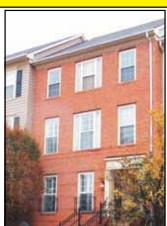


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### News



T.C. Williams AP government students Colleen Cox, Connor Quatannens, Elizabeth Hanley, Grace Kehoe, **Sarah Forstater** and Mohamed Khaled watch the election returns at U.S. Sen. Warner's election night party in **Pentagon City.** 

## No Concession from Gillespie

Beyer is set to succeed Jim Moran, the Democratic 8th District congressman since 1991. Moran was among the Democrats to celebrate Beyer's victory. Beyer's victory in the heavily Democratic 8th district was one of the races without much of a surprise.

"For a Democrat in that district, nomination is tantamount to election. No one thought Beyer would be seriously challenged," said Rozell. "It confirms a longstanding pattern of heavy Democratic voting in this part of the state."

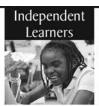
But for some, it wasn't Beyer's victory that impressed them, but how he conducted his campaign.

"We're thrilled that Beyer won; he worked like a maniac and never took anything for granted," said Cynthia Steele Vance, a supporter at the Virginia Democratic victory party. "When people talk, Don Beyer really listens ... It's what makes him a good leader."

No mention was made of Democrat John Foust's loss to Republican Barbara Comstock in Virginia's 10th District. Robert "Bobby" Scott's uncontested election in Virginia's 3rd District and Gerry Connolly's reelection in Virginia's 11th District were among the Democratic victories celebrated while the crowd watched the results come in on the Senate race.

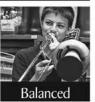








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### PEOPLE

# Keeping the Line Moving

### Serving up pizza at TC.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

bell rings out, and students hustle to the cafeteria line at T.C. Williams High School for the first lunch period of the day. Stella Napper stands behind her pizza line ready to replace the large metal pans when the pizza has disappeared. "Pepperoni is the favorite," she said, "and I serve about 34 pizzas a day with 22 of them pepperoni. That's my favorite, too." They also offer cheese and the "special of the day" which happens to be barbecued chicken today. Napper makes the pepperoni pizzas while a co-worker in the back of the kitchen makes

People At Work the specialty pizzas. As she moves pizzas from the tall metal rack to the oven, Napper says the specialty pizzas take about two more minutes to cook because they have more products on top.

Napper says a slice of pizza costs \$2.50 and a meal \$2.65. The meal includes milk and a fruit. As the line moves along, the green grapes disappear first. "They love green grapes," she said, "and at least half of them take milk." Stella says the pizza station is one of five lunch stations available, and she has worked all five, "so we know how to do everything and it gives flexibility. I like the international line the best because I like the variety of food, especially the Italian." The students balance their pizza on a paper plate and head for the cashier and the lunchroom to find a table or snag a booth. Napper said, "Sometimes they get two pieces of pizza. Kids love pizza. One time I remember a student who got three pieces. He was really hungry."

Napper pulls off a piece of pizza and hands it to be wrapped, labeled and put in the freezer. "This is in case someone gets sick so we know what we served," she said.

Napper starts her day at 8 a.m. when she punches in, washes her hands and sets her pizza line up with the plates, utensils and sanitation bucket. "This is so I can wipe down the line after each lunch to keep things clean."

She helps serve breakfast before the four lunch shifts begin later in the morning. "It's things like sausage, cereal, corn dogs and apple pie. Yes, apple pie," she said. "A lot of students eat breakfast, I'd guess about half the number who eat lunch."

Then she moves onto making the pizzas so they are out of the oven and warming when the first hungry students arrive. Her day is finally finished in early afternoon when she has cleared her line, put left-over pizza in the freezer and counted the milk.



Students move through Napper's pizza line quickly to choose pepperoni (the big favorite) pizza, cheese or the "speciality of the day."



Stella Napper separates each piece of pizza in her pizza line at T.C. Williams cafeteria so the students can quickly and easily pick it up during their half-hour lunch break.

Sometimes they get new recipes to try. "And we test the recipe, all of us sample it and decide whether to add it to what we offer."

A line of students passes by quickly, and Napper has to consolidate the fruits and vegetables to "make it look nice for the customers. We have to keep a full tray up here. My primary job is to keep the students happy."

Napper removes an empty pizza pan, puts it on the cart, and pulls out another cheese pizza. "I can cut this really fast from practice," she said, "and I always cut toward me; it works better. Then I separate the pieces so the kids can pick them up more easily," she demonstrates as her plastic gloves quickly move around the circle and another pizza is ready.

Napper has been at T.C. Williams for eight years but has had a number of jobs in the food industry beginning with her first job at 16 in a grocery store, later on to Panera and other places. "And here I'm the Pizza Lady."

Also, she watched her mom cook, "those holiday dinners; she made everything ... that coconut custard pie ... and she put coconut in her sweet potatoes."

The loudspeaker suddenly blares out an album by Usher. Before long a circle has formed with two high school girls dancing in the center while others clap all around and students dart up the stairs to the balcony to watch from above. "It is Homecoming Week," Napper said, "and there has been something going on all week, to build spirit up, you know." A sign hangs from the ceiling rafters 'Warrior Wednesday, wear your sweatshirt." As the students prepare to return to class and think of the Homecoming game tonight, one of them is heard to say with some surprise, "We had a little morning party over there."



ACPS Superintendent Dr. Alvin Crawley, T.C. Williams Principal Suzanne Maxey, Tony the Titan and his escort Abbey Nelson.

### Homecoming 2014

.C. Williams High School celebrated homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 1. At halftime during the varsity football game against West Springfield, Darius Holland and Brianna Smith were crowned King and Queen. The homecoming court were juniors Ravon Bridges and Courtney Waters, sophomores Matthew Samson and Tyra Symathong and freshmen Justin Kyer and McKenzie Gibson. The sophomore float took first place with the senior float receiving the spirit award.



T.C. Williams 2014 homecoming king and queen Darius Holland and Brianna Smith.



Horses lead the sophomore class chariot float in the parade. The sophomores took first place in the float competition.

Arriving on lightning bolts, the senior class float received the 2014 homecoming float spirit award.

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### Luncheon Benefits Hospital

the Inova Alexandria Hospital hosted its annual Fashion show, luncheon and silent auction on Friday, Oct. 31, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center.

he Board of Lady Managers of The event benefits the Inova Alexandria surgical services. The Board of Lady Managers has pledged to purchase two neurology microscopes. Fashions for the show were from Lord & Taylor at the Fair Oaks Mall.



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Inova Alexandria **Hospital** CEO Christine Candio talks with **TWIG** president **Amy Furr** and Helenmarie Shipp.



Laura Walsh, Cathy Puskar, Shawn McLaughlin, Kristi Wayne and Susan Newell.

### **OBITUARIES**

### John R. Labovitz

ohn R. Labovitz, Washington lawyer and a leading constitutional law authority on Presidential Impeachment died peacefully in his sleep from natural causes on Oct. 3, 2014, at his residence in Washington, D.C. He was 70.

Mr. Labovitz was one of the first staff members hired to serve as counsel for the Nixon Impeachment Inquiry Staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. He was the author of "Presidential Impeachment," Yale University Press, 1978 as well as other publications and constitutional arguments on presidential impeachment and the limits of presidential immunity from civil suit. The PBS Newshour called on his expertise during the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

A partner with the Washington law firm of Steptoe and Johnson, LLP, he specialized in civil litigation and administrative law focusing on matters involving complex financial and economic issues. He was actively involved in the settlement of a number of high-profile anti-trust cases, railroad regulation and bankruptcies and was involved in designing a settlement formula for major pension benefit liabilities. He successfully represented Canadian lumber companies and provincial governments over a number of years in arguing that the U.S. had improperly imposed tariffs on Canadian timber. He served as a mediator in a number of prominent disputes.

He grew up in Bethesda, Md. and attended Brown University where he was Phi

Beta Kappa and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1965. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1969 where he was editor-inchief of the Law



Review. One of the first Vista volunteers in the 1960s, he served in rural Kentucky and West Virginia. In 1970, he was the associate editor of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest. He was the author of publications on philanthropy and foundations and other subjects.

After retiring from legal practice in 2004, he devoted his time to running his apple farm in West Virginia, one of the last commercial orchards in the state, vigorously protecting the rural landscape and his passion for photography. Privately publishing a series of collections of his photographs, he focused his poetic lens on wild flowers, the unfolding of apple blossoms and other natural transformations, rural and roadside buildings and signs, found objects and statu-

He is survived by his brothers Peter and David Labovitz, nieces Erin Peck and Tara Lloyd, nephews John and Robert Labovitz, grand-nephew Ian Lloyd and grand-niece Sofia Lloyd and sister-in-law Sharon McGee Labovitz, cousin Jack Churchill and other members of his close family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders or Oxfam America.

### Andree Georgette Lecureux

ndree G. Lecureux, 90, restaurateur died October 24, 2014 due to cancer at Leewood Nursing home. She was an Alexandria resident for 52 years.

Mrs. Lecureux was born in Argenteuil, France. She moved through the country during the German occupation working in a bakery and a chocolate factory.

In the mid 1950s she and her children set sail for America. Working as a barmaid at Fireside Inn she met Stanley Lecureux, her husband and business partner. He would stop in for a burger and conversation regularly. The two hit upon an idea of buying a restaurant, so shortly before they married, they purchased a small establishment called the Auburn Bar and Grill, which was near the railroad. They kept the old bar sign. "Shirt and Shoes Required," started serving French specials twice a week and changed the name to Chez Andree. She started as the chef. Thanks in part to thumbs up review by a restaurant critic, the lines soon were long, the bar was gone and the restaurant was thriving. After 50 years it is still running.

Chez Andree has been voted Best Neighborhood Restaurant several times and has won numerous cuisine awards from Washingtonian Magazine and area newspapers. She and her husband

amassed a cellar of about 3,000 bottles of wine and won the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence numerous times during three decades in the business.



She was the classic host and quite a pioneer in the days.

She will be remembered for her warm hospitality, her joy of cooking and entertaining of friends and family. She was an avid gardener and antique shopper, but most of all she loved her family.

A daughter, Eileen Ficadenti died in 1989. Her husband Stanley S. Lecureux, of Alexandria, died in 2005.

Survivors include five children, Laurence Matrat of Annapolis, Harry Saffell of Fairfax City, Catherine Fudge of Alexandria, Nicole Rooney of Florida and Steven Lecureux of Alexandria; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Family will receive friends to celebrate her life of 90 years at Chez Andree Restaurant, 10 East Glebe Road, Alexandria, VA 22305, on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 1-4 p.m.

### News Briefs

# Man Arrested For Robbery

The Alexandria Police Department has charged an 18-year-old Alexandria man with robbery and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. He is being held without bond.

The robbery occurred in the unit block of S. Van Dorn Street on Saturday, Oct. 4. At approximately 6:30 p.m., a man and woman met with another woman to buy a phone from an online advertisement

The couple was then confronted by two men, one who brandished a weapon and robbed the victims of their valuables. The three suspects then fled the area.

Anyone with information about this incident or the suspects is asked to contact Detective Ryan Clinch with the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6673.

### Playfest Returns

The Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse, Inc., the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Alexandria City Public Schools: Center for the Arts are collaborating to bring Playfest, an annual arts event held in the City of Alexandria since 2011, to various locations in the community on Nov. 12-13.

The festival focuses on novice to lesser known playwrights whose work has not been produced.

The performances will feature scenes from plays by female playwrights Morning Bishop Patricia Elam Walker , Sudanya Kirk , Deborah Weiss, Kposivi Clark and MD Abdalla. The theme this year is Woman-Works.

The Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse, Inc. was established in 1982 in Gary, Ind., and expanded to Alexandria in 2010 with the Alexandria City Community Theatre project with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Playfest was created in collaboration with ARHA in 2011 as a platform for the community to showcase their storytelling skills. In 2012, ACPS joined as an official partner and became the recipient of the Superintendent's Grant

If an organization would like to be on the touring route for the travelling performances contact Ms. Dilworth at theatreofpurpose@gmail.com or call 202-352-4864. Performances are available as early as 3 p.m. on both days. All material is family friendly.



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# OPINION

### Waterfront Success

To the Editor:

A recent letter to the editor claims that this City Council got it wrong, and that the "waterfront is about to be turned into one egregious redevelopment disaster." This burst of hyperbole is, to put

it mildly, not just off the mark, it is totally LETTERS

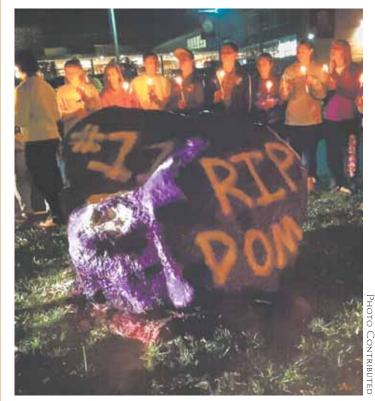
The City Council, in its 6-1 vote to enact the Alexandria Waterfront Small Area Plan, is providing the citizens of Alexandria, and its visitors a much improved waterfront, and should be congratulated for it. Given the raucous opposition by those few citizens who regard the waterfront as their private domain and the history of opposition groups usually getting their way, it was not an easy vote, but the correct one.

Let's review some history here. Waterfront planning goes back 30plus years. The entire waterfront area is approximately 300 acres. The major development portion of the Waterfront small area plan addresses the seven acres between the warehouses a few blocks north and south of King Street. The current version of the Waterfront Plan was largely spurred by the fact that two of the most prominent parcels (Robinson Terminals North and South) were going to be sold. In order to get the best situation for Alexandria's citizens and visitors, the city negotiated zoning modifications in exchange for significant open space between the properties and the river for the public's use. There will be a continuous path

along the entire Alexandria riverfront. Historical buildings will be preserved. The city not only maintains the open space adjacent to the river but adds to it. In addition, the long running problem of flooding approximately 250 times a year is being addressed and paid for by the taxes generated by the development. The end result is a tremendously improved waterfront that will be enjoyed by all.

The waterfront area is likely to experience additional traffic from vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. But the city is also working with experts, and continuously with residents, to develop improvements in parking and pedestrian safety. And, what would have been the alternative? These properties were going to be sold. The idea of the city purchasing these expensive properties, increasing the city debt load to add to the current 250 acres of waterfront parks, made no economic sense. The new waterfront, with its two hotels, restaurants, and retail shops will make the Alexandria waterfront not only beautiful, but an exciting and vibrant place to visit and enjoy. No longer will people gather at the intersection of King and Union and say "well what will we do now, where can we go, where's the water?"

The development sites are far enough along to have preliminary drawings produced. You can look at them and make up your own mind as to whether you feel they are well suited, or a "disaster." The EYA development for Robinson Terminal South can be found at www.robinsonterminassouth.com. CityInterests (Robinson Terminal North) and Carr Properties, devel-



### Candlelight Vigil

On Monday evening, Nov. 3, Bishop Ireton students gathered with Gonzaga friends to paint the rock at the Cambridge Road entrance purple, Gonzaga's school color, and share memories at a candlelight vigil in honor of Dominick Pettey, a Gonzaga senior who died in a car accident in the early hours of Saturday morning.

oper of the hotel at Duke and Union, have both presented to the Waterfront Commission, and it is expected that they also will show their most recent set of drawings soon. Go to the City's website, click on "Waterfront Plan Implementation", then click on "Redevelopment Sites." The Old Dominion Boat Club has also presented to the Waterfront Commission, and the Board of Architectural Review, both of which seemed pleased with its concept.

When the waterfront small area plan is completed, Alexandrians and our visitors will greatly appreciate the results. Alexandrians have seen this before: the Wilson Bridge, PTO, even the Torpedo Factory initially had loud and strong opposition but the city leaders showed courage and we now have less traffic problems and a beautiful bridge, Alexandria is known as the center of inventions and intellectual property and is one of the top arts destination in the country. The city will soon benefit from a new vibrancy at the waterfront which will complement what is the best of Alexandria.

Waterfront4All Dennis Auld, Gina Baum, **Murray Bonitt, William** Crawley, Lynn Hampton and **Jody Manor** 

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### OPINION

### It Started with a Friendly Visit and Turned into a Friendship

By Joe Slye Friendly Visitor SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

enior Services of Alexandria's Friendly Visitor Program matches socially isolated seniors in the City of Alexandria with volunteers for weekly visits. There are currently 72 matches participating in the program. Research shows that social interaction improves not only mental attitude but can benefit overall health.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Here is my story about how a weekly visit with an area senior has turned into a lasting friendship.

For more than a year, I've been visiting my new friend Sylvia every week. I always look forward to our visits. I have learned so much from her. At 93, a retired health economist, she is a mother of three, and grandmother of 7. She is a widow of a diplomat who has lived in Paris and London. Such an interesting woman! She uses a wheelchair to get around, but that doesn't prevent us from sitting out by the goldfish pond every week, weather permitting, and having great political discussions, or reading from the detailed world economics reports she studies for her current events club. She has enlightened me in many

When I arrive every week, I sometimes try to have something interesting to talk about: a current news story, or some pictures to share, or an article to read to her. But, as often as not, she beats me to the punch, and as I walk into her room, she tells me how she wants to

spend our hour together. Often, she dictates notes to me to write to her children, grandchildren, former neighbors and friends. Birthday greetings, anniversary greetings, Rosh Hashanah greetings, Hanukkah cards. We even sent a nice letter to documentary



**Friendly Visitor Joe Slye** with Sylvia Kassalow

producer Ken Burns congratulating him on his superb series "The Roosevelts." Sylvia wanted him to know that she had worked at the Democratic Women's Club with Eleanor Roosevelt's daughter.

The hour goes by very quickly. Sylvia is an avid reader, and receives several books on tape from the Alexandria Public Library every week. But while I am there, if we have time, she asks me to read to her from a collection of Arthur Conan Doyle's short stories on Sherlock Holmes.

This week, we used the

Internet to find the lyrics to the Andrews Sisters' first hit song from the late 1930's, "Bei Mir Bist Du Shoen." We found the recording on You Tube, and both of us sang along! Sylvia and her friends are preparing to sing the song with the music group at Washington House for a program on Veterans Day.

I have enjoyed getting to know Sylvia's family.

They kindly invited me to attend a wonderful birthday party lunch at Washington House when Sylvia turned 93 this year. Finally, I was able to put faces with the names of her children and grandchildren who I've talked to on the phone, or sent cards and

I try to stay busy in my retired life, but when I am putting together my weekly calendar of activities, absolutely nothing interferes with my appointment with Sylvia. I have so much to learn from her.

I would recommend the Friendly Visitor Program to anyone who is looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity or to any senior reading this article who is lonely and could use a visitor once a week to brighten your day. It's easy, just contact Sarah Drexler, Friendly Visitor's program manager at friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 20. You will be glad you did.

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ence." However, in Old Town where historic appearance is so important, why does Harris Teeter need a 2-foot neon red sign? The homeowners all get cautioned that the mullions we want to replace in our windows may be not the right size, but the businesses can put neon on the front door. I have noticed this as a trend with A&M, Harris Teeter and other commercial establishments over the years creeping in with bigger and bigger tacky signs. Nantucket, Savannah & Charleston keep their commercial signs minimal. Old Town should as well. Welcome, Harris Teeter, but please minimize your signs.

> **Caren Camp** Alexandria

### **Addressing Metro** Capacity

The following open letter was addressed to Aubrey

Layne Jr., Virginia Secretary of Transportation.

The opening of the Silver Line is a major milestone for our region. We applaud all of the leaders with the vision and tenacity to bring this project forward. We would be remiss, though, if we didn't emphasize the significant need for new Metro funding made clear by this effort. The Blue Line through Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax now must work at significantly reduced capacity with reduced trains during peak hours from 7 trains an hour to 5. This means Blue Line commuters will have an increased average wait time of 12 minutes between trains, up from 8.5 minutes.

The Yellow and Blue Lines through Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax play critical roles in our region's economic development as both move through the Carlyle and Potomac Yard areas of Alexandria as well as Crystal City in Arlington. Carlyle is a growing mix of residential, jobs and retail with over 3,400 residents, 48 storefronts and over 5,141,465 square feet of existing office space. Potomac Yard is quickly ex-

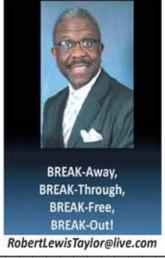
panding, with nearly 2,000 residential units built or under construction in south Potomac Yard. Crystal City, the heart of Arlington's business district is home to 36 million square feet of mixed-use development, more than 17,000 residents and about 54,700 jobs. By 2040, Crystal City and Pentagon City are estimated to add a total of 8,500 more residents, and 35,500 more jobs. Each of these high-density transit communities depends on transit to grow and thrive. The lost capacity in the Blue Line is detrimental to this economic development potential. Also, reducing the capacity of the core of our Metro system, as we all know, limits the ability of the system to grow outward, further stifling economic develop-

rallied for the Silver Line, can rally to address these significant structural issues in our Metro system capacity. We would like to work with partners at the local, state and federal levels in continuing to support rogion. Washington Area Metro Transit Authority's (WMATA) strategic plan "Momentum" and its Metro 2025 initiatives provide clear steps to enable future growth, and to improve service to existing Metro stations. Two of those initiatives are moving to all eight car trains during peak periods and expanding core Metro stations, such as building a second Rosslyn station, to handle the increasingly heavy loads. The order of magnitude estimate for reaching 100 percent eight car trains is \$2 billion in 2012 dollars, while the estimate for a new Rosslyn station is \$1 billion. Unfortunately, current funding streams are insufficient for both of those initiatives. Just to maintain our existing system, it is estimated that Metro will need \$1 billion annually. To successfully expand the core and system capacity they will need an additional \$500 million per year through 2025. Metro's Capital Funding Agreement continues through FY2016 and they are working to seek a renewed commitment from regional partners, but

ment and potential transit utilization. We are confident our region, just as it bust economic growth throughout the re-



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they need new funding streams.

In searching for short-term solutions for Blue Line riders facing a longer commute, Metro has proposed and implemented various changes to bus service for the mitigation of those impacts. There are limited-stop buses, buses to bypass the added congestion at Rosslyn Station, and Metro has also increased the number of Yellow Line trains running during peak hours to provide Blue Line riders with an alternate route. These short-term solutions show a commendable effort to alleviate some of the burden now placed on Blue Line riders, but we must make long-term improvements to the Metro core and system capacity a priority. Investing in our Metro system is imperative to encouraging healthy growth of the Washington-Metro area. We should not keep expanding the Metro system until we can ensure doing so will not impair service quality that is already strained.

We are asking that you support the Metro Momentum plan and also that you help us bring together Northern Virginia regional leaders to develop a comprehensive funding plan that identifies state, local and other resources that can be woven together to address our Blue Line needs. In the near future, current bond funding will end if we do not restore it and replace it with new sources. We will need to identify new sources of funding to support bonds as well as our Metro system in general. We are writing to ask that you help us commit to creat-

ing an short, medium and long term funding plan that will ensure the core of our Metro system as well as hoped for growth can be supported well into the future. Well functioning infrastructure is critical to the economic growth of our region. We will be contacting you to set up a meeting to discuss the issues facing the Blue Line and the Metro's inner-system and how we can work to find real solutions to our Metro funding needs in person.

Del. Rob Krupicka, Sen. Adam Ebbin, Del. Kaye Kory, Sen. Barbara Favola, Sen. Janet Howell, Del. Patrick Hope, Sen. Linda "Toddy" Puller, Sen. Richard Saslaw, Del. Mark Sickles, Del. Richard "Rip" Sullivan and Del. Marcus Simon

### Playing **Budget Ball**

To the Editor:

I have to tip my sweat-stained Alexandria Aces baseball cap to the city manager. He hit one out of the park by persuading our Imperial Rulers (aka city council) that the people they rule should have a voice in how their tax money is spent.

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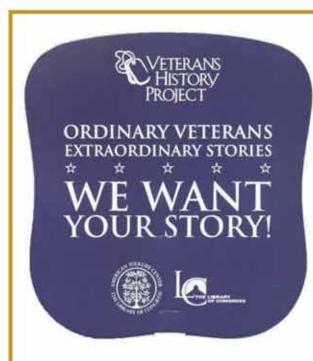
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Anne Hambley 703.946.7266 ALEXANDRIA / Old Town \$ 759,900

Gorgeous, spacious historic plaqued townhome less than 2 blocks from the Potomac and Lee St. Park. Hardwoods thru-out, granite, SS appliances, renovated kitchen and baths. Separate dining room leads to backyard with French doors. En-suite bath aftic and cellar storage.



Kim Muffler 703.282.7739 SPRINGFIELD \$419,900

Charming, lovingly maintained 4BR/ZBA home on spectacular 25 acre lot, minutes to the beltway and shops/eateries of Springfield! Fabulous space on 3 finished levels, with updated windows, roof, HVAC and more! Bring the fun outdoors in huge rear yard and deck.



Pat Tierney 703.850.5630 & Mary Taylor 703.785.5619 ALEXANDRIA / Montebello \$ 235,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4 5903 MT EAGLE DR #102 Huge 18R located in secure gated community with resort like amenities including restaurant and shuttle

for shopping/Metro. You cannot beat the price for all this condo

offers! Plus abundant social opportunities and fun filled calendar



Michael Manuel 703.615.6317 BURKE / Dunleigh \$ 674,900

Beautiful 4BR/25BA Colonial Main level offers gorgeous new kitchen with SSA, custom cabinetry, hardwoods, screen porch and deck. Separate Iving/dining/family rooms with freplace and skylight. LL finished rec room has walk-out to backyard: storage: 2 car garage.



Catherine Foltz 703.626,6914 ALEXANDRIA \$550,000 OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4

1703 WALTER REED DR Easy commute to DC and the Pentagoni Enjoy the 9'ceilings and open floor plan of this 4BR/3.5BA home with a 1 car garaget. Features include: granite, SSA, hardwoods, fireplace, laundry room. Master has walk-in closet and separate tub/shower.



Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594 ALEXANDRIA \$ 1,350,000

Unique 2:25 acre property with winter river views. This 4BR/3BA stone home offers a country atmosphere near Old Town. Picturesque. views of wooded area. Updates include stone retaining wall, patios. custom cherry cabinets/chef's kitchen, newer Marvin wood windows.

### RENTALS

1730 Arlington Blvd #207 \$1,850 The Weldon Mid-Rise 1BA / 1BA 1 Assigned Pkg Walid Ashoor 703.585.6224

1008 N Vail St \$2,450 KMS Townhouses Townhouse 3BR / 2.55BA 1 Assigned Pkg Tricia Wikert 571.213.0187

1693 Hunting Creek Dr \$3,700 Old Town Greens Townhouse 5BR / 4.5BA 2 Garage Pkg Laura Biederman 202.309.1350

> 6508 Boulevard View #C2 \$1,700 Belle View Garden 3BR / 1BA Leah Chapla 703.929.4875

1121 Arlington Blvd #445 \$1,490 River Place Hi-Rise 1BR / 1BA 2 Frpl Brian Hong 703.929.5764



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# ENTERTAINMENT

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 be-

#### **ONGOING**

Photography Exhibition. Through Nov. 9. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during 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 \$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 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-

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

11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.



The cast of T.C. Williams' "Rhinoceros" promoting the show at the annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.

### 'Rhinoceros'

The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents Eugène Ionesco's play, "Rhinoceros," a drama in the tradition of Theater of the Absurd, in which residents of a small provincial French town slowly transform into a crash of rhinos. Written in 1959 to reflect upon the rise of Communism, Fascism and Nazism during World War II, the play resonates today as claims of media induced fear-mongering are hotly debated. How do you influence an entire culture? Through education or fear? Can one person stay true to their beliefs when everyone around them transforms? Timeless and provocative, Ionesco's play explores themes of conformity and apathy as well as self reflection and social responsibility. "Rhinoceros" is also humorous, thought-provoking and appropriate for most ages.

Translated by Derek Prouse; directed by Leslie Jones and produced by Hope Bachman. Seniors Eliza Malakoff and Angelica Irizarry serve as student director and student stage manager.

T.C. Williams High School Main Auditorium: Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$10 for ACPS staff, students and senior citizens. Wheelchair Accessible.

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

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-

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find 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) 10:30-11:30 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 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/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.

#### 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.

Rock N'Blades Annual Skating Event, 8:45-10:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon's RECenter's Ice Arena, 2017 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. \$12 per person, includes skate rental. Skate sizes are limited and will be offered first come, first served. Doors open at 8:15 p.m. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/ mtvernon/#ice, or call 703-768-

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria,

### Torpedo Factory Associate Artist Gallery

Studio 12. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. About 20 artists will be showing their work 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.

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

### Entertainment

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.

Wicked Northern Virginia. 1 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Behind the bucolic plantation estates of Northern Virginia lies a history of scandal. Join journalist and author Michael Lee Pope as he serves a cookie full of arsenic on a cold platter of revenge. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

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.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 9

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

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. 2:30-5 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.

#### **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

# Alexandria Film Festival

### Alexandria Film Festival

For the eighth consecutive year, the Alexandria Film Festival will share a diverse selection of films with the greater Washington area. The films will be shown over three days, Nov. 7-9, at two sites in Alexandria: Charles Beatley Library and AMC Hoffman Theater.

"Alexandria is famous for its many art forms, from paintings and ceramics to theater and orchestra. We are so thrilled to be able to expand the city's art offerings through film," said Patti North, festival chair. She noted that due to the digital revolution the number and quality of independent films from around the world is rising exponentially.

The festival will showcase a number of films from local filmmakers and filmmakers with ties to Alexandria. Last year there were 40 films from 18 countries, including world, U.S. and D.C. area premieres. In addition to the films, the festival offers Q&As with filmmakers and presentations by guest speakers relating to the films. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org for more.

World War I with historian C.R. Gibbs. Limited seating, reservations are encouraged. Call 703-746-4356.

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.

Veterans Day Program. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Special events and free admission for all active duty, former, or retired military personnel at the home of America's first commander in chief, George Washington. Throughout the day, veterans are invited to place a flower at Washington's Tomb. Veterans Day programming includes the Harmony Heritage Singers, the Air Force String Orchestra, a display of quilts by the volunteers of "Quilts of Honor." Call 703-780-2000 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.

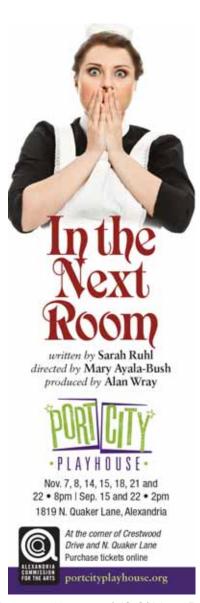
Dance Performance. 8 p.m. at
Torpedo Factory Arts Center,105 N.
Union St. Niche in the Hall is a sitespecific performance that travels all
three floors, cubbyholes, studios and
alcoves in dialogue with the art and
architecture of the Torpedo Factory
Art Center.Visit
www.torpedofactory.org for more.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. David Bromberg Big







### Entertainment

Band with Honey Child. \$45. Visit www.davidbromberg.net or www.Birchmere.com for more.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 15

#### **Brownies Letterboxer Badge.**10

a.m.-noon.at at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event will help Girl Scouts earn their next badge. Call 703-642-5173

Fall Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Museum is offering a special book sale of African American themed items. Duplicates, remainders and books that to do not meet the reading room's mission will be for sale. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org for more.

Coffee and Tea Tasting. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about the history, provenance, health benefits, and more of these flavorful brews. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

"Dare to Transcend." 8 p.m. at
Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall,
4915 East Campus Lane, Northern
Virginia Community College,
Alexandria. Kim Allen Kluge,
conductor; duo Madalyn and Cicely
Parnas, violin & cello, and Alexandria
Symphony Orchestra. \$5-\$80. Call
703-548-0885 or visit
www.alexsym.org.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 16

Author Presentation. 2-5 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road. Five authors will share their books in a question and answer session. Admission is \$15. Call 202-431-4634 or

allenjoann@hotmail.com for more. **Heirloom Gastronomy**. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jason Moore, of Whole Foods Market Old Town, will lead gastronomical tour of early American cookery. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This juried exhibition of work by the Botanical Arts Society of the National Capital Region features images of heirloom and heritage plants will be on display. Exhibition continues through Jan. 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Three Dog Night. \$69.50. Visit www.threedognight.com or

www.Birchmere.com for more.

US National 12K. Start time TBA at
Oronoco Bay Park. Open to runners
of all abilities, and families can enjoy
a kid fun run, live entertainment and
a beer garden. Registration for
members is \$55 and \$50 for military
members and police officers. Visit
www.national12k.us for more.

"Dare to Transcend." 3:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Kim Allen Kluge, conductor; duo Madalyn and Cicely Parnas, violin & cello, and Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. \$5-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 17

"Papyrus: the Plant that Changed the World." 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. John Gaudet discusses the history of papyrus and shows samples of papyrus paper and several models of the papyrus plant. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

#### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17-19

Live Music: John Hiatt. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with John Hiatt. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 18

"Holiday Treasure." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery artists excel in holiday spirit. Show closes Jan. 8. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 20

**Retrosessionists Comedy Improv.** 

7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy an evening of improv comedy along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 22

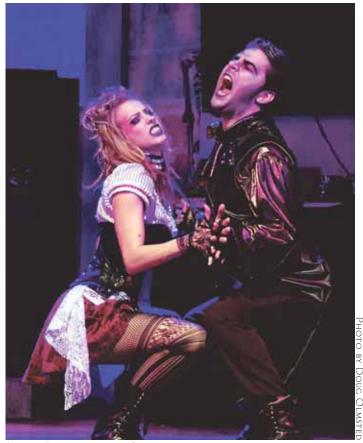
**Asian Style Miniature Dish** 

**Garden.** 10 a.m.-noon. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Design and create an Asian garden scene with figurines, stones and plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Garden Sprouts.** 11 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about wild turkeys, their families, habits and amazing ways of survival. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Family Fun Turkey Hunt.1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a turkey-inspired decoration for your Thanksgiving table. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Thanksgiving Table Arrangement.



### 'Rocky Horror'

Paige Taylor (Magenta) and Matt Liptak (Riff Raff) star in the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., staging of "The Rocky Horror Show." The show runs through Nov. 15; Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$30. Call the box office at 703-683-0496 or go to www.thelittletheatre.com.



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1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Break the cornucopia tradition and make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a fresh pumpkin. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

**Plant Discussion.** 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Eileen Malone of the Botanic Arts Society of the National Capital Region will discuss contemporary portraits of native plants, with suggestions on how these plants may be used in mid-Atlantic gardens. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more. **Period Inspired Banquet.** 8 p.m. at Gadsby's

Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate an evening with retired President Jefferson, played by Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker. The evening will feature a period inspired banquet, English country dances, live music, dessert collation and a cash bar. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This chamber music recital will feature Stravinsky's Octet for Winds as well as other traditional and modern music for woodwinds and brass. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, Dawn Sears, Kenny Sears and Ranger Doug Green. \$59.50. Visit www.thetimejumpers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with

themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

#### THURSDAY/DEC. 4

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform. \$45.00. Visit peternoone.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

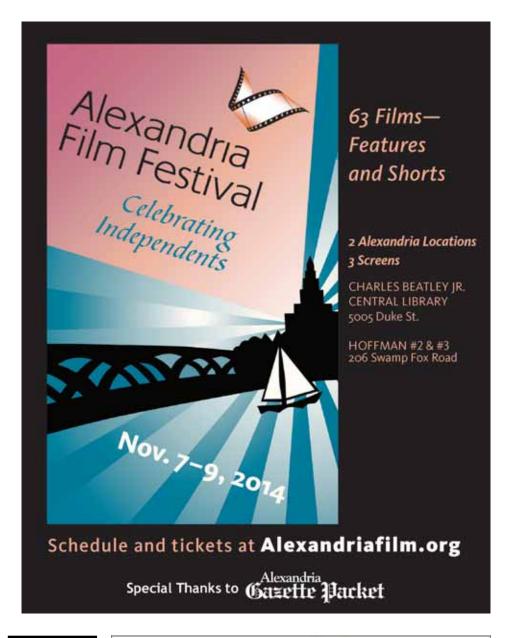
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Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. 9 a.m. onwards at Campagna Center,418 South Washington St., Alexandria. Tour historic Old Town homes decorated for the season, wander through a marketplace full of unique seasonal gifts, purchase greenery for your holiday decorations, enjoy fine Scotch at the Taste of Scotland, and take in the sights and sounds of the unique Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Proceeds will benefit educational programs that provide vital pre-K education, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring, family support services and English classes, all serving 1,700 Alexandrians daily. For schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com.

#### SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagna center.org/events/scottish-christmas-walkweekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/ 44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983





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### News



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Patrick Henry Elementary School principal Ingrid Bynum, right, takes a group photo of students and teachers on the South Lawn of the White House following a special Halloween visit Oct. 31.

### Wicked Fun ACPS students make Halloween wight to the William visit to the White House.

orget South Lee Street in Old Town. For 44 fifth-graders from Patrick Henry Elementary School, the White House was the place to be on Halloween.

"This is amazing," said 10-year-old Ryan Awamleh, one of more than 130 students from Alexandria City Public Schools to begin their trick-or-treating on the South Lawn of the White House. "I had a lot of fun and got some really good candy."

The ACPS students and their teachers, including other fifth graders from George Mason and Charles Barrett elementary schools, joined thousands of children from military families and D.C. area schools for a special Halloween event hosted at the White House Oct. 31.

"I saw Mrs. Obama's garden and it was beautiful," said Kaila Molina. "The White House was the most awesome place I have ever seen. This was the best trip I ever went on."

Dressed for the occasion in costumes ranging from superheroes to fairy princesses, the ACPS students wandered through a Halloween wonderland that included more than 200 pumpkins and performances by acrobats, jugglers, dancers and costumed charac-

ters including Glinda the Good Witch from "The Wizard of Oz."

"I like how the White House was decorated like a mini carnival," said Ayla Orona. "I saw a lot of acrobats and dancers in costumes. I had a great time."

Earlier in the day, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama passed out candy to trickor-treaters. The presidential haul included White House Hershey Kisses, a White House butter cookie, black licorice, orange tangerine jelly beans, kettle corn, Bo and Sunny baseball cards and a Gala apple.

"I thought I would see Mr. and Mrs. Obama," said Phoenix Rhodes. "I didn't but I still had fun and I got a jackpot of candy."

Tickets to the event were made available to ACPS after a previous planned Easter visit was cancelled at the last minute.

"This is so exciting," said Ingrid Bynum, principal of Patrick Henry Elementary School and costumed caped crusader for the day. "Opportunities for kids like this are very few. They will remember today for a lifetime."



**Students from Patrick Henry Elementary School gather** around a costumed witch to receive candy while trick-ortreating at the White House.



**Patrick Henry Elementary** School fifth grade teacher Gabrielle Gonzales, right, and principal Ingrid Bynum are the dynamic duo of Batman and Robin for the school's Halloween visit to the White House.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

The "Torpedo Bike" heads out the City Dock for a spin.

## The Torpedo Bike

nspired by history and supported by the Alexandria Commission of the Arts, Torpedo Factory sculptor Christopher Erney created a "Torpedo Bike." The "bike" is made from plywood, stainless steel and fiberglass and covered with aircraft grade aluminum. It was created to promote the artists and activities at the Alexandria's Torpedo Art Factory. As the "Torpedo Bike" travels the streets of the city it leaves a trail of bubbles in its wake. Erney is in Studio 33 of the Torpedo Art Factory.



**Equipped with a bubble** machine, the "Torpedo Bike" leaves a trail of bubbles in its wake.



Senya Podobed rides the bike out to the City Dock.

### 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.

#### THROUGH SATURDAY/NOV.22

Blanket Drive. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at City Hall, 301 King Street, Market Square Lobby, on weekdays, and at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The drive ends at noon on Nov. 22. The goal is to fill several shipping containers for a relief agency in Turkey. Blankets will go to refugee families who have fled Iraq and Syria. Drop off new or gently used blankets (cleaned and folded; no sheets, please) to CIty Hall or Beatley Central Library. Visit helpsyrianrefugees.us.

#### **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. Call 703-746-5663 or email the fund for a lex child @alexandria va.gov.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

**Proposal to Name Park in Memory** 

of Nancy Dunning. The Del Ray Business Association forwarded a

2802 Mt. Vernon Ave., located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth avenues, "Nancy Dunning Garden." More than 25 years ago when "The Avenue" was boarded up buildings with very few shops, Nancy Dunning, known as the "Queen of Del Ray," saw a different Avenue and dedicated her life to see it blossom and thrive. The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal via email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Nancy Dunning Garden, or by mail to RPCA, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St. Alexandria VA 22314. The City Council will receive all comments received or postmarked by Friday, Nov. 28. Contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703-746-5504 or iack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

#### Fort Ward Park Research Project.

Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Office of Historic Alexandria seeks public assistance in finding photographs documenting gravestones at Fort Ward Park before 1980. Archaeological investigations have recently confirmed locations of at least 40 unmarked graves. These gravesites post-date the Civil War fortification for which the park is named, and are associated with a significant African American community known as "The Fort" that developed at the site after the Civil War and remained until the park was created in the 1960s. Visit www.historicalexandria.org. Those who may have such photographic evidence of gravestones in Fort Ward Park may email archaeology@alex andriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

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# SPORTS

# T.C. Williams Boys' XC Qualifies for Regionals

### Titan senior Girma places fourth at Conference 7 meet.

"I'm not trying to prove anything.

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Braddock people ... I just try to use

— T.C. Williams harrier Anteneh Girma

By Jon Roetman GAZETTE PACKET

.C. Williams senior Anteneh Girma didn't feel like he was running all that well as he worked his way around the course at Burke Lake Park. As he came down the final straightaway, however, his disappointment

turned to happiness. Girma glanced at the clock and saw he was just over 15 minutes. His official time was 15:06, a personal best.

Girma placed fourth at the Conference 7 meet on Oct. 30, earning him a trip to regionals.

Girma finished 14 seconds faster than Woodson's Robert Lockwood, the fifth-place finisher.

"I'm not trying to prove anything," Girma said. "I'm just trying to stay with the Lake Braddock people. ... I just try to use them to make me better."

Lake Braddock produced the top three finishers. including champion Alex Corbett, whose time of 14:47 was the 11th-best in the history of Burke Lake.

Girma didn't have to celebrate his accomplishment alone. The T.C. Williams boys' team qualified for regionals as a group with a top-four finish. The Titans produced a score of 107, with two harriers earning individual all-conference (top 15) honors.

Along with Girma's effort, T.C. junior Alex Heimberg placed 15th with a time of 16:06.

Benjamin Thomas finished 28th for the Titans with a time of 16:53. Jack MacKay was 29th (16:55) and Grant Chamberlain finished 31st (17:00).

"I'm proud," Girma said. "I wasn't expecting them to come with me. It's the first time I've ran with a team to regionals because I'm usually going by my-

self. It's going to be something new. I'm proud of them."

Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 22. West Springfield finished runner-up with a total of 58, followed Woodson (96), T.C.

Sports Briefs

T.C. Williams Football

Playing at home for the final time this

Quarterback Darius Holland and running

back Mahlique Booth combined for more

than 200 yards on the ground. Booth car-

ried 13 times for 143 yards and a touch-

down. Holland rushed 13 times for 94 yards

Holland completed 11 of 29 passes for

Quarterback Peter Muskett and running

back Adis Ojeda led the West Springfield

offense. Muskett completed 12 of 14 passes

for 219 yards and two touchdowns. Ojeda

carried 29 times for 209 yards and five

season, the T.C. Williams football team lost

to West Springfield 47-14 on Nov. 1, drop-

**Drops Final** 

Home Game

ping the Titans' record to 2-7.

Williams (107), West Potomac (118), Annandale (141) and South County (207).

The T.C. Williams girls' team finished sixth with a score of 149. Lake Braddock won the team title with a total of 19, followed by South County (70), West Springfield (75) and West Potomac (91).

Freshman Gloria Reed was the Titans' top finisher, placing 18th with a time of 19:23.

The 6A North region meet was held Wednesday, Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. The 6A state meet will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.



T.C. Williams senior Anteneh Girma placed fourth at the Conference 7 meet on Oct. 30 at Burke Lake Park.

> touchdowns. The Titans will conclude the season with a road game against rival West

Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7.

Football Falls to 7-3

dropping the Cardinals' record to 7-3.

The Bishop Ireton football team lost to

Saint John Paul the Great 35-28 on Nov. 1,

Ireton quarterback Joe Dickinson com-

Sophomore running back Perris Jones carried 15 times for 78 yards and a touch-

Brenden Peifer caught four passes for 128

The two teams will meet in the VISAA

state playoffs at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8

vards and three touchdowns. Drew Smith

had six receptions for 110 yards.

at Bishop Ireton High School.

pleted 15 of 24 passes for 268 yards, with

three touchdowns and one interception.

Bishop Ireton



Springfield on Nov. 1 at T.C. Williams High School.

From Page 21 Meet Your State Legislators. 9:45-11:30 a.m. Fairlington Community Center, 3304 South Stafford St., Arlington, Senators and delegates representing Arlington and Alexandria have been invited to participate to provide an opportunity for the public to discuss aging issues with them prior to the General Assembly session that begins in January 2015. Visit

www.commissions.arlington va.us/ coa, email arlaaa@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-1700.

### MONDAY/NOV. 10

Foster Parent Orientation, 6-7:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on

hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. Call 703-746-5858 for more.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 11

School Open House. 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

#### Veteran's Free Dentistry Day, a.m.-2 p.m. at Neibauer Dental Care, 8626 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. A choice of one free cleaning, filling or extraction will be provided per veteran or military personnel in our community who may not otherwise receive basic or routine dental care. Patients will be

accepted on a first come first served basis. Call 703-554-3500 for more.

### TUESDAY/NOV11ANDTHURSDAY/NOV13

### **Adult Mental Health First Aid**

Training Class. 4-8 p.m. 4480 King St., Room 514. Demonstrates the initial help given to a person showing signs of mental illness or a mental

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### WELLBEING

# Cookbook Offers Hearty Dinners

Local chefs use seasonal produce to create new dishes.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE ALMANAC

hen the weather turns chilly and the produce at farmers' markets change from bright orange tomatoes to thick skinned squash and pumpkins, Dorothy Myers faces a culinary conundrum.

"I've always thought of myself as a creative cook, but making filling and healthy fall and winter meals are much more of a challenge," said Myers who lives in Potomac. "So I decided to gather some recipes that were hearty, but also easy to pre-

Myers' efforts culminated in a book released last month called "The Family Dinner Table: Season Fall and Winter Recipes to Savor." The collection of recipes was gathered from chefs both local and in other parts of the country. One thing they have in common is their use of the freshest cold weather produce and the ability to create a filling meal for one's family with minimal fuss.

"I wanted most of the recipes to be one-

pot meals that could be made in a Dutch oven or a crock pot," said Myers. "I love being able to put ingredients in a pot and come back hours later to a hearty meal and a savory aroma wafting through my house."

One chef who is in Myers book is former White House pastry chef Susan Limb, who now owns Praline restaurant in Bethesda. "I think using good, fresh ingredients is the key to creating good food," said Limb. "My favorite fall and winter produce have to be squash and root veg-New cookbook features

Amanda Clark, of Old Town Alexandria, Va., who has a

etables.'

pes for fall and winter. collection of recipes in Myers' book, said that she believes "it is possible for busy families to cook fresh,

DOROTHY MYERS

local chefs and offers

hearty family dinner reci-

wholesome and tasteful meals each night of the week."

> The key, she said, is "paying attention to the seasons and cooking sea-

> sonally.' Arlington, Va.based Kristin Robinson considers beets, kale, cauliflower, mushrooms and

squash among her favorite fall and winter produce.

"Knowing how to

prepare a vegetable and

retain its vitamins and minerals is important," she said. "For example, blanching a green vegetable in boiling water turns the water green with a rather large percentage of vitamins and minerals. Steam-

Myers considers her cookbook a healthy celebration of the bounty of fall and winter. It is available on Amazon.com

ing vegetables is healthier."

### BULLETIN BOARD

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health crisis. Contact Donielle Marshall at 703-746-3523 or donielle.marshall@alexandria.gov. Register at survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/ MHFARegistration.

#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Lower School Admission Group Tour. 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. SSSAS, Lloyd House, Lower School Campus, 400 Fontaine St. For prospective JK/K/1st parents. An opportunity to tour Lower School campus, talk with a parent guide, meet administrators and see faculty in action. Registration required, contact April Toman at 703-212-2705 or atoman@sssas.org

Eisenhower Public and Private Partnership.

5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Society for Human Resource Management, 1800 Duke St., Alexandria. Annual meeting and 20th anniversary. Participants will hear progress reports on The National Science Foundation and the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan. Free to all members, \$10 for non-members, refreshments served. Register online at www.eisenhowerpartnership.org.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Diabetic Eye Disease. 1:30-3 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Learn about causes, risk factors, symptoms, detection, treatment and current research from Reshma Katira, M.D., Retina Group of Washington. Call Kym at the library at

703-746-1762 or visit youreyes.org for more. The Alexandria Branch/NAACP Election. 6:30-8 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria. The Alexandria Branch/NAACP will hold it's 2015-2016 Election of Officers and Executive Committee. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and vote. ontact the Secretary at 703-684-6190 or email naacpalx@rcn.com for more.



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Johns Hopkins University Study

### LETTERS

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reveal to budget-makers what we the people want our city to provide. What he achieved was refreshing frankly, and it wasn't easy either. Our Rulers, all Democrats, were and remain skeptical of letting garden variety taxpayers onto their playing field

Doing so, the Rulers complain, will complicate the time-critical budget process. Moreover, because there will be winners and losers, disappointment is guaranteed. Frankly, the Rulers have a point. The budget making process is arcane and time consuming even if it does involve real money made available by taxpayers large and small. But there is a way for taxpayers to play Budget Ball. It merely requires better questions.

The questions the city manager posited are akin to asking if water is wet. Instead, bundle those fluff ball questions into a preamble that makes clear the city government is our servant. It exists to provide us basic services, namely public safety, education and infrastructure. With that declaration out of the way, hard hitting questions can follow the answers to which could actually have a budget impact.

For example, the first one should be to select from a series of choices a Do Not Exceed level of spending beyond which taxpayer approval is required.

This question will cause our Rulers to howl and their handlers, the Democratic Party of Alexandria, to squeal, but without a dollar limit above which a referendum is

necessary, then we taxpayers risk having the Rulers use our money to impose their vision. Think waterfront, police palace, Jefferson Houston, et al.

Other telling questions could be to select eight proposed expenditures from a list of

The results would reveal to the budget makers what's important to taxpayers. Or choose between using contractors who receive a fixed fee for service or using for the same service city employees each of whom receive taxpayer funded benefits and retirement stipends for life.

Or should the libraries be made self-sustaining non-profits? Or should the city use our money to own and operate businesses? And so forth. You get the idea. Let's play real Budget Ball; not fluff ball. It's our money after all.

> **Jimm Roberts** Alexandria

### Let Sun Shine In

To the Editor:

Many Citizens of the City of Alexandria are not fully aware of what the "Sunshine Act" actually delineates.

Simply put, it is a law or act that mandates that every portion of every meeting of a government body shall be open to public observation. In Virginia, this means that

there are stringent limits placed on the number of elected politicians or appointed members of boards and commissions that can meet in private to discuss government business, and that number is two members.

In the past two weeks, I have attended two meetings in which the "Parking Standards for New Development Projects" have been discussed. One of those bodies was a Task Force appointed by the City of Alexandria to review current parking requirements, and to then provide to the City Council its recommendations updating the current parking standards.

The Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services has decided that two members of the City Planning Staff (or a staff member and the Chair of the Task Force) will brief the Task Force recommendations to two members of the City Council, thereby circumventing the intent of the law, since the public will not see what will transpire.

This practice has to come to a screeching halt. City Council members should be able to see the results of the Task Force in a normal council work session (which are now televised), and as such, would provide total transparency to this process. The city staff must cease its use of tactics that are technically legal, but do not add to the vaunted transparency that is the objective of the Sunshine Act.

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Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center is looking for an office assistant on Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m. Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St.

Hollin Hall Senior Center is looking for a DJ ballroom and dance instructor. The Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health **Care Center** is looking for social companions for participants on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and front desk volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Located at 8350 Richmond Highway. For these and other volunteer opportunities call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfacounty.gov/ olderadults.

Pets Bring Joy, a local nonprofit animal rescue organization, is in need of temporary fosters. By offering a temporary loving home to a homeless cat, you are providing a critical link in their transition into a forever home. Email info@petsbringjoy.org if interested in becoming a foster. Visit petsbringjoy.org.



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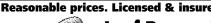
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### Obituary Jeanette J. Young

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014 of Alexandria, VA.

Beloved mother of Sandra Nusbaum (Michael) and Patricia Mattes (Tuan); sister of Sue Morris and Danny Plumley; grandmother of Donald, Paula, Philip (Shannon) and Mikaela; great-grandmother of Molly. Memorial service at Sunset Hills Baptist Church, 3500 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA on Thursday, No-vember 13, 2014 at 11:30 AM. Interment private. In lieu of memorial contributions may be made to Sunset Hills

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Elizabeth ("Lys") Lynd Scott, 93, passed away at the Fairfax Senior Living Community, Ft. Belvoir, Va. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. She is preceded in death by her husband, Major General Thomas H. Scott, Jr., United States Army. She was born Sept. 23, 1921 in Birmingham, Mich. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, she was president of Kappa Delta sorority. She worked as a crypto-analyst during World War II for the War Department and as a retail specialist at Garfinckels department stores for many years. Survivors include daughter Judge Cheryl Scott of Falls Church, Va., son Thomas H. Scott III of St. Augustine, Fla., daughter Valerie Scott of Springfield, Va., four grandchildren, John, Elizabeth, Thomas and James, and three great-grandchildren, Hayden, Ryan and Landon. Burial will occur at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., at a later date.

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On November 1, 2014 in Bowie, MD after a valiant battle against cancer. Born in Abany, NY in 1925, "Tina" graduated from Webster Groves High School, in Missouri. Shortly after graduation, "Tina" received her student pilot's license, and ultimately enlisted in the United States Navy, the day before VE

While serving in the Navy, she was assigned to the Hospital Corps, as a WAVE, at Long Beach Hospital. After separating from the Navy in 1945, Tina went back to Webster Groves, where she attended St. Louis University. She also traveled across the country by train to visit with her aunt, who was married to Paramount fashion designer Travis Banton, who was living in the Beverly Hilton Hotels. On a trip to visit a former Navy friend in San Diego, CA in 1949, Tina met Andy Yates, who was a pilot in the USMC. Only nine days after meeting Andy,

Andy's wedding proposal, and the two were married at Ft. Myer, Arlington, Virginia, November 18, 1949. Tina and Andy had six children during their lifetime together, and lived in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, before settling in Alexandria, VA in ginia beach and Noriok, before setting in Alexandria, VA in 1952. While raising six children, Tina also taught Sunday School, played bridge, golf, and bowled, in addition to being President, Newcomers Club, for Villamay, and hosting events for wives of visiting pilots from foreign countries, during the time Andy was president of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators. Tina at various times raised numerous grandchildren, enjoying spending time with her family. Tina was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Andy Davis Yates, Jr, in 2013; brothers Walter Thatcher, Jr. and Imbrie Thatcher; and granddaughter Stacey Lynne Seaton in 2005 Inatcher; and granddaugnter Stacey Lynne Seaton in 2005. She is survived by children, Stephen (Thanh) Yates, Michael (Angie) Yates, Cory (Tracy) Towle, Joanne (Ed) Partner, Gale (Mike) Seaton, and Phyllis (Mike) Doherty; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Family will receive friends at Beall Funeral Home, 6512 NW Crain Hwy. (Rte. 3 South), Bowie, MD on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm with Military Honors at 6pm Interment Artipaton Nato 8pm, with Military Honors at 6pm. Interment, Arlington National Cemetery, at a later date. Flowers are welcome; however, anyone wishing to donate to an organization, the family requests you consider donating to the Alzheimer's Research Association. Please view and sign the family's guestbook at: www.beallfuneral.com

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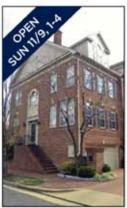
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