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More than 100 volunteers form lines to pass along the pumpkins being unloaded from the trucks on Sunday morning.

Pick of the Patch

Annual fundraising pumpkin sale now through Oct. 31

By Montie Martin
Gazette Packet

The search for the perfect pumpkin is never easy. Size and color considerations must be taken into account, and quality is king. The variety of pumpkins at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, available now through Oct. 31, make the search a little easier.

Pumpkins at the Immanuel Church on the Hill patch vary in size and price, from the smallest

“Spookies” to giant orange wonders. “The perfect pumpkin needs a nice face for carving, a good color and a good stem,” said Kathy Lemmon, a recent arrival to Alexandria. “You’ve also got to be able to carry it.”

For some, the search for the perfect pumpkin also means a chance to be active with loved ones. “It’s about getting outside in the fall and being together,” said Stacie Moats, an Alexandria resident who has picked pumpkins with her family at Immanuel the previous five years.

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The “little spookies” priced at \$1.50 create an image of a giant spider descending down the hill by the church.



Philadelphia residents Susannah and Hadley Brundt visit the pumpkin patch on Sunday morning.

Metro Makeover

Suburban station to be transformed into urban oasis on Upper King Street.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

Say goodbye to the parking spaces at the King Street Metro. About 30 parking spaces are about to become a memory, as city leaders prepare for a \$7 million 18-month renovation next spring. The new station will increase the number of bus bays from six to 10 and improve the pedestrian environment for pedestrians, who must now navigate through a maze of automobiles

and buses. The project will also improve the landscaping and add new bicycle parking.

“As we become urbanized right there at the Metro, we are looking for people to be taking transit to the Metro or at least being dropped off at the Metro,” said Rich Baier, director of Transportation and Environmental Services. “The parking will be gone.”

Since the facility opened in 1983, the King Street Metro station has been the city’s most im
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Community Mourns Loss of Becky Arnold

Realtor, community activist, arts supporter dies at 59.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

When Rebecca “Becky” Arnold was asked earlier this year what she loved most about her adopted hometown of Alexandria, she didn’t hesitate.

“Where do I start?” she answered with her characteristic enthusiasm. “Saturday mornings at the Del Ray farmer’s market, having ice cream at the Dairy Godmother, taking a ghost and graveyard tour in Old Town, attending the new exhibits at the Del Ray Artisans Workshop each month. Do you want me to go on?”

A supporter of the arts and member of the Alexandria Democratic Committee, Arnold was diagnosed earlier this year with cancer and died suddenly Oct. 3 after



Photo by Jack Powers/ADC

Local activist Becky Arnold died Oct. 3 after being diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

a brief stay at the Halquist Memorial Hospice in Arlington.

“Becky was a really special and genuine person,” said former Al
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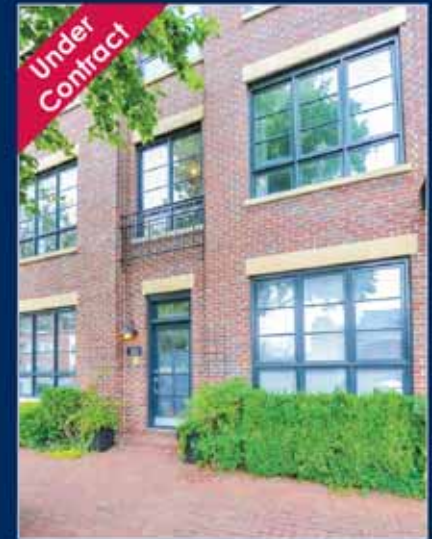
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Downwash of Celebration

The story about how the Potomac River Generating Station closed its doors this month is an **Erin Brockovich** story with an Old Town twist. It involved a group of determined neighbors, including **Elizabeth Chimento** and **Poul Hertel**, who joined forces to begin collecting scientific data about “downwash” — a phenomenon that involves pollution raining down on Alexandria.

Chimento and Hertel eventually persuaded Councilman **Paul Smedberg** and Councilwoman **Del Pepper** to take up the cause, a fight that brought city officials into a legal battle with Atlanta-based Mirant. Pretty soon, the coal-fired power plant was surrounded by enemies. The company eventually agreed to a settlement that involved investing \$32 million to reduce particulate matter at the facility — an investment that never happened because Houston-based GenOn acquired the business and determined that that the new pollution controls weren’t worth it in the long run.

“This is a decision and an action that will improve the lives of Alexandrians and people in the region for generations to come,” said U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) Tuesday night. “It’s that important.”

City Council members adopted a formal resolution Tuesday night praising the efforts of those who worked to close the facility and enjoyed a cake that featured a graph of declining pollution levels — a confectionery creation that one observer described as “the nerdiest cake ever.”

“We didn’t have a lot of unanimous support, to be quite honest, on council and within the community,” said Smedberg. “There were a lot of groups that thought we were crazy to pursue this, and we had council members who thought we were crazy for doing this. But we persisted.”

Losing Religion

Art is a fickle thing, especially public art. And everybody has an opinion — even people at City Hall.

This weekend, members of the City Council are scheduled to approve a design proposal for the Contrabands and Freedman’s Cemetery Memorial. The action is years in the making, a story that began in 1864 when a plot of land south of Old Town was established as a cemetery for African-Americans who fled slavery and sought a safe haven in Union-controlled Alexandria. A century later, the land became a gas station. Now that the sesquicentennial us upon us, the cemetery is about to become a memorial for those who were buried there.

But the conflict did not stop there. In August, a selection panel met to evaluate a series of proposals. Members of the panel recommended that the commission be awarded to **Ed Dwight**. But when the Public Art Committee met later that month, its members decided against supporting the recommendation of the selection panel. Instead, the committee recommended that the commission be awarded to **Mario Chiodo**.

“I know that having gone through this once before with the Versace memorial, it’s an exhaustive process,” said Councilman **David Speck**. “So when I saw the Public Art Committee chose a different artist, I wondered why that was.”

As it turns out, losing the commission was a matter of divine intervention.

“That artist chose to include religious symbols in the sculpture, even though the (request for proposals) noted that those were specifically prohibited,” explained City Manager **Rashad Young**.

Chain of Succession

Since 9/11, disaster scenarios have become a parlor game. What would happen if the city lost electricity for a month? How would Alexandria cope without Internet service? Who would lead the city if the city’s leaders weren’t around?

That last question is at the heart of a resolution adopted this week designating an acting city manager during the temporary absence of the city manager. The document lays out a chain of succession, beginning with Deputy City Manager **Tom Gates**. He’s followed, in descending order, by Deputy City Manager **Michele Evans**, Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks** and Deputy City Manager **Debra Collins**. “If you all decide to go to Canada and fight extradition, who takes charge then?” asked Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**.

“We’ll decide that when it comes up,” the city manager responded.

— Michael Lee Pope



Race volunteer **Kathryn Herty** gives husband **Edward** a congratulatory kiss at the finish line of the race.



Brooke Curran celebrates with **David Kosub** after completing the race. **Kosub** was competing in the NIB Visually Impaired Half Marathon Championships sponsored by the National Industries for the Blind.



Alexandria’s **Edward Herty**, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, crosses the finish line of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon Oct. 7 at National Harbor.

Photos by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet

Charities Win at Half Marathon

Ndereba, Johnson win 13.1-mile race.

By Jeanne Theismann
The Gazette

Dreary skies couldn’t dampen the spirits of more than 3,000 runners who took to the streets of Virginia and Maryland Oct. 7 in the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon, won by Kenyan Samuel Ndereba in 65 minutes and 15 seconds with American Kellyn Johnson leading the women in 1:13:24.

“I’m feeling pretty good,” said Alexandria’s Edward Herty, a Navy lieutenant commander who finished the race in 2:27:07. “The weather the last couple of miles was tough but for the most part, it was an easy run.”

Now in its third year, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon attracted elite runners from around the world and awarded more than \$15,000 in prize money to the top finishers.

“We’re getting tremendous feedback,” said race director and founder Steve Nearman. “We got a lot of kudos for adding the Hoffman Town Center parking lot as a shuttle point. Buses are a huge logistical problem but I have a great team who not only executed the logistics well, but did it in the rain. They just nailed it today for the runners.”

With Alexandrians Tom Curcio, Ed Farino and Tom Swinson riding the pace bicycles for the lead runners, Ndereba, 35, ran head-to-head for much of the race with second place finisher Fernando Cabada (1:05:40), the American 25K record holder. Deteje Girma of Ethiopia was third in the men’s division with a time of 1:06:08 followed by American Frank Dever (1:06:32) and Birhanu Tadesse of Ethiopia

(1:06:53).

In the women’s division, Johnson, 26, took a commanding lead from the start to become the first American woman to win the 13.1-mile race that runs from Mount Vernon Estate to National Harbor. She broke the tape two minutes ahead of second-place finisher Aziza Aliyu Abate of Ethiopia (1:15:24) and a mere 40 seconds off the course record set in 2011 by Bekelech Bedada.

Ethiopia’s Wayinshet Abebe Hailu finished third in 1:15:44 with Johnson’s teammate and 2011 RRCA Roads Scholar Megan Herrick coming in fourth at 1:18:19. Michelle Miller of Damascus, Md., rounded

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Rebuilding Together Alexandria Executive Director Katharine Dixon accepts a check for \$2,500 from race director **Steve Nearman** on behalf of the RTA Veterans Housing program. **Nearman** donated \$14,000 to five local charities at the pre-race dinner Oct. 6 at Mango Mike’s Restaurant.

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Half Marathon: From Mount Vernon to National Harbor

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out the top five with a time of 1:19:57.

Ndereba and Johnson also were awarded the RRCA Virginia State Half Marathon titles, as were Masters winners Sergey Kaledin of Russia (1:15:43) and Kristin Markowicz of Arlington (1:26:58).

Winners of the Potomac Valley Association/USATF Half Marathon Championships were Miller and Devar. Masters champs were Markowicz and Joel Kinnunen.

The race also hosted the third NIB Visually Impaired Half Marathon Championships sponsored by the Alexandria-based National Industries for the Blind. Aaron Scheidies of Seattle (1:18:07), Matt Rodjom of Alexandria, (1:22:36) and Amy McDonough of Irmo, S.C. (1:23:58) led their peers and inspired other runners along the course.

"There has been an incredible outpouring of appreciation of what the vision impaired runners are doing," Nearman said. "They are an inspiration to everyone in that race."



Photo by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet

Jonathan Nearman, 13, son of race director Steve Nearman, hands out medals at the finish line at National Harbor.

In addition to the prize money for the runners, Nearman presented more than \$14,000 to five local charities at a pre-race reception Oct. 6 at Mango Mike's Restaurant.

"We can't thank Steve enough," said Rebuilding Together of Alexandria Executive Director Katharine Dixon, who accepted a check for \$2,500 on behalf of RTA's veterans housing program. "Because of his efforts, we will be able to assist local veterans, active-duty service members and military families maintain safe and accessible housing."

Other nonprofits receiving checks were the Child and Family Network Centers, Autism Speaks, Back on My Feet, Washington Area Women's Foundation and the RunningBrooke Fund.

"The checks we presented don't include any monies raised through our website," Nearman added. "Awareness is a big thing for us so we maintain a 'run with a purpose' link that allows donations to be made directly to any of the charities. I don't have the numbers yet but the amount of money raised online is likely to be quadruple what we presented."

With this year's race behind him, Nearman wasted no time in looking ahead.

"I've already submitted the permit applications to the Park Service for next year," Nearman said. "I'm feeling very good about how my team executed on race day and am looking forward to an even better race in 2013."

For more information and complete race results, visit www.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

News



Photos by Jeanne Theismann/Gazette Packet

Walkers prepare for the start of the second annual Acacia Federal Rock and Stroll walk to end homelessness Sept. 29 at Cameron Run Park.

Rock and Stroll **Walk raises awareness, funds for homeless.**

More than 400 people descended on Cameron Run Park Sept. 29 for the second annual Acacia Federal Rock and Stroll walk to end homelessness.

"We had a great turn out," said Community Lodgings Assistant Executive Director Jim Dempsey. "We can't thank our sponsors and participants enough for all they did

today to help so many in our community."

Five local organizations participated in the event, including ALIVE!, the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, Community Lodgings, New Hope Housing and Wesley Housing.

For more information on Rock and Stroll, visit www.rockandstroll.net.

— Jeanne Theismann



Kara Kerns and Alexandria Cupcake owner Adnan Hamidi at the Rock and Stroll walk to end homelessness.



Volunteer Jonathan Benitez enjoys a treat courtesy of Alexandria Cupcake at the Rock and Stroll walk Sept. 29.



Photo by Rashmi Pappu

Nonprofit executive directors gather for a photo at the Rock and Stroll walk to end homelessness. From left: Shelley Murphy, Wesley Housing; Pamela Michell, New Hope Housing; Michael O'Rourke, AACH; Ken Naser, ALIVE!; and Bonnie Baxley, Community Lodgings.

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New President for ACVA

Patricia R. Washington has been named president & CEO of Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association. Washington's start date is Nov. 13. She is the third person to lead ACVA since its inception 16 years ago.

Washington currently serves as the vice president of cultural tourism at the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation. Washington's experience includes cultural tourism, marketing, arts management, fundraising and grant making.

During her 12 years with the Greater Philadelphia

Tourism Marketing Corporation, she spearheaded far-reaching branding initiatives including With Art Philadelphia, a \$2.5 million collaborative campaign promoting Philadelphia as a premier arts destination. Washington was the creator and publisher of Philly360, a social media-focused campaign spotlighting the city from a multicultural perspective. She also led the Philadelphia Neighborhood Tourism Network promoting the cultural diversity and vitality of Philadelphia's neighborhoods through a coalition of 15 organizations.



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Oscar Bonilla cleans "Appomattox" at the intersection of Washington and Prince streets.



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Nancy Jennis Olds

The statue receives a cleaning and a protective finish.

'Appomattox' Gets Makeover United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter funds cleaning.

By Nancy Jennis Olds
Gazette Packet

He is called "Appomattox," fondly known as "Appy," a lone bronze statue of a Confederate soldier standing on a granite base. Traffic tears by him daily on a small island of land intersecting Washington and Prince streets. His back is turned toward the north, his face stares down in resignation, his arms crossed tightly on his chest. The soldier carries no weapon. He tightly clenches his hat in his right hand; a canteen and haversack hang from his left shoulder.

On a crisp and sunny Saturday on Oct. 6 there is a flurry activity surrounding this Civil War memorial. "Appomattox" is the subject of attention as workers in hard hats cordoned off the traffic island with bright orange cones and bring in their machinery to give the stained and weathered statue a cleaning with a protective finish.

The women of the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, whose museum and offices are headquartered in Alexandria, provided the funding for the conservation of "Appomattox." The City of Alexandria was not involved with this preservation effort, nor were any city personnel employed for this cleaning project. Chapter member Debby Mullins said that the statue was initially cleaned with liquid Ivory Soap. An application of a wax substance will provide a protective patina of the bronze

statue which is bombarded daily by the vehicle fumes passing by, the residue of roosting pigeons and other birds, and stresses from sunshine and storms.

During the Civil War, or as it was called by the South, the War Between the States, or the War of Northern Aggression, the City of Alexandria was commandeered by Union forces almost immediately in May 24 of 1861. Col. Elmer Ellsworth, a personal friend of President Abraham Lincoln, led the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment ("Fire Zouaves") through the City of Alexandria, detaching some men to take the

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railroad station and others to secure the telegraph office. Ellsworth personally went to the Marshall House, an inn owned by James W. Jackson, to remove the large Confederate flag from its rooftop. As Ellsworth descended the stairs with the flag wrapped around him, Jackson emerged from his

room and fatally shot Ellsworth in the chest. Corporal Francis E. Brownell, who had accompanied Ellsworth, immediately shot Jackson, killing him instantly. Alexandria, the old seaport town, became the main reception area for the Union wounded, a federal supply depot, and a campground. Most of its homes, churches and schools became hospitals, prisons and headquarters. Many of the citizens of Alexandria fled before the federal occupation of the city. Those who remained were under military occupation for four more years.

The Reconstruction period after the Civil

War was difficult for Confederate veterans. In April of 1885, Confederate veteran Edgar Warfield and the R.E. Lee Camp #2 (formed by former Confederate veterans mainly from the 17th Virginia Regiment) requested that the citizens of Alexandria construct a monument on behalf of Confederate veter-

ans. The Alexandria City Council approved the project permitting placement of the monument at the intersection of Prince and Washington Streets, the location where the Alexandria militia companies met prior to their evacuation as the advancing Union troops landed in Alexandria. These militia companies would later form the 17th Virginia Regiment.

According to Mullins, a contest was announced, and John Adams Elder submitted a plaster model based on the central figure in his painting "Appomattox." The original painting is at the Library of Virginia. The work shows an unarmed figure with his head downcast as he contemplates the privations of four years of war upon the South. The model was approved and M. Caspar Buberi was the sculptor who cast the statue in bronze. The base is made of Georgia granite. The inscriptions part of the pedestal is made of a mix of concrete and marble. The north side of the base reads, "They died in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed." The south side reads, "Erected to the memory of Confederate dead of Alexandria, Va. by their Surviving Comrades, May 24th 1889." The east and west sides bear the names of those from Alexandria who died during the Civil War.

The dedication ceremony was held on May 29, 1889. There was a great crowd at the ceremony attended and directed by Fitzhugh Lee, the governor of Virginia then and a former cavalry major general for the CSA. Former Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston also attended the ceremony.

People



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Sarah Marx gets a little help from Taste of Giving Chair Steve Wharton on how to properly hold a hunting bow.

Fifth Annual Taste for Giving

Twenty local restaurants and caterers participated in the fifth annual Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Rotary Foundation's Taste for Giving. Proceeds from the event support local charities and nonprofit organizations.

Sponsors for the annual event included: VW International, Inc.; Hadeed Carpet; Delfosse Vineyards and Winery; Renner & Company; BB&T Wealth Management; Simpson Commercial Real Estate;

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Overwood executive chef Boubker Erame with Sean Godfrey and Saad Saib.



Rick Endres leads the bidding for the live auction with the help of Joe Hadeed.

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Alexandria Seaport Foundation executive director Kent Barnekov and foundation board member Rex Wagner turned over a repaired fly fishing boat to Healing Waters National Capital Regional Coordinator George Gaines and Roger Carlson on Oct. 4.

Seaport Foundation Partners with Healing Waters

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation has committed to build six fly-fishing boats in 18 months as the first step of its new partnership with Project Healing Waters. Project Healing Waters, founded in 2005 at Walter Reed Hospital, is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through fly-fishing and fly-tying education and outings. Since 2005, 147 programs have been added in 48 states.

There are currently five programs in Alexandria. On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 4, Seaport Foundation executive director Kent Barnekov and foun-

dation board member Rex Wagner turned over a repaired fly fishing boat to Healing Waters National Capital Regional Coordinator George Gaines and Roger Carlson. The boat was damaged in a storm and repaired by the staff and apprentices in the foundation's boat building program. The boat will be taken to Point Pleasant Farm in St. Michael's, Md. where Healing Waters is operating a program. For more information on the Alexandria Seaport Foundation visit www.alexandriaseaport.org or call 703-549-7078. Information on Project Healing Waters may be found at www.projecthealingwaters.org

Does Money Buy Influence?

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

Campaign finance documents show candidates for mayor and City Council have taken hundreds of dollars from people with business at City Hall. Other candidates are largely funding their own campaigns. There's nothing illegal about any of this, although some have questioned the ethics of buying influence. Others say it's just the cost of doing business in Alexandria.

"This is the way American government works," said Toni-Michelle Travis, professor at George Mason University. "These people are buying visibility, and they are buying a way to make sure their position is known."

Councilman Frank Fannon took in the most money of any candi-

date in the race, raising more than \$75,000. In addition to raising the most money, he's also got the largest amount of cash on hand headed into the final stretch — almost \$65,000. Top contributors include relatives such as Thomas Fannon and businesses that have a vested interest in what happens at City Hall, such as Hoffman Management. Fannon said that the money is needed to reach out to voters because of the drastically increased participation in the upcoming election as a result of moving the city election from May to November.

"We need that money to do voter education and outreach," said Fannon. "A normal City Council election has about 15 or 16 percent turnout, but this one will have close to 70 percent turnout. We need to make sure our message gets out to those voters who might not even know that the City Council will be on the ballot."

DURING ONE of the recent council debates, all of the candidates were asked if they had taken campaign contributions from developers or individuals who have a vested interest in the waterfront plan — one of the most controversial items to come before City Council in recent years. Most of the candidates answered no, but several of the candidates indicated they had.

"Minimal," answered Councilwoman Del Pepper.

"I've been friends with the Simpson family for years," said Fannon. "And they donated money to me, just like they did in the last race."

"Ditto," added Councilman Paul Smedberg.

"Simpson," said Councilman Tim Lovain.

Simpson Development is one of

Candidates accept contributions from people with business at City Hall.

the major development interests in Alexandria, with longtime roots in the city. The company has a long-term lease on the Cummings-Turner property, which is one of the sites slated for redevelopment in the near future — and a central focus of the controversial waterfront plan. Washington-based Carr Hospitality has already come forward with a proposal to build a

hotel on the site, which is at the northeast intersection of Duke Street and Union Street.

"Accepting money from people who have business before City Council is a conflict of interest, plain and simple," said Libertarian candidate Robert Kraus. "And the candidates that take money from these people should recuse See Contributions, Page 27

Campaign Money

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- ❖ \$1,000 from Michael Wenk
- ❖ \$775 from Renner & Company
- ❖ \$750 from Nealsen & Associates

Andrew Macdonald

- ❖ raised: \$29,541
- ❖ spent: \$20,129
- ❖ cash on hand: \$8,020
- top contributors
- ❖ \$1,239 from Jerry Warner
- ❖ \$1,200 from Arra Ann Mazor
- ❖ \$1,000 from Robert Montague III

- ❖ \$1,000 from Elizabeth Warner
- ❖ \$800 from Anne Peterson

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

John Chapman

- ❖ raised: \$37,133
- ❖ spent: \$27,002
- ❖ cash on hand: \$10,130
- top contributors
- ❖ \$1,200 from Montez Anderson
- ❖ \$1,100 from Dale Consulting Group

- ❖ \$1,000 from Mid-Atlantic Community Fund
- ❖ \$866 from Securing Alexandria's Future
- ❖ \$750 from Northern Virginia Association of Realtors

Glenda Davis

- ❖ raised: \$1,070
- ❖ spent: \$1,035
- ❖ cash on hand: \$35
- top contributors
- ❖ \$908 from Glenda Davis

Frank Fannon

- ❖ raised: \$75,867
- ❖ spent: \$21,865
- ❖ cash on hand: \$64,728
- top contributors
- ❖ \$5,000 from Thomas Fannon
- ❖ \$5,000 from Hoffman Management
- ❖ \$2,500 from James Scott
- ❖ \$2,000 from Commonwealth

Republican Women's Club

- ❖ \$1,500 from Joseph Guiffre

Alicia Hughes

- ❖ raised: \$17,424
- ❖ spent: \$12,871
- ❖ cash on hand: \$4,602
- top contributors
- ❖ \$6,800 from Worldwatch Institute
- ❖ \$1,000 from Michael Malbach
- ❖ \$750 from Carla's Copycat
- ❖ \$750 from Morgan Meguire LLC
- ❖ \$600 from Joe Fischer

Robert Kraus

- ❖ raised: \$1,100
- ❖ spent: \$0
- ❖ cash on hand: \$1,100
- top contributors
- ❖ \$1,000 from Robert Kraus
- ❖ \$100 from William Redpath

Tim Lovain

- ❖ raised: \$36,876
- ❖ spent: \$21,549
- ❖ cash on hand: \$4,326
- top contributors
- ❖ \$3,000 from Waatch Inc.
- ❖ \$2,500 from Lawrence Ponzi
- ❖ \$2,000 from Mike Akin
- ❖ \$1,000 from Cynthia Lynn O'Connell

Mark Williams

- ❖ \$950 from Mark Williams

Jermaine Mincey

- ❖ raised: \$692
- ❖ spent: \$652
- ❖ cash on hand: \$39
- top contributors
- ❖ Willie James Mincey
- ❖ Jermaine Mincey

Del Pepper

- ❖ raised: \$27,248
- ❖ spent: \$17,997
- ❖ cash on hand: \$11,874
- top contributors
- ❖ \$3,701 from F.J. Pepper
- ❖ \$3,500 from Michael Wenk
- ❖ \$1,000 from Alexandria Toyota
- ❖ \$1,000 from Bernard Fagelson
- ❖ \$866 from Securing Alexandria's Future

Allison Silberberg

- ❖ raised: \$40,088
- ❖ spent: \$33,745
- ❖ cash on hand: \$6,343
- top contributors
- ❖ \$5,450 from Nina Bridges Graphic Design

- ❖ \$5,000 from Double R Productions

- ❖ \$1,500 from James Currie
- ❖ \$1,250 from Andrew Glickman
- ❖ \$1,000 from American National Leasing Company

Paul Smedberg

- ❖ raised: \$28,896
- ❖ spent: \$17,630
- ❖ cash on hand: \$16,620
- top contributors
- ❖ \$2,000 from Bittersweet Catering
- ❖ \$1,500 from Lauren Garcia
- ❖ \$1,000 from Hoffman Management

- ❖ \$1,000 from Robert Kaufman
- ❖ \$866 from Securing Alexandria's Future

Justin Wilson

- ❖ raised: \$41,481
- ❖ spent: \$36,973
- ❖ cash on hand: \$10,407
- top contributors
- ❖ \$5,001 from Mid-Atlantic Community Fund
- ❖ \$2,276 from Alexandria Toyota
- ❖ \$1,500 from Leslie Tourigny
- ❖ \$1,340 from Bittersweet Catering

- ❖ \$1,000 from Jennifer McClellan for Delegate

Bob Wood

- ❖ raised: \$37,426
- ❖ spent: \$19,756
- ❖ cash on hand: \$17,668
- top contributors
- ❖ \$2,000 from Commonwealth Republican Women's Club
- ❖ \$1,500 116 South Royal Street Partners LLC
- ❖ \$1,479 from Townsend Van Fleet
- ❖ \$1,250 William Lennox
- ❖ \$1,000 from Candice Clary

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Opinion

Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts,

self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

Editorial

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Letters to the Editor

An Achievement Worth Celebrating

To the Editor:

Last week, Alexandria's GenOn (formerly Mirant) power plant permanently shut down. How did this happen?

It happened because the city and its citizens were committed and persisted over 11 years to make it happen. And, yes, recent market conditions also contributed to the plant's demise.

Yet, the story is more complex. Early on, Poul Hertel and I brought to the city's attention public health issues associated with the facility's polluting emissions, including producing a report citing health effect studies from those emissions and likely dispersion problems at the plant. We first discussed our concerns with City Councilman Paul Smedberg. Throughout the years, he consistently led the issue with the council as more scientific-

based information aggregated, especially the preliminary study demonstrating that the plant was exceeding its permitted sulfur dioxide limit.

Mayor Euille evaluated the developing science base, realized the public health threat to Alexandrians and directed then City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa to pursue the issue. The city Environmental Services Department immediately pushed ahead, determining that a much larger scope of pollutants was affecting Alexandrians' health.

Meanwhile, concerned residents held a meeting to discuss the plant's emission effects on public health and, in particular, on those living near the plant. Throughout the 11-year trajectory, a critical mass of citizens wrote letters, attended and spoke at state air board meetings in both Richmond and Alexandria, supporting city staff's ever developing science and engineering findings regarding the

issue.

The city environmental staff's Bill Skrabak, Lalit Sharma and Khoa Tran maintained their efforts as critical partners. After waiting for late arriving documents, they

stayed up all night to prepare for state air board meetings and were in Richmond the next morning, adroitly defending Alexandrians' health through definitive scientific See Letters, Page 11



Snapshot

Jamie Turner draws a crowd while playing music on his water-filled glasses on Friday evening, Oct. 5, in the breezeway at the Torpedo Factory.

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Opinion

Start Conversation Now about Companion Care

By Mitch Opalski
Board Member, Senior Services
of Alexandria

WHEN PARENTS NEED CARE

A person's inability to care for him or herself can grow gradually over time, making it difficult for the adult children to realize. As your parents' degree of independence declines over time, so too will conditions in their immediate environment. Watch for changes in their physical condition as well as

the upkeep of their home. If you live at a distance, try to identify a family member or close friend who can keep an eye on them and provide feedback to you on their condition.

The following behaviors may serve as warning signs that something is not right and your parents may need help:

- ❖ Forgetfulness about basic household matters like paying bills, repairs and maintenance;
- ❖ A lack of attention to caring

for themselves, including personal hygiene issues;

- ❖ Unsafe driving;
- ❖ Inability to manage personal affairs and finances;
- ❖ Inadequate nutrition and hydration;
- ❖ Non-compliance with medication regimes.

BRINGING UP THE TOPIC

Some general principals to consider when approaching the subject of home care with your par-

ents:

❖ Most parents value their independence, and so may avoid the topic, hide the truth, and deny that there is a need for assistance. Broaching the topic can require a significant degree of compassion and patience on your part.

❖ Don't be surprised if you meet steadfast resistance. Plan on several conversations about the topic before there is agreement about what is to be done.

❖ It takes time and empathy for you and your parents to adjust to the role reversal of you having to care for them. If the adjustment is overwhelming, try involving a trusted third party to intervene such as a pastor, social worker, family attorney, doctor, or home care provider.

A RANGE OF OPTIONS

Home care can involve a wide range of services, and many times can start with informal assistance in the home provided by the adult children, other family members, a friend or neighbor. Once the level of care needed exceeds what the adult children can provide, it is time to consult a professional,

such as a licensed home care agency.

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analyses.

With the mayor's appointment of the Mirant Community Monitoring Group (MCMG), chaired by council members Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, the citizen / city alliance continued and investigated ongoing issues of concern with staff, Mirant and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) representatives.

There were difficulties and disappointments throughout the years. The city, in its attempt to rezone the plant property, lost in court when Mirant sued. The federal Department of Energy, due to needs for electric reliability, ordered the plant to run, even though it was exceeding national environmental standards. We struggled ... but we persisted.

There were advances and successes also. The VDEQ mandated the plant to close, based on a scientific study showing the facility's multiple exceedances of national air quality standards. The City / Mirant Agreement, stipulating that Mirant invest \$34 million in pollution controls at the facility, was signed and activated.

So, how did it happen that the GenOn power plant closed last week? Who did it?

We did. Through the committed efforts of Mayor Euille, council members Paul Smedberg and Del Pepper, City Attorneys Ignacio Pessoa and, recently, Chris Spera, the city environmental staff and the Alexandria community, we all did it together.

This long-sought achievement by so many is worth celebrating.

Elizabeth Chimento
Alexandria

Who'll Take Time To Help?

To The Editor:

What ever happened to the gentleman that drove off into the

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city streets of Alexandria after falling down in the Safeway on South Royal Street on Oct. 4 sometime after 6 p.m.?

Before he fell, I saw him entering the store as I was getting a shopping cart. I had stood there awhile and had a conversation with a person who went on into the store. A few minutes later I went in, and the next thing I knew the lady I had just spoken with was yelling for someone to call for an ambulance.

I was still near the entrance of the store in the fruit and vegetable

area and went over to see. As I was walking over, I saw blood and called 911.

I spoke with the 911 dispatcher of the Alexandria Police Department that an elderly man needed medical attention. I gave the location and gave as much detail as possible about the man laying on the floor in blood and that the more he tried to get up more blood was sighted.

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The man was bleeding from his
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chin and wiped his handkerchief across his face. He did his best to get up off the floor as many stood and watched and told him not to get up. The man said he was OK but blood left a line on the floor as he walked out of the store as if taking baby steps. When he got into his vehicle after leaning against it a while, he then drove slowly off as if it was his first time driving.

When do we turn our face to look away and not get involved? Who'll take time to help?

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

One One-Hour Debate Inadequate

To the Editor:

For those of us who attended the first and only one-hour debate between Mayor Euille and challenger Andrew MacDonald on Tuesday, Oct. 2, it was indeed civil with good questions from the sponsors and audience, but lacked substance regarding many of their answers.

Mayor Euille spent time presenting his positive record of achieve-

ments since he has been on council and mayor for the past 17 years. Mayor Euille emphasized city hall's "transparency" which was somewhat puzzling since the mayor and City Council have voted to have the city manager and senior staff members embark on a city initiative to engage Alexandria residents in their so-called "Community Conversation about civic engagement." If as Mayor Euille stated at the debate Alexandria has the most transparent process, then why did he and members of the council need to vote to have another "dog 'n pony" listening tour right before the November election? Beats me since citizens have been asking the mayor and council to listen to citizens for the past three years if not longer about development issues and other problems facing the city.

However, there were a couple of important questions from the audience for both Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald that were not included in Mr. Pope's story ["Clash for Mayor," Gazette Packet, Oct. 4]. The first question dealt with Alexandria's tax on all food at the grocery store which is 5 percent. The Commonwealth of Virginia already taxes 2.5 percent on food at the grocery store, which brings

the total grocery store tax in Alexandria to 7.5 percent. Both Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald stated they would need to look further into this issue. However, Mayor Euille stated that if the city were to eliminate the Alexandria tax on food at supermarkets, he would need to find another tax to replace it. Amazing. Alexandria already has the personal property tax, car tax, real estate taxes, sales tax, business tax, hotel/motel tax, tax on food at all restaurants, from the cheapest to the most expensive. Many members in the audience did not know that Alexandria has this most regressive tax and the response from Mayor Euille that he would need to find another tax should this tax be eliminated is ridiculous. Maryland, Fairfax County, Falls Church and many other cities and states only tax prepared foods and soda at grocery stores. This Alexandria tax should be eliminated ASAP. Alexandria taxpayers are already paying very high salaries, benefits and pensions to our city manager, department administrators and senior staff. How about cutting salaries for the city manager, assistant city managers and other department administrators?

Another important question

dealt with affordable housing and how much debt and money the city has spent on administration for affordable housing excluding ARHA, which is Alexandria's Housing Authority. Mayor Euille stated he didn't know. Really? How could this be when the mayor and council have now gotten further into the business of financing housing, which should be the role of ARHA. Mr. MacDonald said he would need more information about this issue as affordable housing for renters is a major problem for all renters in Alexandria and affordable housing is supposedly a major concern for our elected officials.

It would certainly be nice if we could have another one-hour debate with Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald, but this is not going to happen. The remaining forums will only allow for 30-minute debate/discussions with Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald. I understand this is Mayor Euille's decision. There were many instances wherein both Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald agreed on several issues, but we need more substantive answers from both Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald has certainly done much to increase open space,

parks, etc. However, there are now more important fiscal/development issues facing this "small town" that citizens need to hear from Mayor Euille and Mr. MacDonald. Too bad we won't get another chance.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Limit on Density?

To the Editor:

When density came up during the mayoral debate, only Macdonald came close to the penultimate question: when is Alexandria dense enough?

Our current mayor, defending his record, failed to declare when optimum density will be reached; that is, the point where quality of life and human, structural and vehicular congestion meet. Lacking a density end-point makes clear our current mayor hasn't given any thought to it. Had he done so, he would have long ago broached the topic for community discussion, found a consensus and used it to justify his conduct

Let's face it, with a finite amount of space traversed by a fixed number of roads, unchecked, endless

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density in Alexandria will BRAC it to the point residents will have to schedule specific times to drive their cars to the grocery store, much less to reach the waterfront. And widening Duke, or any other street, is a non-starter. More road capacity only attracts more vehicles.

It's more than a leadership gaff not to challenge current residents to define optimum density. Failing to do so ordains the city to change from what it is to something no one will recognize. If we have more of our current mayor, it'll be no more the Fun Side of the Potomac; think Calcutta on the Potomac.

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

chase.

It's not too early for the citizens of Alexandria to begin to coalesce behind a position of primarily public uses at the power plant site.

My predilection is for some mix of parkland, arts and culture, boating, nature activities, and low-scale private development, including well-designed, small-scale cafes for riverfront dining.

The road to reuse of the power plant property will be a long one. A difficult, lengthy, and perhaps costly environmental cleanup may be needed. In addition, in a strong property rights state, the city faces limits on its own influence. Still, citizen support for primarily public uses at the site could help sway the outcome.

Bill Hendrickson
Alexandria

Supporting Public Uses

To the Editor:

There are major obstacles in the way of reusing the now-closed power plant property in Old Town North. Perhaps the most daunting one is transportation.

The site is not near mass transit. Vehicles have only limited access. The only major access road is the already traffic-clogged George Washington Parkway.

Given these constraints, I am skeptical that large- or even moderate-scale development is possible.

The power plant property, with its commanding views of the Potomac River and the Washington skyline, would undoubtedly be a prize for a developer of luxury housing. But housing for the wealthy is the last thing we need. It already dominates much of the waterfront, and the semi-private enclaves that have been created make it difficult for much public activity to take place.

A determination that the site could support only relatively low-scale development would affect the property's price, making it potentially affordable for public pur-

GenOn Plant Site's Possibilities

To the Editor:

I am a former long-time resident of the Northeast neighborhood in Alexandria and advocate for the closing of the GenOn power plant. I offer congratulations to the city and in particular to my former neighbors, Poul Hertel and Elizabeth Chimento for spearheading the effort to first reveal the harmful health effects of the operation of the plant on city residents and then to join with other citizens and environmental groups to pressure GenOn to finally close the plant.

Many years ago I urged that the city update its Small Area Plan to change the land use designation for the GenOn Plant site from Utility/Transportation to Open Space/Recreation. This was posed as a tactic to demonstrate to the owner that the city's long-term objective as reflected in its Master Plan was to see the plant closed, to remove the Utility/Transportation designation as not in keeping with that goal and to propose reuse of the site for public open space. Now the plant is closed and the Utility/

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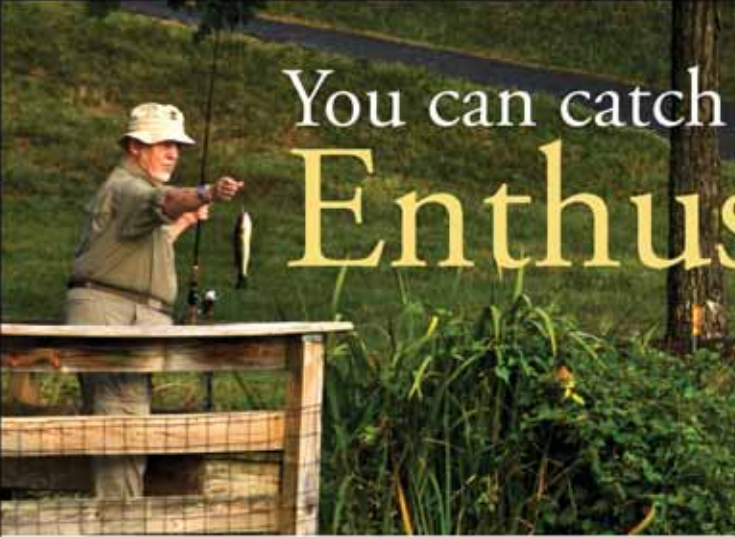

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Letters

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Transportation designation is no longer appropriate due to changed circumstances. The city did not update the North Old Town Small Area Plan to reflect this objective nor did it include the GenOn Property in its updated plan for the waterfront. But certainly an update to the plan is now appropriate if not urgent.

I have read about plans to redevelop the site for mixed use development and what a revenue bonanza such redevelopment could bring to the city's tax base. No doubt rezoning the property from the highly restrictive Utility/Transportation designation to a Mixed Use Land Use/Zoning category would vastly increase the value of the property; its development would offset the demolition and cleanup costs of preparing this site for residential uses. There are also the opportunities and associated costs of removing the CSX rail spur and at grade rail crossing on the George Washington Memorial Parkway including the trackage linked to the Robinson Terminal North facility (also subject to closure and possible redevelopment). There is also the removal of the rail tracks and signalization infrastructure west of the parkway north of Slater's Lane and possible conversion of the entire right of way to a bicycle trail.

So mixed use redevelopment may be a way of recouping these costs and finance these amenities. On the other side of the ledger it should be recognized that the GenOn site is not near a metro station and that the traffic impacts of redevelopment will impact a road system with little capacity to accommodate new traffic generation. The heavily used George Washington Memorial Parkway must favor north/south commuter traffic and limit green time for east west movement. Turning lanes are limited and it would be detrimental to the historic character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to start removing greened/treed medians to accommodate more turning lanes from Bashford and Slater's Lane, the only two points of vehicular access.

I would advocate conversion of the site to open space and recreation with a thought to restore part of the site to a more natural state with a grove of trees. The property abuts the Mt. Vernon Trail and serves as an important pedestrian/bicycle connection along the Potomac River. The site enjoys a panoramic view of the Potomac from a rare bluff along the river. East/west pedestrian/bicycle access to the site is difficult but could be improved with conversion of the rail right of way. These public features of the site need to be part of the consideration of any scheme for its reuse yet private redevelopment could eviscerate these opportunities as site residents resent public use intrusions to their privacy and sense of safety. This tension between residents and visitors is apparent all along the Alexandria waterfront.

Alexandria has major industrial and utility/transportation sites that have been converted for dense urban redevelopment, notably the Potomac Yard and Carlyle/Norfolk Southern. Yet open space along the river is lacking and at a premium. There are few opportunities to restore a more natural environment for public enjoyment and sense

of relief from urban bustle and stress. One thought I had was to use a concept of a mitigation bank that could sell credits to other development or corporate interests who needed offsets for unavoidable environmental damage due to their operations and development. This is done in Virginia and in Florida for watershed restoration but perhaps could be applied to former power plant sites. Maybe there is an opportunity to consider Federal acquisition of the site as part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway system. One could argue that the city needs to be compensated for the diminution of another National Park Service site, Jones Point, due to the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Undoubtedly there is room for negotiation and navigation between private redevelopment and public open space reuse options. Nevertheless, redevelopment of the GenOn site along the Potomac River as just another site for revenue generation may shortchange the uniqueness of the site for restoring the heritage of the Potomac River as George Washington may have experienced it. I wonder in the future when we finally face the global climate change that is already here we would wish we had left more of our land as green lungs and not grey asphalt.

Larry Grossman
Longboat Key, Fla.

Support State Amendments

To the Editor:

Vote Yes!

Two important Constitutional Amendments are on the ballot. I recommend that Alexandrians vote Yes on amendments 1 and 2:

#1: Prevents a jurisdiction such as a city from seizing private property for a city-supported private use, not a public function. The amendment would prevent local government from making a deal with a developer at the expense of the city residents or business owners. (Remember the Kehoe Case in New London, Conn., in which the city took private property for a developer's use, not for public use.)

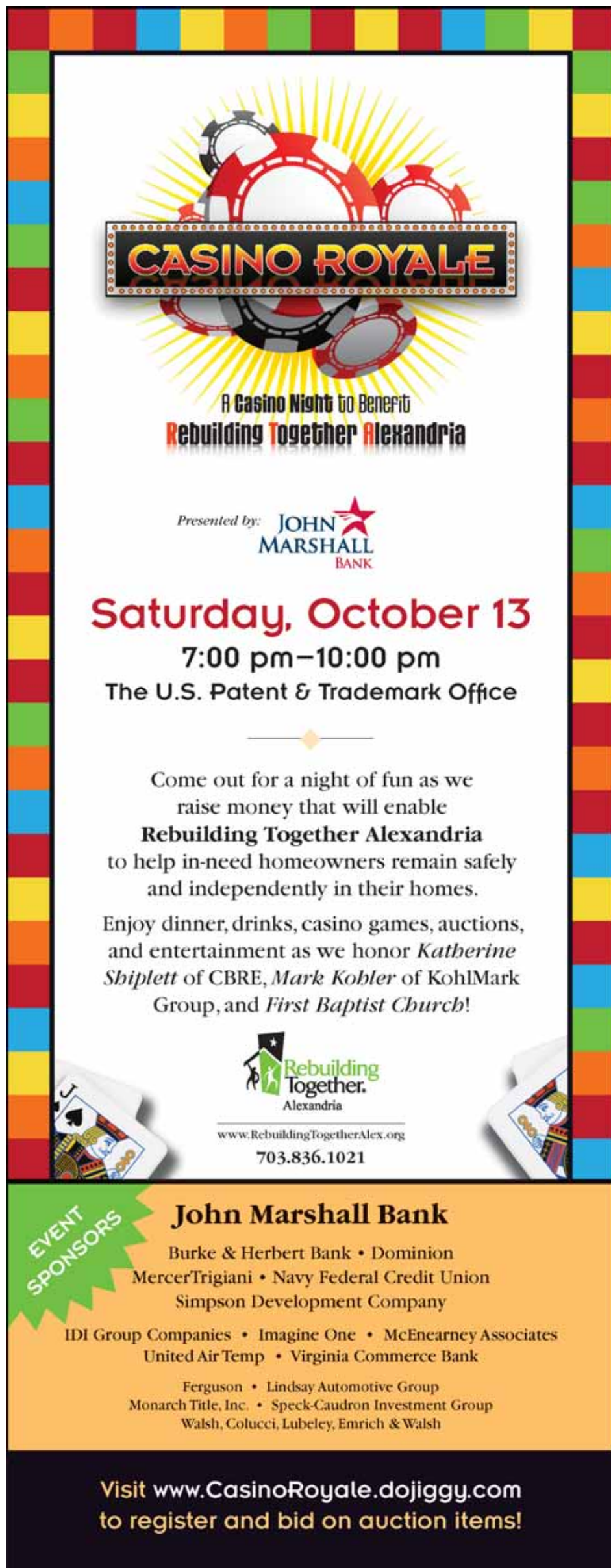
#2 Allows the General Assembly to fix the starting date for the "veto" session to not conflict with a religious holiday.

And vote Yes for the three City Council candidates who gallantly and forcefully spoke for the rights of Alexandria citizens in the City Council debates. In fact, Fannon, Hughes and Wood were exceedingly well received. As a measure of the displeasure many Alexandria residents have for the incumbents who act as if they alone know what is best for the citizenry, the incumbent long-lifers were boo-ed by the Democrats for their obfuscation of facts and events.

Issues are very important but attitude is too. We pay (more and more) for our governmental services. At least those who are supposed to represent our interests should treat us with respect.

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Audrey M. Smith

Audrey M. Smith passed into eternal rest on Aug. 29, 2012. Predeceased by her husband, Maj. Gen. (USAF ret) Foster L. Smith, those left to cherish her memory are her loving children, Paula Smith of Falls Church, Va.; Lynn Della Guardia of Broomfield, Colo.; Todd Smith of Austin, Texas and grandchildren, Laura, Paul, and Anne Della Guardia and Logan and Wyatt Smith, other family and dear friends.

A long-time Alexandria resident, Mrs. Smith was active with the

Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria.

Celebration of her life will be at noon, Friday, Oct. 19 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, followed at 2 p.m. by interment at Arlington National Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center from 3-6 p.m.

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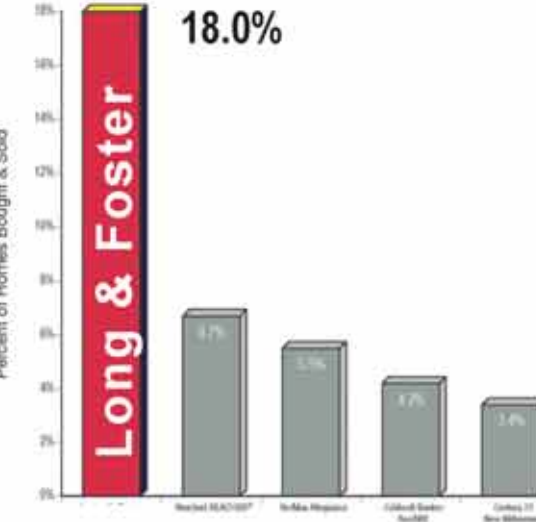
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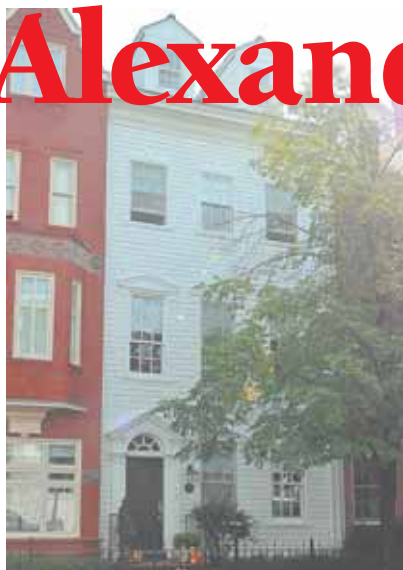


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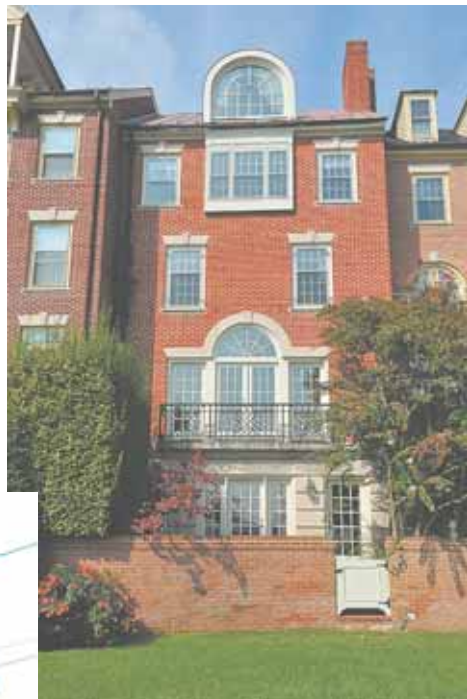
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Top Sales for August 2012

In August 2012, 185 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,850,000-\$90,000.



5 718 Union Street South, Alexandria — \$1,359,000



2 12 Wolfe Street #52, Alexandria — \$2,200,000



8 209 Fairfax Street North, Alexandria — \$1,150,000



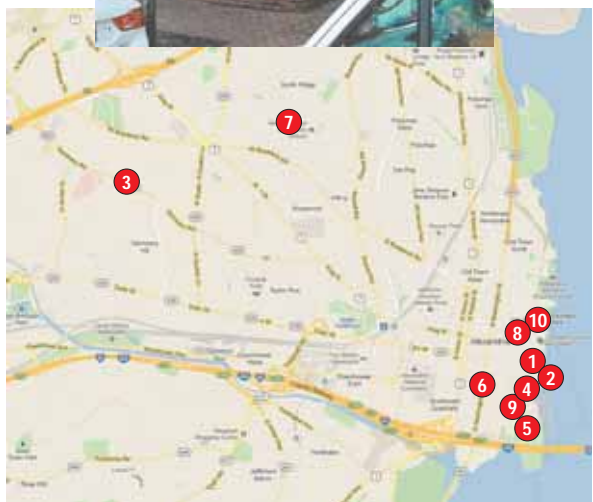
10 124 Queen Street, Alexandria — \$1,007,000



9 621 Pommander Walk Street, Alexandria — \$1,015,000



1 4 Wolfe Street #21, Alexandria — \$2,850,000



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1 4 WOLFEST #21	4	3	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,850,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE	08/10/12
2 12 WOLFE ST #52	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,200,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE	08/10/12
3 4042 SEMINARY RD	5	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.48	22304	CHELSEA	08/30/12
4 466 UNION STS #11	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,413,500	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE	08/24/12
5 718 UNION STS	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,359,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	08/20/12
6 555 WASHINGTON STS #100	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Townhouse		22314	GENERAL WASHINGTON CLUB	08/31/12
7 2711 CENTRAL AVE	5	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,173,500	Detached	0.20	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS	08/13/12
8 209 FAIRFAX ST N	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Semi-Detached	0.10	22314	ALEXANDRIA	08/15/12
9 621 POMMANDER WALK ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,015,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POMMANDER	08/24/12
10 124 QUEEN ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,007,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	QUEENS ROW	08/07/12

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This carpet-clad Jacuzzi helped this Del Ray lavatory win Advanced Construction Group's Ugliest Bathroom Contest.

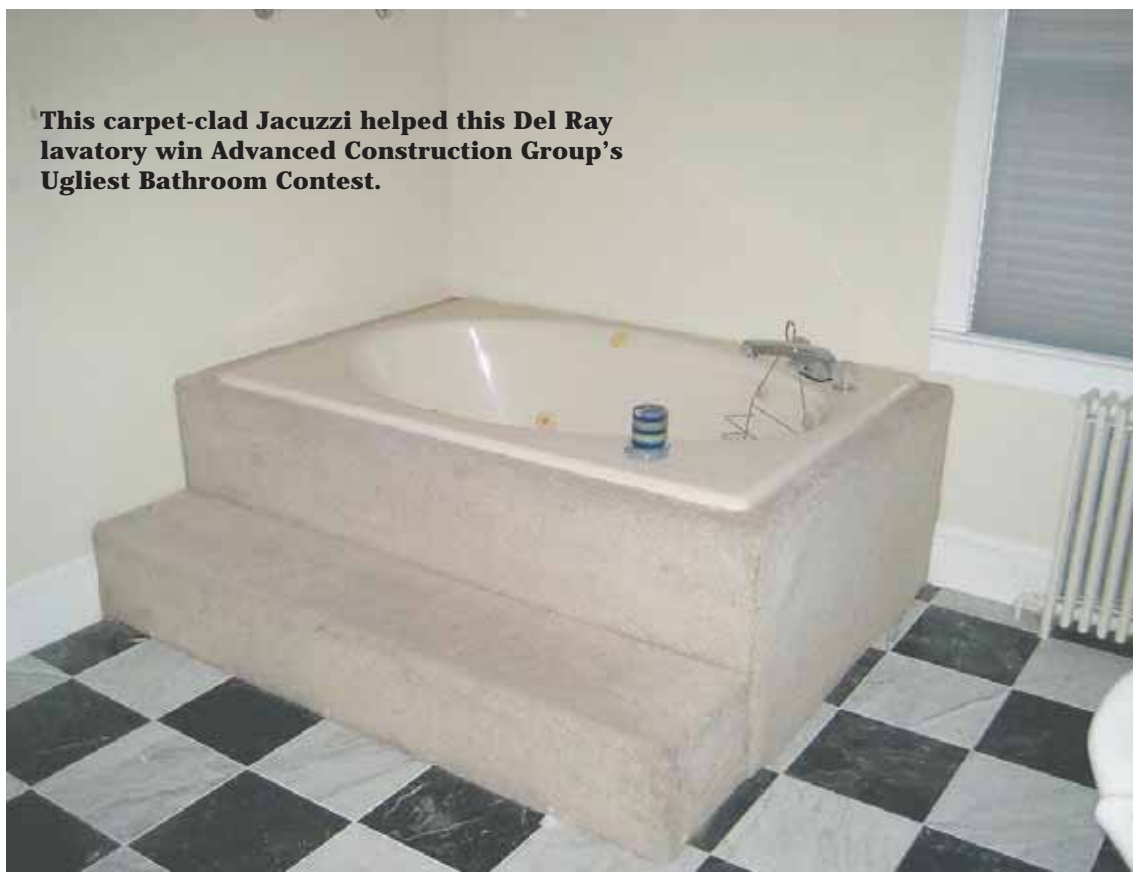


Photo courtesy of Advanced Construction Group

'Ugliest' Bathroom To Get Makeover Del Ray master bathroom voted area's most unsightly.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

Imagine a master bathroom with a Jacuzzi and a large picture window that allows streams of light to flow freely into the room. However, instead of marble, the whirlpool bathtub is encased in worn, beige carpet. In front of the window: the toilet, letting the entire neighborhood share in the user's private time. These features helped earn one Del Ray lavatory the title of Ugliest Bathroom.

"It is a disaster area," said Kristen Gentile, who, along with her husband, Jim Krustapentus, "bought a classic Del Ray fixer-upper in late 2009. For the last three years we've been trying to turn the house into our dream home without breaking our budget. The master bathroom kept slipping down our list of projects."

Then, Gentile and Krustapentus entered Advanced Construction Group's Ugliest Bathroom Contest and won a \$10,000 makeover for their eyesore of a room.

"We knew we would be good contenders for obvious reasons," said Gentile. "Our bathroom has no style and even less function."

the company's Facebook page. The public voted for the most unsightly bathroom.

"Two of the entries went viral and garnered around 1,000 votes a piece and of plenty of comments," said Chad Sparrow, who owns Advanced Construction Group.

Gentile explained that the couple's family and friends embraced the idea and helped drum up votes. "We have friends who are bloggers who ended up blogging about it. It was an amazing whirlwind week," she said.

After learning that their bathroom had been selected as the ugliest, the couple met with Advanced Construction Group to dis-

cuss preliminary plans for the bathroom's overhaul.

"We're going to gut the entire bathroom and replace the Jacuzzi with a custom-built walk-in shower, floor to ceiling tile and a glass entry," said Sparrow.

"It will be a brand new master bathroom with ceramic, new fixtures and new hardware," added Justin Sparrow, also of Advanced Construction Group.

Gentile and Krustapentus, who have two daughters, are in the process of selecting materials and are deciding on the look they want for the room.

"We're looking to turn it into a more functional space for our family," said Gentile. "We want it to be a calming space with a little bit more of a modern feel. We have this vision of a carpetless bathroom in our future and it is kind of awesome."

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Decorating for Halloween

Suggestions for getting one's home ready for Fright Night and beyond.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

Whether one's preference is witches and ghosts or candles and pumpkins, there is no reason why fall décor should be limited to one month, say area tastemakers. A few local designers offer autumn embellishment ideas that span the spectrum from spooky to all-natural.

"Decorating for fall is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for many people. We particularly like it because nature provides so many wonderful options to use for decorating," said Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "If you are purchasing seasonal decorations for fall, we suggest choosing items that can go past Halloween and into Thanksgiving."

Add spine-chilling accents to traditional fall accessories. "One thing that you can do is hang faux cobwebs between orange pillar candles," said

Angela Phelps, owner of Le Village Marché in Arlington. "Remove the webs after Halloween."

Use black and orange strategically. "We like putting white and orange pumpkins inside the fireplace," said O'Shields. "They are striking against a black interior fireplace to fill the space until cooler fireplace weather arrives."

Be inspired by seasonal bounty. "The varieties of pumpkins and gourds available at local farmer's markets, nurseries and even grocery stores are the perfect start for seasonal décor," said O'Shields. "White pumpkins in particular are gorgeous and can make such a statement lined on a long table as a centerpiece. Mixed in with gourds of different colors and shapes, you have a simple, natural arrangement that is also eye catching. Wreaths with white pumpkins, branches, sunflowers and leaves welcome the season and extend into winter."

Make use of transparent containers like cylinder vases. "Fill glass containers with the miniature white and orange pumpkins or green or red apples and use them on a mantel or centerpiece," said O'Shields. "If your backyard is anything like mine, you can find tons of acorns, which also make a great filler for glass jars or bowls."



Black feather wreaths make spooky Halloween accents.



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Lori Williams in Concert at MetroStage

Lori Williams, one of MetroStage's favorite performers, will be in concert Monday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. when she officially launches her second CD, "Eclipse of the Soul." Lori was most recently seen at MetroStage in the world premiere award-winning "Cool Papa's Party" and prior to that she performed in "All Night Strut," a musical celebration of the '30s and '40s. She will be seen next January at MetroStage in the world premiere of "Ladies Swing the Blues." She launched her first CD "Healing Within" at MetroStage in 2010.

Lori will be performing with some of D.C.'s finest jazz musicians led by pianist and conductor, Allyn Johnson. The musical accompaniment also includes keyboard, drums, bass and saxophone and three back-up singers. Lori's sorority sister, Allison Seymour, well known to Washington audiences as the morning news anchor for WTTG, Fox Channel 5, will be the host for the evening.

Special guest and renowned gospel singer, Robert E. Person, who is also one of the backup singers, will perform the solo, How Great is Thy Faithfulness. This year Robert was honored with two awards at The Gospel Blue M.I.C. Achievement Awards held during the Indie Gospel Alliance Music Conference, was voted Artist of the Year and was awarded an exclusive distribution contract. Most recently, Robert was honored in Baltimore with the 2012 Newsome Gospel Music Award for Male Vocalist of the Year.

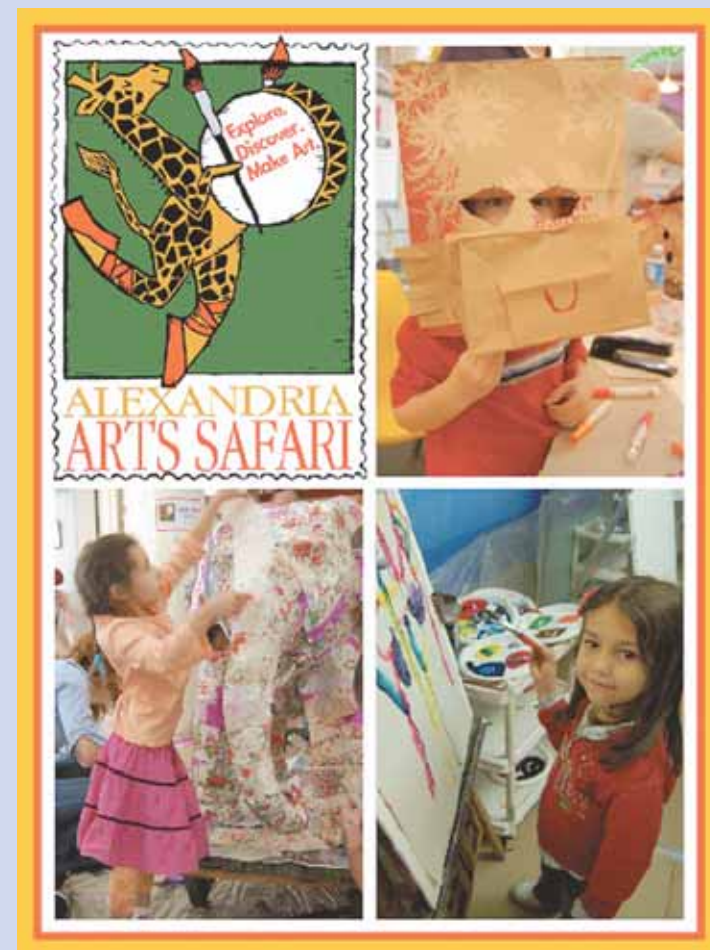


Photo by Christopher O. Banks

Lori Williams in MetroStage's production of "All Night Strut!" by Fran Charnas.

Both Lori and Robert have performed at the famed Blues Alley to sold-out audiences. Critics have compared Lori's combination of soul and technical prowess with Ella Fitzgerald. Great music, great artists, and beautiful souls are all performing here at MetroStage, Monday, Oct. 15 at 8. Immediately following the performance there will be a meet and greet and reception in the lobby. The ticket price of \$30 includes Lori's new CD. Other CDs, including Robert E. Person's "Soul Sanctuary" will also be on sale.

The theatre is at 1201 North Royal St. in North Old Town, Alexandria. Call 703-548-9044 for tickets or visit www.metrostage.org.



Alexandria Arts Safari

Celebrate the Torpedo Factory Art Center's 17th Annual Alexandria Arts Safari, Saturday, Oct. 13, from noon-4 p.m. Get creative with a combination of new art activities and old favorites including: Arts Safari Painting; Clay Experience; Fiber Art; Block Printing; Fabric Collage; Giant Papier-Mâché Animal, which will live at the Torpedo Factory year-round; Origami Treasure Boxes; Playing with Plastic; and Giant Chalkboard Art. Also enjoy the return of The Art League's Gallery Scavenger Hunt; Potter's Art in The Alexandria Archaeology Museum; and a free prize drawing. Enter at the welcome table for a chance to win tickets from the Potomac Riverboat Company. With Arts Safari, the Torpedo Factory Art Center joins more than 200 institutions nationwide in the 3rd annual celebration of American Craft Week Oct. 5-14.



'In the Garden'

Browse open studios, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments. Thursday, Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m. Free exhibition including "In the Garden" by Luisa Mesa, Target Gallery's "Homage: Past Influences." Reception begins at 6 p.m., gallery talk at 7 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565.

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

Through Oct. 28

2nd Annual "Taste of Fair Trade."

Ten Thousand Villages, located at 915 King St., will celebrate Fair Trade month with its second annual "Taste of Fair Trade." Call 703-684-1435 or visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com

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- ❖ Oct. 11-12: Snack Time - Dried fruits, nuts, even energy bars.
- ❖ Oct. 16-17: Fairly traded olive oil from Palestine is rich and full bodied, and there are subtle differences between the varieties.
- ❖ Oct. 20-21: Iced tea, lemonade and other refreshing beverages.
- ❖ Oct. 27-28: Sample wines from South America and South Africa.

Wednesday/Oct. 10

Author Series. 7- 8:30p.m. The Beatley Central Library presents Sisters in Crime. Meet five new mystery writers at 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

Thursday/Oct. 11

Second Thursday Music: Danielle Westphal & Ken Giese. 7 p.m. \$10. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tickets are available online at nvfaa.org or at the door.

Second Thursday Art Night: Past & Present. 6-9 p.m. Browse open studios, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments. Free exhibition including "In the Garden" by Luisa Mesa, Target Gallery's "Homage: Past Influences." Reception begins at 6 p.m., gallery talk at 7 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565.

Friday & Saturday/Oct. 12 & 13

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams will perform at The Birchmere, co-headlining with Loudon Wainwright III. Williams tours in support of her ninth studio album, In The Time Of Gods. Visit www.darwilliams.com. Tickets are \$45. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Saturday/Oct. 13

17th Annual Alexandria Arts Safari. 12-4 p.m. Free. The Torpedo Factory Art Center hosts the 17th annual Alexandria Arts Safari, a FREE day of hands-on arts and crafts activities for kids and their families. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565

Gadsby's Sutler Market & Lectures. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ever

wanted to experience shopping 18th century style? Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Call 703-746-4242.

River Fest. 4-7 p.m. Live Music. Boats. Fare. Refreshments. 2 Duke St. Old Town Alexandria Waterfront. \$55/ticket or \$100/couple. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org. or call 703-549-7078.

Music Event. 8-10 p.m. David W. Jacobsen's will play at St Elmo's Coffee Pub to promote his newest album, Not What I Meant. 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-739-9268. All Ages. Visit <http://davidwj.com>.

St. Louis Community Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Events include pony rides, giant moon bounces, tons of games, rock wall, arts & crafts, BINGO, food, beer tent, vendors, and an apple pie bake-off. All are welcome. Small fee for each activity. Call 703-799-4844. Held at St. Louis School, 2901 Popkins Ln.

Ghost Tour. 7-9 p.m. Join for ghost

tours around the store and learn who haunts the Attic with mysterious movements and unexplained activities. Scary face paintings and spooky craft activities for the whole family. Dressed in Halloween flair for a special gift. Visit www.christmasattic.com or call 703-548-2829. 125 S. Union St.

Chamber Music. 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature music of Barber, Fauré and Ibert by NSO Youth Fellowship young artists Elise Kelle, Emma Resmini and Abigail Tucker. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Rd. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students and teachers. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342.

Free Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. In recognition of October's designation as National Pharmacy Month, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (located at 107 South

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Fairfax St.) will host a free open house.

The Museum's curator will give special presentations between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 703-746-3852 or visit www.apothecarymuseum.org.

Historic Huntley. 6 p.m. Girl Scouts will have a chance to brave a night in the historic house and hear about ghost stories at a program called History on Haunted Hill. Historic Huntley also hosts programs for scouts to earn merit badges, for homeschoolers seeking out local history, and for the general public.

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Information about all of the programs at Historic

Huntley is available

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm or by calling Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525. Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Ln.

Annual Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Entertainment features Beale Street Puppet Theatre and the sounds of "Skystone," an Alexandria favorite band performing bluegrass. Some activities, shows and exhibits are free, including the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, face painting, pumpkin painting and hay rides. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 4 for \$15 for the pony rides, moon bounce, bouncy boxing and scarecrow building. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. At Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. Rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the Festival will move indoors to the Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Dr. The public is encouraged to bike, walk or take public transit to

the event. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation, or call 703-746-5592 or 703-746-5418.

Consignment Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Beverley Hills Church Preschool will be selling a large selection of quality clothes, toys, baby equipment, maternity clothes and more. All proceeds will support the new Beverley Hills Church playground. At Beverley Hills Church Playground, 3512 Old Dominion Blvd. Visit www.bhcn.net.org/playground.

Concert. 7 p.m. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents a co-bill of folk/pop singers Susan Greenbaum and Carey Creed at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. St. Aidan's is located at 8531 Riverside Road., between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1.

Fall Rummage Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The FHP Kids Rummage Sale features high-quality used infants', children's and maternity gear, including clothing, toys, games, books and furniture. There will also be some household bargains on linens, kitchenware and decorative / seasonal items. Rain or shine. At Ft. Hunt Preschool located at 1909 Windmill Ln. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com or call 703-768-7584

Not Your Mother's Tupperware Party. 1-5 p.m. Start holiday shopping with some independent businesses in the area, including Silpada, Thirty-One, Party Lite and more. Enjoy the day, have a bite to eat, listen music and get blood pressure checked. At Nativity Lutheran Church located at 1300 Collingwood Rd.

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Bridal Show

Occasionally Cake is hosting a free wedding cake tasting at their Alexandria location, 207 King Street, from noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 14. The will feature samples of their popular wedding cake and cupcake flavors as part of a two-hour, free Wedding/Bridal Show, co-sponsored with White Ribbon Studios Photography. Other wedding vendors will showcase music, wedding attire, limousines, hair salons, wedding venues, restaurants and jewelry. Call 703-647-9638 or visit www.occasionallycake.com.

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Sunday/Oct. 14

Gadsby's Sutler Market & Lectures 12-4 p.m. Experience shopping 18th century style at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Call 703-746-4242.

Carillon Music Comes Alive. 4 p.m. Virginia Bronze Handbell Ensemble is joined by Karen Ashbrook

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(hammered dulcimer and wooden flute) and Paul Oorts (harp guitar and accordion) to

present a program of music originally written for the carillon. Admission: Adult - \$20, Senior - \$8, Student - \$5, Family - \$20. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Call 888-824-2541.

Estate Sale. 9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. The Beth El Hebrew Congregation is holding an online estate sale of Judaica at <http://betheljudaicaestatesale.org>. You may also attend a sale in person at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation at 3830 Seminary Rd. Individual pieces are being sold from \$35 up to \$1,750.

Fall 2012 YoKid Challenge. 12-5 p.m. Learn a sequence 108 sun salutations. This free event is open to all ages. No yoga experience is required. Door prizes and snack will also be given out during the event. Free t-shirts and yoga mats are also available for those who pre-register at www.yokidchallengefall2012.eventbrite.com. Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-746-5556.

Monday/Oct. 15

Tower of Power. 7:30 p.m. \$49.50. Visit www.towerofpower.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Tuesday/Oct. 16

Senior Services of Alexandria's Oktoberfest. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Support Senior Services of Meals on Wheels program at Oktoberfest Tour and Tasting at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 703-836-4414 x10 or emailing admin@seniorservicesalex.org. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 p.m. The presentation "Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious or Downright Criminal Relatives" will be presented. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd., #112. Free and open to the public. Visit www.MVGenealogy.org.

Wednesday/Oct. 17

Decorative Tile Show. 9:30 a.m. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature member Carolyn McDonald, with her collection of Decorative Tiles. Open to the community. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

Free Concert. 7:30 p.m. Recognized as one of the "finest all-male collegiate



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Carey Creed



Susan Greenbaum

In Focus

Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents a co-bill of folk/pop singers Susan Greenbaum and Carey Creed, both touring with brand-new recordings, in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. St. Aidan's is located at 8531 Riverside Road, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1. Visit www.susangeenbaum.com or www.careycreed.com.

choral groups in the country," the Notre Dame Glee Club will be performing in Bishop Ireton's Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Rd. Free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

Antique Collection. 9:30-11 a.m. Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature long-time member, Carolyn McDonald, with her collection of decorative tiles. Free and open to the public. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

The Great Zucchini Show. 10 a.m. The wonder of magic, silliness of comedy, and interactive nature of The Great Zucchini's show keeps children on the edge of their seats. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church Chapel, 1909 Windmill Ln. Admission is \$10/child; children under 2 and adults are free. For tickets, email Carrie O'Neill at fundraising@forthuntpreschool.com.

Training Seminar. 7-9 p.m. Explore the possibilities of teaching young children in a museum-based setting. Free and open to the public. To reserve a spot, contact Sarah Christie at events@forthuntpreschool.com. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Ln.

Thursday/Oct. 18

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

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

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Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. 5-9 p.m. Order from Pizza Hut on Oct. 18 and the organization will receive 20 percent of the sales generated. Please be sure to pick up a fundraiser ticket and bring it to Pizza Hut. At Penn Daw Pizza Hut, 6321 Richmond Hwy. Call 703-765-8900.

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

Friday/Oct. 19

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

Lafayette Wine Dinner at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and reservations are required. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advance notice. To make reservations, call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. Open to the public. 5005 Duke St. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

Saturday/Oct. 20

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

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

"AMTRAK High Speed Rail." 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the story of the AMTRAK High Speed Rail on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Call 703-765-4573 to reserve. See Calendar, Page 26

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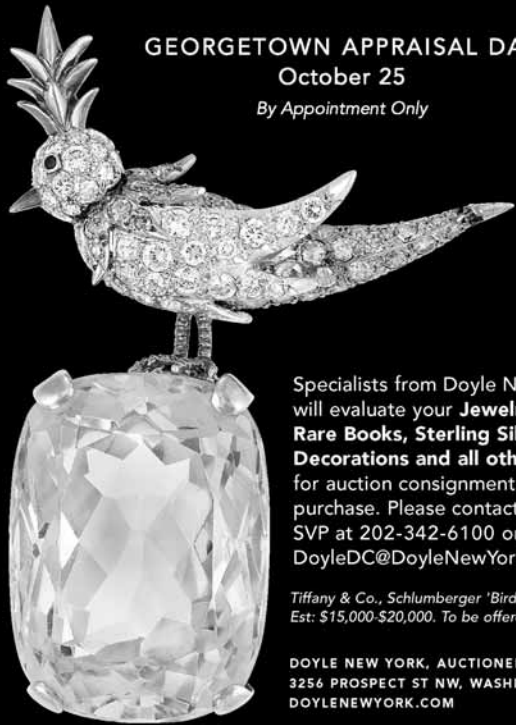
Alexandria Seaport Foundation celebrates their second annual Riverfest, Saturday, Oct. 12, 4-7 p.m. Live music, boats, fare and refreshments at 2 Duke St. Old Town Alexandria Waterfront. Sponsors include Chadwick's, Port City Brewing, Bittersweet and Union Street Pub. \$55/ticket or \$100/couple. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org or call 703-549-7078.



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Entertainment

'Dying City' at Signature

Signature debuts Pulitzer-nominated play.

By Jeanne Theismann
The Gazette

A year after her husband's death in Iraq, newly-widowed Kelly is confronted by his identical twin brother in "Dying City," now playing at Signature Theatre in Arlington.

First performed in 2006 at London's Royal Court Theatre, the Pulitzer Prize-nominated play by Christopher Shinn follows Rachel Zampelli as Kelly, a young therapist painfully forced to explore her last interactions with her husband Craig when his brother Peter surprises her with a visit.

Over the course of conversation, Kelly lapses into flashbacks featuring Craig. Thomas Keegan plays the dual roles, one moment taking on the persona of Kelly's gay actor brother-in-law, and the next, her late, soldier husband.

Theatrical sleight-of-hand allows Keegan to play

both brothers, each in a different time. His fluid character transformations are rock-solid, sometimes taking place via a doorway and others in plain view as he eerily changes posture and moods. As played by Keegan, both Craig and Peter are sensitive and mesmerizing.

Signature favorite Zampelli is equally convincing as she struggles through her own stages of grief over the loss of her husband and the confrontation with Peter that she has been avoiding.

The masterful lighting design by Collin K. Bills serves a vital role, with subtle shifts often signaling a scene change or cueing a character change for Keegan.

Under the direction of Matthew Gardiner, Shinn's script draws the audience into the troubled relationships so brilliantly portrayed by Zampelli and Keegan. Both poignant and profound, "Dying City" is a masterful piece of contemporary theater.

"Dying City" is playing now through Nov. 25 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. in Arlington. For tickets or more information, call 703-820-9771 or visit www.signature-theatre.org.

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

Annual Mega Bazaar. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hollin Hall Senior Center is holding a Mega Craft Sale. Free. 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Call 703-324-4600, TTY 711 or visit www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org.

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

2012 MVHS Fall Fest and Bazaar. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Arts, Crafts, Rummage Sale. Rain or Shine. Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Rd.

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

250th Anniversary of the Election of George Washington to the Vestry. 4:30-7 p.m. Featuring local George Washington interpreter, Greg Fisher. The program will be followed by a discussion, a reception and book-signing by Mary V. Thompson, author of "In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington." Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. For reservations call 703-372-1296. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Hwy in Lorton, at the corner of U.S. 1 & Telegraph Road. Visit www.pohick.org.

The Story of Toby the Learned Pig. Doors open at 3 p.m., lecture begins at 3:30 p.m. \$20 per person and \$15 for members of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit gadsbystavern.org.

Historic Huntley. Boy Scouts can hear the chilling tales during an overnight stay. Historic Huntley also hosts programs for scouts to earn merit badges, for homeschoolers seeking out local history, and for the general public. Information about all of the programs at Historic Huntley is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/

historic-huntley.htm or by calling Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525. Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Ln.

Halloween Cookie Decorating. 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up learn to roll and cut cookie dough, then decorate cookies. Children take home what they make. Admission: \$35. Advance registration required, call 703-548-2868. Sugar Cube, 1218 King St.

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

Concert. 7 p.m. Choralis presents a concert of American choral music. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Students 13-22, \$5; under 12, free; adults, \$30-\$55. Call 703-237-2499 or visit www.choralis.org.

Fundraiser Walk/Run. 8 a.m. The Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theatres and the Hoffman Center, located at Eisenhower Avenue and Swamp Fox Road. On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the opening ceremony begins at 8 a.m. Visit www.alexandriawalk.com.

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

Biking. 10 a.m.-noon. This is a family-friendly 7-mile ride from Jones Point Park to National Harbor and back. Children under 16 are legally required to wear a helmet. Meet at the Jones Point Park, near the restrooms. Bring a bicycle and water. Free. To RSVP, contact Jonathan Krall at jonathan@jonathankrall.net.

Oktoberfest & Silent Auction. 3-7 p.m. The entire community is invited to St. Aidan's annual Oktoberfest. The Kinderfest, from 3-5 p.m., hosted by St. Aidan's Day School, includes a variety of games and activities for

children. Oktoberfest features live German music, great food and drink. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd. Call 703-360-4220, or visit <http://staidanepiscopal.com>.

Sunday/Oct. 21

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

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

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

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

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

Walk for Homeless Animals. 9 a.m. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is hosting the Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals, a family-friendly community event to benefit the residents of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and help raise awareness about the problem of pet overpopulation. Open to the public. Contact Patrick Cole at 703-746-5655 or email pcole@AlexandriaAnimals.org.

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Accepting Contributions from People with Business at City Hall

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themselves from voting on these items when they're on the docket."

IN THE RACE for mayor, independent candidate Andrew Macdonald has raised almost twice as much as three-term incumbent Mayor Bill Euille. Macdonald is running a campaign that's trying to capitalize on unhappiness about the waterfront plan and other major development decisions in recent years. His campaign finance reports show much of his support comes from people who are in opposition to the controversial waterfront development plan, which is now being challenged in court.

"I think the fundraising numbers show we have strong grassroots support," said Macdonald. "And I think it shows I can win."

Most of Euille's money comes from anonymous donors who have contributed \$100 or less. Campaign finance records show 78 donations of under \$100, a threshold that allows candidates to withhold the identity of the donor. But the big money comes from people who have business at City Hall.

One of Euille's top contributors is Alexandria Yellow Cab, which is regulated by the city. Several years ago, the city approved a plan supported by Yellow Cab that created limitations preventing cab drivers from moving from Yellow Cab to other companies.

"It's true that Yellow Cab has a history of donating to City Council members and the cab drivers don't," said John Liss, former director of Tenants and Workers United. "But I've been doing this a long time, and I have never seen any correlation between campaign contributions and policy. They have just as much access to elected officials as we do."

SOME OF THE MONEY came from the explosion of political action committees during the fiercely contested primary in June. Securing Alexandria's Future was the most generous, donating \$866 to all six of the candidates it endorsed in the primary plus Melissa Feld. The committee also donated \$857 to the Alexandria Democratic Committee.

Much of the money listed in campaign finance documents

wasn't money at all but in-kind contributions, services or goods that were given to candidates as part of the campaign. For example, the top contributor to the Alicia Hughes campaign is \$6,800 from Washington-based Worldwatch Institute. But that wasn't a cash donation. It was office furniture the nonprofit was trying to get rid of on Craigslist. Hughes responded to the ad and is now using the furniture for her campaign office. So she logged the real-market-value of the furniture as an in-kind donation on her report.

"It's great furniture," said Hughes. "My office looks wonderful."

Many of the in-kind donations are food related. Smedberg, for example, listed a \$1,000 contribution from Bittersweet Catering for his kickoff event, for example. And former Councilman Justin Wilson also logged a \$1,340 in-kind contribution from Bittersweet.

"I think voters should look at the in-kind contributions and evaluate them the same way they would any other contribution and take a look at who gave the contribution and that their motivation might be," said Wilson. "At the same

time, one of my in-kind contributions was \$3,000 for a web site, which is the fair market value. If I hadn't received the website for free, I doubt I would have paid \$3,000 for one."

Some of the candidates contributed money to themselves. Independent candidate Glenda Booth, for example, is listed as the top contributor to her own campaign, chipping in \$908. Libertarian can-

didate Robert Kraus is listed as the top contributor to his campaign, donating \$1,000 to the cause. Jermaine Mincey and his father are the sole contributors listed for his campaign.

"Having less money than the other candidates does put me at a disadvantage, but money isn't everything," said Mincey. "It forces us to be creative with getting the message out."

Community Mourns Arnold's Death

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alexandria Democratic Committee chair Clark Mercer. "She served as the communications officer for the ADC and was driven to serve by her sincere desire to improve the community in which she lived. But while Becky was a talented writer and produced many letters to the editor and newsletters, she was also involved in a wide range of activities, including leading teams to volunteer for Meals on Wheels or at community festivals, and was passionate about the environment and the arts."



Local activist Becky Arnold died Oct. 3 after being diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

A Virginia resident for 10 years, Arnold lived in Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood and was entering her third year as a Realtor affiliated with Prudential PenFed Realty. She was named Prudential Rookie of the Year in 2010 and joined the Multi Million Sales Club in 2011. Prior to joining Prudential, Arnold was the advertising director for the Alexandria Times and was a buyer for Woodward & Lothrop and The Hecht Co. department stores.

A member of the Del Ray Civic Association, Arnold also volunteered her time as an ACT Alexandria Tutor, an advisor to the ALIVE! Housing Committee for Real Estate, and as a benefactor to ALIVE! House and Carpenter's Shelter. She joined the board of directors of Living Legends of Alexandria in January of 2012.

"There was a dynamic enthusiasm about her, a sparkle that I found energizing," said Living Legends founder Nina Tisara. "I loved working with her on the Living Legends portrait exhibition we did at Pru-

dential PenFed last December. She was creative about the big picture and she followed through on the details to get things done well."

Arnold was an active advocate for animals as a member of the Humane Society of the United States Legislative Fund. Additionally, she spearheaded the creation of an art gallery at the Prudential office on North Washington Street to promote local artists. For her efforts, she was nominated for

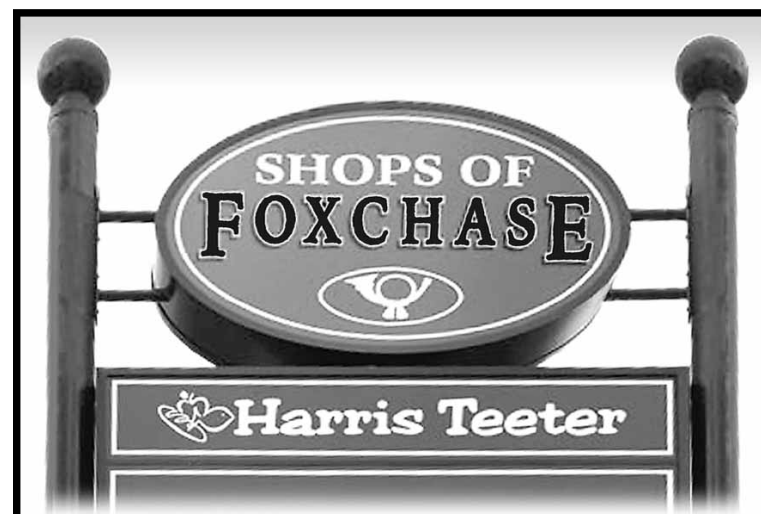
a 2012 Alex Award.

"Becky was always willing to lend a helping hand, to take on a project," Mercer said. "And she didn't need fanfare or to serve in elected office to do so. Becky simply cared about our community and worked hard every day to do what she could to improve it."

Arnold is survived by her son Brian Arnold, a teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools, her mother Bertha Vito of New Carrollton, Md., her sister Carmela Vito Smith of Annapolis, and brother Michael Vito of Vienna. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 8 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church where Liz Cline remembered her longtime friend.

"Becky was passionate about her role as a mother and said that the worst thing about dying is knowing that she would not be there any more for Brian," Cline said. "But there is comfort in knowing that if there is a two-party system in heaven, you can be sure Becky is there ready to fight the good fight."

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OBITUARY
Benjamin Irving Johns, 88, died Friday, October 5th at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville, Virginia

He was born in Farmville on February 19, 1924, to Reuben Benjamin and Mary Page Irving Johns. After graduating from Farmville High School, he attended St. Christophers in Richmond for a PG year. In 1944, he graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a B.S. and served in the Navy with the V-12 program, later achieving a MS in Biology from UVA. Starting his 39 year teaching career at St. Stephens School in Alexandria, Ben subsequently taught at Episcopal High School from 1958 until his retirement in 1989. He was head of the Science department at both schools and was AP Biology reader for ten years. He loved coaching; after football and basketball, he primarily coached Varsity Tennis for over 20 years, and was honored by the IAC by naming the league Tennis tournament "The Ben Johns Invitational," in which 2 of his grandsons later played. His passion for tennis continued well into his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth Newell Johns and four children, Mary Page Johns Sullivan, Elizabeth Johns Ferguson (Richard), Benjamin Irving Johns Jr.(Deb), and William Randolph Johns (Chrissy) along with his beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth Sullivan, Mac Sullivan, Smith Ferguson, Martha Ferguson Burke, Tucker Johns, Bo Johns, Gibson Johns, Gussie Johns, Lucy Grace Johns and Henry Johns.

Ben's passions were, primarily his family, nature, animals, and sports of all kinds. He kept active up until the end with his motto, "I have never said I'm too old to do anything."

A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, in Charlottesville, VA on Tuesday, October 9 at 3:30 followed by a reception with the family.

Family suggest that memorial contributions be made to the Go Bo Fund, in honor of grandson, Bo Johns, P. O. Box 25685, Washington, D. C. 20027 or St. George's Independent School, 1880 Wolf River Blvd, Collierville, TN 38018.

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On the following weekend, take a walk in the opposite direction and check out the Book Sale at the Beatley Library. The event, set for Sunday, Oct. 21, begins at 10 a.m. The library is also holding Preview Days for members on the 19th and 20th. All proceeds benefit The Friends of the Alexandria Library.

Those of us preoccupied with college applications can harken back to toddler days when we were searching for just the right preschool. The Moms Club of Alexandria can help with some one-stop shopping at its Preschool Fair, set for Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the First Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 2932 King Street, just past T.C. Williams High School.

If you have a connection, the T.C. Williams High School (or Hammond or GW High Schools), the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria needs your help. The Fund's 18th Annual Telethon is set for Sunday, Oct. 28 from 4 to 9 p.m. You can help in two ways: join a class alumni fundraising challenge (there are other challenges as well, such as Realtors' and lawyers') or you can take an hour-long shift making and receiving phone calls. The event, which is broadcast on Comcast Channel 69, raised over \$102,000 for T.C. Williams seniors who need additional financial resources to attend college. Visit www.alexscholarshipfund.org to volunteer or make a pledge.

— Mia Jones

Taylor Run

The Taylor Run Citizens' Association Fall 2012 General Meeting will occur on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglas MacArthur Elementary School Cafeteria (1101 Janneys Lane). TRCA will be hosting all five District B Alexandria School Board Candidates to discuss education. A representative from MacArthur Elementary School has also been invited.

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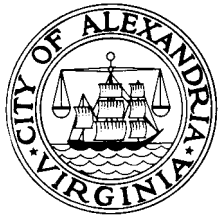
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing owners of the property located at 401 East Braddock Road (parcel addresses: 401, 405 East Braddock Road; 515 Mount Vernon Avenue) to construct and maintain an encroachment for an ornamental wall, raised planters and planting beds in a portion of the public right-of-way at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the owner of 401 East Braddock Road (parcel addresses: 401, 405 East Braddock Road; 515 Mount Vernon Avenue) to establish an ornamental wall, raised planters and planting beds in a portion of the public right-of-way at that location.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the United States General Services Administration (GSA) to construct and maintain an encroachment for a perimeter security line consisting of hardened garden fences, retractable and non-retractable bollards and security booths within the public access easement for the public right-of-ways known as Jamieson Avenue, Courthouse Square South, and Elizabeth Lane all adjacent to the Albert V. Bryan United States Federal Courthouse.

The proposed ordinance permits GSA to install a security perimeter consisting of hardened garden fences, retractable and non-retractable bollards and security booths within the public access easement granted to the City of Alexandria for public street purposes on the streets immediately adjacent to the Albert V. Bryan United States Federal Courthouse.

PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the acceptance of the design proposal for Public Art for the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial.

PUBLIC HEARING to obtain citizen input on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of a request to adopt a Public Art Policy for the City of Alexandria.

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Art on the Avenue

Record crowds turn out for Del Ray festival.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

An estimated 50,000 people took to the streets of Del Ray Oct. 6 for the 17th annual Art on the Avenue, one of Alexandria's premiere events and largest arts festivals in the mid-Atlantic region.

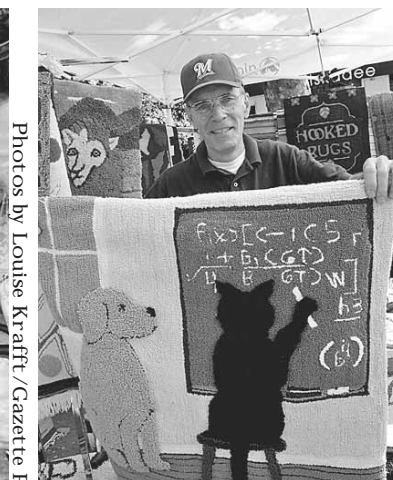
"It was an amazing day," said organizer Pat Miller of the Del Ray Business Association. "There was a bit of a lull when it looked like the storm was going to hit but after that the crowds really came out."

Approximately 350 artisans and craftsmen exhibited their wares along Mount Vernon Avenue as festival-goers enjoyed entertainment, children's games and delicacies prepared by Del Ray restaurants.

The 8th annual pie baking contest raised \$641 for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse of Northern Virginia), which included Randee Hilton's 1st place prize of \$75 which she donated back to the Del Ray-based nonprofit. Sponsored by Bobi Bomar, Homes of Alexandria, winners were: Youth (17 and under): 1st - Kaia Johnson - German Chocolate Pecan Pie; 2nd - Kaia Johnson - Banana Coconut Marshmallow Pie; 3rd - Reagan Feld - The Elements of Pie. Adults: 1st - Randee Hilton - Bewitching Blueberry Pie; 2nd - Nancy McKenna - Caramel Chocolate Pecan Pie; 3rd - Kate Morese - Kate's Pretty Pecan Pie.



Artist Tommy S. Grieco works on a new piece at the fair.



Michael Heilman displays a selection of his original hand-hooked rugs.



Pies are on display for the 8th annual pie contest, which served as a fundraiser for SCAN.

"What really makes this festival special is all the volunteers that give so much of their time," Miller said of the 200 workers who help stage the event. "It's amazing to me how people will show up at 5:30 a.m. to move bales of hay around. We couldn't do it without them."



Pie contest judges Ben Snyder (the baker at The Happy Tart), Bobi Bomar (Homes of Alexandria) and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne pose for a picture with the Kaia Johnson and Reagan Sofeld. Kaia won first and second place in the kid's division. Reagan's pie came in third. Adult winners included Randy Hilton, Nancy McKenna and Katie Morse.



Lucy, 6, and the 5-year-old twin sister duos of Sally and Kate and Samantha and Ava display their spin art creations at Art on the Avenue Oct. 6 in Del Ray.



Cheryl Taylor and Earl Dubin prepare to cast their vote with Deputy Deborah Vaughan in the inmate art contest. The Alexandria Sheriff's Office exhibited artwork by inmates at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center and those attending the Del Ray arts festival voted for the favorite.

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Thousands of pumpkins are unloaded and sorted into groups in the church yard on Seminary Road.

Fundraising Pumpkin Sale Underway

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Now in its 19th year, the annual pumpkin sale helps to support the Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's outreach programs. More than 20 non-profit organizations receive support from the pumpkin sale, including the local groups ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, the Hopkins House and Community Lodgings. Pumpkins sold to Alexandrians also support international relief efforts, including the Haiti Micah Project.

"We take a lot of pride in being the pumpkin parish," said Jim Snow, a parishioner with Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and Pumpkin Patch organizer. "Everyone benefits when you buy these pumpkins."

The pumpkins are grown in New Mexico at the

Navajo Indian Reservation, where they are shipped across the country by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. Although much of the country was affected by a severe drought that impacted pumpkin crops over the summer, the irrigated farmland of the Navajo guaranteed a consistent and quality product.

The success of the pumpkin sales has grown over time, which means greater support for charities. "Over the years our outreach program has grown commensurate with the success of pumpkin sales, it helps provide better

and more support with the non-profits we are involved in," said Snow. "Pumpkin sales bring the parish together, it's a way to be made known in the community."

Details

The Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is located at 3606 Seminary Road. The annual pumpkin sale runs through Halloween, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information on pumpkin sales and the non-profit organizations they support, visit: icoh.net/programs/pumpkin_sale/.



Volunteer Mike McGahui places a few very large pumpkins in a wheel barrel before moving them to the lawn for sale.

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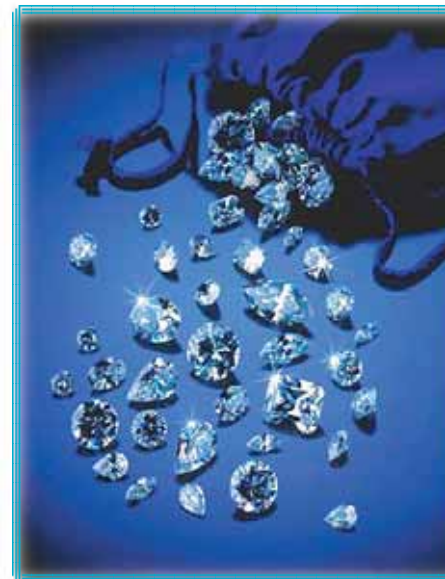
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T.C. Williams running back Dealo Robertson rushed for 176 yards and a touchdown with a fractured rib on Oct. 6 against Woodson.



T.C. Williams receiver Landon Moss runs with the ball while teammate Alex Bledsoe blocks Woodson defender Tim Dempsey on Oct. 6.

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/Gazette Packet

Woodson Football Beats TC for First 2012 Victory

Titans running back Robertson runs for 176 yards in defeat.

By Jon Roetman
Gazette Packet

Andrew Mackay doesn't know why, but for some reason the Woodson quarterback finds difficulty in completing a relatively easy pass to a receiver running a corner route.

On Oct. 6, the Woodson football team faced second-and-goal at the T.C. Williams 5-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers led by a touchdown and were in search of some insurance toward earning their first victory of the season. Woodson coaches called for a play where tight end Peter Murray ran to the corner of the end zone and another receiver ran out into the flat.

"That play, we try to run a lot because it's such a good play, and for some reason for me it's a tough throw," Mackay said. "I don't know why. It should be easy; I've made those throws over and over again in practice."

With a chance to snap a five-game losing streak, Mackay connected with Murray for a touchdown, which proved to be the difference in the game as the Cavaliers defeated the Titans, 28-21, during Woodson High School's 50th anniversary homecoming game.

"[For] Peter, [who is also] a basketball player," Mackay said, "just toss it up there and he'll go up there and get it like a rebound."

Murray's first touchdown of the season secured Woodson's first victory of the 2012 campaign. After three lopsided losses, the Cavaliers had dropped their previous two

games by a combined seven points. Instead of falling short in another close contest, Woodson made the plays it needed to earn a W in front of the home crowd.

"It feels great," Murray said. "We've been working hard. The last two weeks, [we lost by a combined seven points]. It's been tough, the last minute or two [our opponents] scored. We fought the entire game. After our first three games we've come together as a team, really. I think we're just as good as anyone else right now. We're rolling now and I'm looking forward to the next four games. ..."

"[It was my] first touchdown of the year. I've been waiting for it. When I saw that ball in the air it was a great feeling. I knew I was going to go get it and I did and I was so happy."

The 28 points were a season-high for Woodson, which also defeated T.C. Williams after a 0-5 start in 2011. Running back Napoleon Augustin carried 23 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns. Joe Carter rushed six times for 72 yards. Mackay completed 5 of 10 passes for

83 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for a score.

Woodson's wing-T offense produced 343 yards, including 260 on the ground.

"A lot of people made a lot of plays," second-year Woodson head coach Joe Dishun said. "We're not a team with a lot of superstars. We've got a lot of guys that are just football players."

The game started in inauspicious fashion for Woodson. TC drove down the field on the game's opening possession and faced first-and-10 at the Cavaliers 18 when quar-

terback Alec Grosser threw into the end zone and was intercepted by Woodson defensive back Raymond Maneno. Unfortunately for Woodson, Maneno fumbled during the return and TC receiver Landon Moss scooped up the loose ball and ran 11 yards for a Titan touchdown.

Woodson answered with a 4-yard touchdown run by Mackay on its ensuing possession, but TC came right back and scored on its next possession, when running back Dealo Robertson reached the end zone from 2 yards with 4:09 remaining in the first quarter.

At that point, however, the Woodson defense tightened up and did not allow a point until Grosser connected with sophomore Terry Jordan for a 17-yard touchdown pass with 2:04 remaining in the fourth quarter,

cutting the Cavaliers lead to 28-21.

After losing to Chantilly, Madison and Oakton by a combined score of 115-20, Woodson suffered a 10-7 loss to Lee on Sept. 21 and a 14-10 defeat against West Springfield on Sept. 28. This time, the Cavaliers found a way to win.

"The big thing is making sure these kids understood that we believed in their potential," Dishun said. "We had confidence in them and belief in how they've improved and how they've been playing and how they've been competing, [and] if they just kept at it, it was going to happen. To work through those setbacks and keep together the way they have, I'm just extremely proud of them."

While Woodson celebrated homecoming
See Robertson Runs, Page 33

Sports Briefs

Yorktown Football Remains Undefeated

The Yorktown football team defeated Edison, 35-15, on Oct. 5, improving its record to 6-0, including 4-0 in the National District.

The Patriots will play their final non-district game of the regular season when they host Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12.

W-L Football Improves to 4-2

The Washington-Lee football team moved to two games over .500 for the first time since 2008 with a 34-8 victory against Falls Church on Oct. 5. The Generals improved to 4-2, including 3-1 in the National District.

W-L will travel to face Herndon at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

O'Connell Drops Two in a Row

The Bishop O'Connell football team lost to St. John's, 35-28, in overtime on Oct. 6, dropping the Knight's record to 4-2 after a 4-0 start. O'Connell will host Gonzaga at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Wakefield Loses To Hayfield

The Wakefield football team lost to Hayfield, 49-6, on Oct. 5, dropping its record to 0-6. The Warriors will host Falls Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12.

Sports



Courtesy photo

Redskins historian Michael Richman with former Redskins All-Pro defensive end Dexter Manley.

Sportsman's Club To Host Dexter Manley

Redskins historian Michael Richman also to appear at Oct. 16 event.

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will host its annual "Redskins Night" Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Special guest speakers for the evening will be former Redskins All-Pro defensive end Dexter Manley and Redskins historian Michael Richman.

Manley was drafted by the Redskins in the 5th round of the 1981 draft out of Oklahoma State. He

went on to become one of the greatest defensive linemen in Redskins history.

Richman is the author of two comprehensive books on Redskins history: "The Redskins Encyclopedia" and "The Washington Redskins Football Vault." He also hosts the Redskins TV show and podcast Burgundy & Gold Magazine.

A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public and all Redskins fans are encouraged to attend. The Boat Club is located at 1 King St. in Old Town. For more information, visit www.alexandriavasports.org.

— Jeanne Theismann

Robertson Runs for 176 Yards in Defeat

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with a victory and improved to 1-2 in the Patriot District. T.C. Williams suffered its fifth consecutive loss after defeating Wakefield, 73-0, in the season opener on Aug. 30. The Titans fell to 0-3 in the district.

Robertson fractured a rib against South County on Sept. 22 and missed the Lake Braddock game, but returned to action against Woodson. The senior said he felt pain every time he was hit, but still managed to carry the ball 25 times for 176 yards and a touchdown. He also caught two passes for 12 yards.

Robertson had 114 yards on the ground at half-time.

"We didn't get back to [running the ball] in the second half aggressively," Robertson said. "We took our foot off the gas. ... We came out here thinking that [the Cavaliers] were going to lay down on their homecoming and their 50th anniversary. We thought this was going to be our first step back in the right direction."

Grosser completed 21 of 37 passes for 158 yards and a touchdown. Moss had six receptions for 50 yards.

Linebacker Malik Carney led the TC defense with 16 tackles. Defensive backs Rashawn Jackson and Tyrice Henry had 12 and 10 tackles, respectively. Kyreem Walton had two sacks and Carney had one. Henry and Jackson each recovered a Woodson fumble.

"Our confidence has gone up progressively throughout the season," Mackay said. "We know that we can play like this every game, so this just proves it. It just shows that if we set our minds to it and execute the things we know how to do, we can beat anybody."

T.C. Williams will host West Springfield at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

"You've got to come into the games with high hopes, but when we're out here, we're taking our foot off the gas, thinking that we can just win," Robertson said. "You can't win like that."

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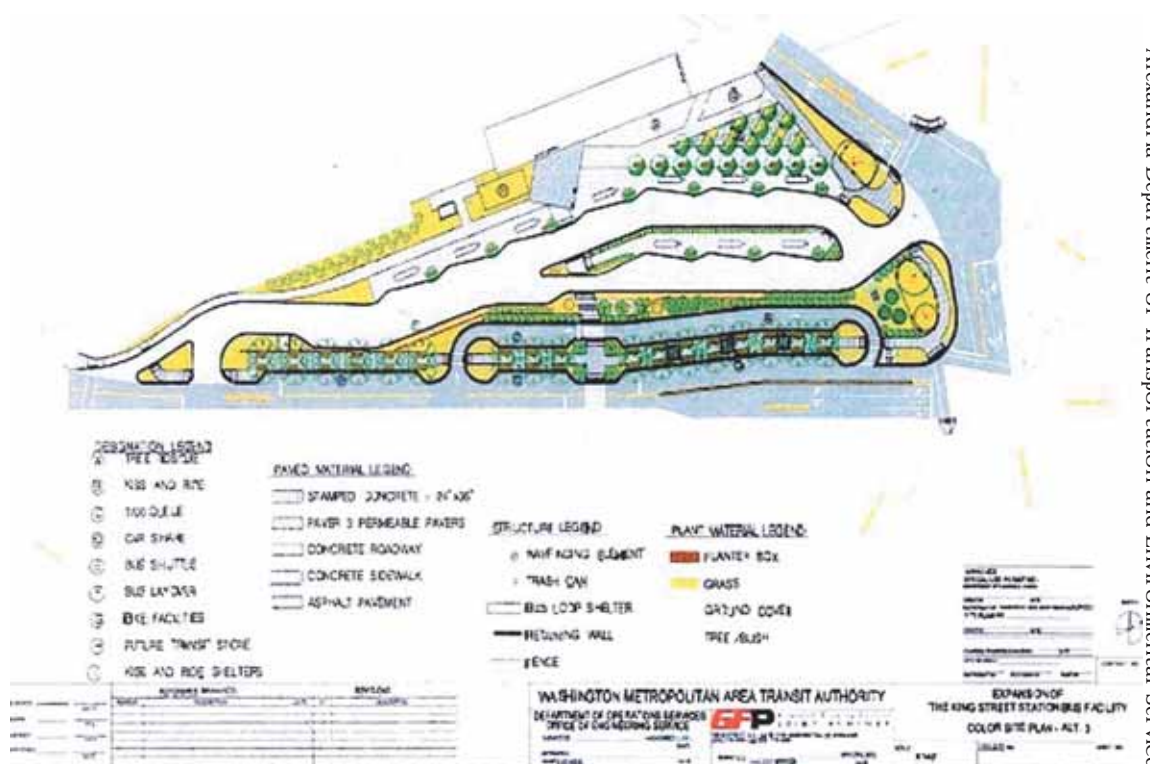
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Plan for the reconfigured King Street Metro station.

Transforming King Street Metro

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portant transit hub. It logs about 15,000 to 20,000 daily visitors, making it one of the most popular stations operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Five Metrobus routes and six DASH bus routes use the station, with a combined average daily boarding of 4,000 people. In addition to that the King Street Trolley picks up an average of 450 people each day at the Metro station.

“It’s a project that’s long overdue,” said Baier. “And it takes our somewhat suburban designed Metro lot and makes it more of an urban station and focuses more attention on pedestrians.”

Grants will pay for \$4.8 million of the project, and the city’s transportation improvement program will kick in about \$2.2 million.

Spending \$7 Million

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PetSage Hosts Catstravaganza

Wade Batterton’s cat trees filled the top of the parking lot as vendors set up tents near the doorway of Pet Sage on Dove Street on Saturday, Sept. 23. Pet Sage held a fair for cats offering seminars on the history of cats “Ancient Wildcat to Modern Domestic Pet” by Pet Sage owner Teri Grow followed by pet food discussions and home preparation recipes and tips. Holistic veterinarian Eleanor Thompson discussed how food and diet can help prevent diseases such as obesity, diabetes, kidney disease and skin problems. Pet Sage is a natural and holistic pet store located at 2391 S. Dove Street in Alexandria.



Susan Sickman and Lauren Grondine offer a cat toy workshop at the cat fair.



Wade Batterton displays a variety of his custom-made cat trees.

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Old Town Alexandria \$1,225,000



Step Back in Time

through the door of this 19th century, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath, frame beauty on a special block of Lee Street. Warm wood floors and exposed beams in the original house are complemented by light-filled additions of sun room and family room while a state-of-the-art eat-in kitchen overlooks the glorious two-tiered walled garden.

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Sophisticated Elegance

This beautiful home welcomes you the minute you step over the threshold. The gorgeous foyer, living and dining rooms, amazing family room and kitchen will not disappoint! Five wonderful bedrooms upstairs, including a glorious master suite, a huge fully finished basement, and a three-car garage. Plus, owner access to a private boat launch on Little Hunting Creek!

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Del Ray Perfection

Located on a tree-lined street, you'll love this charming three-bedroom home with front porch, which is minutes to everything. Features include gleaming wood floors, a cook's kitchen opening to family room, separate office, a large rear yard with two patios and play area, a spacious rec room, one-car garage parking.

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This rarely available three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath, Emerson model brick townhouse located in sought-after Old Town Village! Hardwood floors, new upgraded carpet, designer paint, chef's kitchen, gas fireplace, deep crown molding, awning-shaded entertaining deck, garage and more. Enjoy quiet haven in the midst of active and exciting Old Town!

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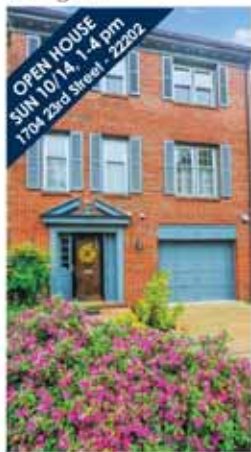
Warwick Village!

Fabulous all-brick townhome offering eat-kitchen with pass-through window to sunny living/dining combo. Upper level offers three bedrooms full bath. Lower level boasts a spacious family room opening to huge deck for entertaining, full updated bath and laundry. Features include hardwood flooring, newer windows. Walk to "The Avenue" in Del Ray.

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Arlington \$775,000



Forest Hills

Wonderful located in Forest Hills Common and meticulously maintained. This two-bedroom, game room/3rd bedroom, brick townhome with elevator, solarium and one-car garage has been extensively upgraded. POLISHED, PRISTINE AND READY-TO-GO! Forest Hills is a stylish, comfortable and convenient place to live in the greater DC area.

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Alexandria \$995,000



So Much Space!

Centrally located in Seminary Ridge this home has gracious formal rooms and family-friendly casual spaces. With five bedrooms on upper level there are also three finished levels of beauty and a two-car garage! You'll love the outdoor spaces!

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Alexandria \$635,000



Just Listed

Updated, three-bedroom, two-bath home on a cul-de-sac near the King Street Metro. Vaulted ceilings in living and dining rooms, rec room with fireplace opening to large, level, private lot. Photos and details of 513 Robinson Court at www.betsytwigg.com.

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