Push and Pull
On the Waterfront
As development plan is implemented, a mix of reactions.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

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n the last week, members of the public have heard rival visions of the future for the waterfront. One vision is a five-story hotel at the northeast corner of Duke Street and South Union Street, a proposal that received a chilly reception from neighbors last week. Another vision is a series of public spaces along the waterfront presented this week by a landscape architect Laurie Olin, who has been hired by the city to create a vision for the future. That presentation received rave reviews, even from some of the waterfront plan’s harshest critics.

“I’m optimistic, maybe for the first time,” said Old Town Civic Association president Yvonne Weight Callahan after the presentation on landscape architecture. “He has a vision. I just hope the city listens to him.”

Nobody is ready to sing Kum Bay Yah, though. The first item on the agenda is likely to be the development proposal now under consideration from Carr Hospitality, a Washington-based developer who wants to demolish the Art League warehouse and construct a 50-foot hotel. During a presentation to the Old Town Civic Association last week at the Lyceum, the developer tried to sell his vision of a waterfront hotel with publicly accessible open space.

“I think we have done a lot to break down the scale of the ho-

Lois L. Walker Dies at 73

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

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hen Lois Walker was named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2010, she was asked about the key to her success.

“You just do it,” she told interviewer Sherry Wilson Brown. “Sometimes it is almost civil dis-obedience. Sometimes you have to nag, well, more politely, ‘remind’ a lot so you don’t get lost in the shuffle. You just have to stay fo-

enced on what you are trying to achieve and keep pushing. If you are not willing to nag a little, I just don’t think you care enough.”

There was never any doubt that Walker cared about the City of Alexandria, a place she called home for over 40 years. On Sunday, Oct. 13, the former City Council woman died in Kayseri, Turkey after contracting pneumonia while on vacation. She was 73.

“Lois was an important and beloved part of the civic and cultural life of Alexandria for over 40 years,” said Vola Lawson, who was City Manager during Walker’s two terms on City Council. “I greatly enjoyed working with her. Her tragic death leaves a hole in the
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Agreeing to Disagree

When city officials called a press conference to threaten the use of eminent domain against the Old Dominion Boat Club last week, one of the points raised was that the club never responded to an ultimatum sent over the summer. Late last week, Old Dominion Boat Club chairman Eric DeSoto sent Mayor Bill Euille a letter responding to the city’s offer.

“ODBC previously agreed and agrees now that the mayor’s nine points set the framework for the substantive issues to be resolved,” DeSoto wrote in the Oct. 11 letter. “That, however, was the extent of any previous agreement between parties.

Issues under discussion include everything from how much of Wales Alley is accessible to members of the Boat Club to repairs of storm sewers. Perhaps most significantly, DeSoto says the club is willing to dedicate a 25-foot-wide permanent pedestrian easement on the western edge of its parking lot, which would allow the city to construct a public plaza on the Strand side of the parking lot.

“This compromise position will nearly achieve the city’s goal of a continuous public walkway along the waterfront,” wrote DeSoto. “We believe 25 feet is wider than nearly any other sidewalk or walkway in the city, and in fact wide enough to give the sense of a mini-plaza at that location if the city desires.”

City officials have scheduled a public hearing to consider the use of eminent domain against the Boat Club on Nov. 19.

Sewer Signs

Anyone who has ever tried to read the signs posted at the city’s four sewage outfall locations has probably been frustrated. First, the signs are hard to see. Some are posted high in the air. Others are obscured by vegetation. One is posted so far from the public walkway that it’s impossible to read with the naked eye.

Secondly, the signs are just plain wrong. They say raw sewage will be dumped “during or after long or heavy rain events.” But a recent permit application from city officials admits that the dumping begins after as little as 0.03 inches of rain. Nobody considers that a “heavy” or “long” rain event, which means that the signs are misleading if it’s possible to read them in the first place.

“They have to be larger,” said Jack Sullivan, member of Friends of Dyke March. “And they have to be accurate.”

This weekend, Sullivan plans to take his case to members of the Alexandria City Council. During their Saturday public hearing, Sullivan will make the case that the city should flush its current signs down the proverbial toilet and install new ones so people will know the straight poop about raw sewage.

“I’ve got pictures of all four of them that I’m going to present to council members,” said Sullivan. “One of them is about 15 feet in the air. And other one is covered with vegetation.”

Moving Pieces

Developer Carr Hospitality is moving forward with the proposal to develop a five-story hotel at the northeast intersection of Union Street and Duke Street, although neighbors are unhappy about the size and scale of the building. This weekend, Old Town resident Bob Wood plans to offer an idea to members of the Alexandria City Council that he says might improve the design.

One of the sticking points for neighbors is the entrance to the underground garage and service entrance on Duke Street, one of the city’s most prominent streets and the entrance for Point Lumley Park. Meanwhile, the front door of the hotel is on South Union Street, potentially causing traffic clashes between taxicabs and bicyclists.

Wood says switch them.

Instead of having a front door on Union, Wood says, move it to Duke Street. Because the street is much wider, he says, it would be able to handle the crush of taxicabs. Meanwhile, an entrance to underground parking on Union Street would work much better because it could be coordinated with underground parking on the adjacent lot. No plans have come forward to develop that property yet, although its part of the land that has been rezoned for redevelopment under the waterfront plan.

“Make this an integrated parcel,” said Wood, who was a member of the waterfront work group. “These parcels work better together than they do apart.”

— Michael Lee Pope

$1.6 million advertising campaign hopes to rebrand Alexandria; critics say it’s inappropriate.

By Michael Lee Pope

First Alexandria was the Fun Side of the Potomac. Then it was Charmville. Now Alexandria is being sold as “extraordinary” in a new $1.6 million destination advertising campaign that hopes to generate overnight stays by targeting people within a five-hour drive radius. The campaign features advertising in print, broadcast and digital media.

“We represent the perfect getaway,” said Patricia Washington, the organization’s new president and chief operating officer. “That could be a romantic getaway or a getaway with their family or with their girlfriends.”

Earlier this year, members of the Alexandria City Council approved a $200,000 allocation to increase the existing advertising expenditure budget. The line item was sold as a way to increase revenue for the city, and leaders at the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association say they expect the $200,000 appropriation will yield $500,000. Last year, leaders of the association made a similar promise when they requested a $100,000 appropriation they promised would yield $500,000 in revenues to the city.

“I’m very confident that the growth attributed to visitors exceeds $300,000,” said Tom Kaiden, chief operating officer for the association.

“Calculating the exact revenues that come from an advertising campaign can be tricky because it’s unclear how many people have booked a hotel room based on an advertisement they saw in a magazine or how much they spent when they arrived here. But ACVA leaders say all the revenue categories they are focused on have increased over the last year. Lodging tax revenue went up $131,000. Room night tax went up about $13,000. Admissions tax revenues went up $91,000. Revenue from the retail sales tax is up $2.8 million, and income from the meals tax increased about $1.8 million.

“Obviously some of the meals tax and some of the retail sales tax are ascribed to local consumers as well,” said Kaiden. “Obviously with the two lodging tax numbers are directly related to local marketing because everyone that stays overnight is a visitor by definition.”

CRITICS OF THE CAMPAIGN are more interested in the content than the bottom line. Some say the couple doing the Tango on a cobblestone street looks like it was taken from the cover of a romantic bodice ripper. Others say the concept of calling Alexandria “extraordinary” is itself a problem because it makes implications about other localities in the region.

Those who are unhappy with the advertising campaign say it does not capture the essence of the city.

“This notion that we are somehow the elite side of the Potomac is self-appointed elitism,” said Poul Hertel, co-chair of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations. “Maybe we are elite. Maybe we’re not. But I think it’s bad taste to rub it in the face of everyone else.”

Second guessing the city’s marketing campaign is nothing new. Detractors ridiculed the “fun side of the Potomac” as juvenile and cartoonish. Critics of “Charmville” said it made the city sound like it was aspiring to be a second-class Baltimore. Now those who are unhappy with “extraordinary Alexandria” are calling attention to everything from the music that appears in the video to the nose ring worn by the female dancing in the streets.

“It’s tacky,” said Yvonne Weight Callahan, president of the Old Town Civic Association.

An Extraordinary Campaign

“‘It’s tucky. We have so many ways to sell the history of Alexandria and the architecture and the ambiance. Do we have to throw in sex as well?’

— Yvonne Weight Callahan, president of the Old Town Civic Association

Bodice-ripper or promotional campaign? Some love the city’s new marketing campaign while others feels it’s a bit racy.

See Extraordinary Page 31
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Remembering the Fallen

Ivy Hill ceremony honors fire and EMS personnel.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

Alexandria's fallen firefighters and EMS personnel were remembered by members of the city's first responder and law enforcement agencies at a memorial service and wreath laying Oct. 11 at First Baptist Church as part of the annual National Fire Prevention Week ceremonies.

"Public service is not an easy thing," said Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker, who delivered a keynote address. "Every shift, every call, you run the risk of never coming back."

The ceremony, traditionally held at Ivy Hill Cemetery, was moved indoors due to heavy rains. It honored those who have died in the line of duty and also marked the passing of two members of the department who died during the preceding 12 months: Retired Battalion Chief George E. Toy and retired Capt. Leonard M. Devers.

"Despite the grey of the day, let us talk about the good things in these men's lives," said Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel in his remarks. "Let us remember the fallen.

See Remembering, Page 18
Alexandria's Brooke Curran crosses the finish line to win the Easter Island marathon in Chile.

Brooke Curran poses with children from the Ruby Tucker Center following a 1K Fun Run.

Taking It to the Streets

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

If anyone has earned the right to use the phrase “Been there, done that,” it’s Brooke Sydnor Curran. The Alexandria mother of three has completed marathons on all seven continents and in all 50 states, running 1,703 miles to help local charities that benefit at-risk children in the areas of early childhood education and health and fitness.

“Phase 1 is done,” said Curran, who founded the RunningBrooke Fund, a 501(c)(3) charity through ACT for Alexandria, in 2009. “Now it’s time to start working towards my next goal, which is to raise $1 million for charities that prepare kids for school, keep them there, and get kids outside and moving.”

Curran’s original goal — which included running a marathon a month as well as competing in the five world majors of Boston, Berlin, Chicago, London and New York — came to a close Oct. 20 when she crossed the finish line at the Des Moines Marathon. And that, she says, calls for a celebration.

“My Phase 2 goal is to run 100 marathons and raise $1 million for at-risk children in Northern Virginia,” Curran said. “I’m not sure how long it will take — probably a projected completion date of the fall of 2016. I’ll just keep running a marathon a month until I reach 100.”

For more information on the Oct. 25 RunningBrooke celebration, contact Curran at 703-989-4945 or email her at therunningbrookefund@gmail.com. www.runningbrooke.com

Brooke Curran picks up her personalized race bib prior to the start of the Ghana marathon earlier this month. Curran will kick off Phase 2 of her goal to raise $1 million for children’s charities with a reception Oct. 25 at her King Street home Oct. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. “I hope people will come out, have some fun and learn more about the children that are being served through these amazing organizations.”

Since its inception, the RunningBrooke fund has raised and donated over $300,000 to local charities. It has made grants to 17 Alexandria-based nonprofits, benefitting thousands of at-risk children through organizations such as Girls On the Run, The Reading Connection, Child and Family Network Centers, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, Coats for Kids, the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium and the Center for Alexandria’s Children.

The RunningBrooke Phase 2 kick-off celebration will take place Oct. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Curran’s home at 2413 King Street in Alexandria. All proceeds benefit at-risk children and tickets are available online at https://runningbrooke.eventbrite.com/

Litigation Seeks Clarity on Petitioning City

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

What do citizens have to do in order to properly file a protest petition forcing a supermajority vote on the City Council? Opponents of the waterfront plan say that’s unclear, and now a trial date has been scheduled to clarify the issue, unless the city is successful in its efforts to dismiss the case.

The developments are the latest in an ongoing series of lawsuits challenging the waterfront plan, a controversial small-area plan that almost triples density at three sites slated for redevelopment compared to what’s there now. The complaint was filed by three women known as the Iron Ladies, April Burke, Beth Gibney and Marie Kux. After the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that their case against the zoning is moot, they filed an amended complaint challenging the process the city used to dismiss concerns raised by the neighbors.

“It’s a very important process issue,” said Bert Ely, a supporter of the Iron Ladies. “What do people have to do to file a protest petition? The Supreme Court ducked that.”

The lawsuit challenges the City Council vote of March 16 to amend the W-1 zone, overturning a longstanding ban against hotels on the waterfront and increasing the allowable density. Opponents say the lawsuit challenging the process puts what they call a “cloud” over the zoning changes, although city officials say that’s not the case. Lawyers representing the city hope to have the case dismissed before the April 14 court date.

“This does not put a cloud over the zoning at all,” said Mayor Bill Euille. “We have a judicial process that allows people to bring challenges, but I’m hoping we can put all this behind us and move forward with implementing the waterfront plan.”

Last year, citizens tried to file a protest petition to force a supermajority vote on the waterfront plan — a threshold that supporters of the plan did not have on the council at the time. Since that time, new members have been elected and a new vote was cast, this time with a supermajority.

Meanwhile, council members changed the rules for what kinds of developments could be challenged with the protest petition. For now, opponents say, the rules remain unclear about how the process works.
From the Heart
Volunteer Alexandria to honor 2013 awardees.

By Jeannie Theismann
Gazette Packet

Volunteer Alexandria will present the 19th annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria Awards Oct. 25, a tribute honoring the exceptional volunteer service of four individuals, including TC. Williams High School student Emma West, who will receive the first Youth Volunteer Service Award.

Also being recognized for their “give from the heart” volunteer work will be Alan Lomax, who will receive the Marian Van Ladingham Lifetime Achievement Award, and Scott Kahler and Seena Foster, each of whom will receive the Joan White Grass Roots Service Award.

**ALLEN LOMAX** will receive the Marian Van Ladingham Lifetime Achievement Award. Lomax, who is also a Living Legend of Alexandria, has been an active volunteer and leader advocating for policies and community change to promote the well-being, growth and development of youth in Alexandria for over 22 years. Lomax currently serves on the boards and committees of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, United Way National Capital Area, Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria, Homeless Services Coordinating Committee, Economic Opportunities Commission, Alexandria Collaborators, Alexandria Democratic Committee and Youth Master Plan Design Team.

**SCOTT KAHLER** will receive the Joan White Grass Roots Service Award. For the past seven years, Kahler served as a critical member of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT), responding to emergencies such as residential and commercial fires. Kahler responds to events by monitoring scanner radio traffic and is among the most reliable volunteers on the DAT. Kahler is a role model for other volunteers and a leader for others in a variety of areas, including shelter management, client casework and driving the emergency response vehicle.

**S E E N A F O S T E R** will receive the Joan White Grass Roots Service Award. Foster has been a volunteer and advocate for the homeless and low income individuals through her direct service work and fundraising for Carpenter’s Shelter. For the past five years, Foster has provided more than 1,000 hours to the shelter, including working directly with shelter clients and supporting staff in operations. Foster also serves on the Economic Opportunities Commission for the City of Alexandria which develops and recommends programs that provide outreach and assistance to low income individuals.

**EMMA WEST** will receive the Youth Volunteer Service Award. West is a TC. Williams High School student and a volunteer for the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Center of Alexandria (SAPCA). She has supported the agency’s efforts by sharing her peers the harms associated with smoking. West led the SAPCA club in creating an action plan that contains specific strategies and activities to decrease marijuana use among her peers. She helped plan and lead several activities during lunch times at the school. West co-wrote an op-ed piece highlighting Alcohol Awareness Month and SAPCA’s work. She is the founder of the TC. Williams’ Breast Cancer Awareness Club, served as the president, and raised nearly $4,000 towards this effort. In addition, West is a member of Alexandria’s Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission and participated in Alexandria’s Youth Master Plan.

CHAIRED BY Cyndi Lake and Frank Fannon, the Evening in the Heart of Alexandria will be held at the American Legion Post #24 ballroom at 400 Cameron St. from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org or contact Marion Brunken at 703-836-2176. Tickets are $60 per person at http://www.razoo.com/story/Honoring-Our-Volunteers-An-Evening-In-The-Heart-Of-Alexandria.

Service Above Self

Mount Vernon resident Martha Ann Alito, right, admires a Jefferson Cup presented to her by Alexandria Rotary Club president Peter Knetemann Oct. 8 at Belle Haven Country Club. The wife of Supreme Court Justice Sam Alito, Martha Ann Alito was the featured speaker at the club’s weekly luncheon and talked about the services provided by The Woodmont House at The Children’s Inn at NIH, where she sits on the board of directors. The Woodmont House is a transitional home for families and their children with acute illnesses who have surpassed the maximum length of stay at The Inn.

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In the City of Alexandria, Office of Voter Registration & Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100.

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Extended hours at the Voter Registration Office: Oct. 15 and 16, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Oct. 21, 22 and 23, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Oct. 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Nov. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, beginning Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 28, 29, 30 and 31, noon-8 p.m.; Nov. 1, noon-6 p.m.; and Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more on absentee voting in Alexandria, visit http://alexiandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720.

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Taxpayer Costs And Benefits?

To the Editor:

The Oct. 3 Gazette Packet issue was the first in several weeks that did not bring more bad news about taxes and city spending. The biggest item has been the surprise stealth utility tax increase. However this 25 per cent increase shows the true nature of the City Council. If they had any real leadership there would be true transparency in raising taxes. Do it openly, the way it is done with property taxes. Dominion Resources exists to provide reliable electric service. They are not meant to be disguised deputy tax collector for this or any other jurisdiction.

Another stealth tax is in your Comcast bill, called PEG, which stands for Public Education & Government (access). This is a fairly new tax to pay for public television. I did not know it was a responsibility of Alexandria to pay for this.

What do we get for our taxes?

- An elementary school in the bottom 1 per cent of all elementary schools in the Commonwealth and no accreditation. Remember Sherman’s predecessor got the school accredited.
- A high school with similar performance problems.
- A school board that bought out the contract of the superintendent that produced these stellar results. Worse is we paid for unused vacation. Given the results we would have been better off if he used the leave.
- An expensive office lease for the school system headquarters. Given the stellar results, all they seem to accomplish is cost money and have problems with basic financial controls. Has anyone looked at the overhead costs? A new bicycle tax.
- An expensive lawsuit against a whistle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Snapshot

Members of Thames Valley International entertain visitors on the Alexandria City Dock with Morris dancing on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12.
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NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME

FROM PAGE 8

Blower who committed the very serious and heinous crime of looking out for the taxpayer. I’m sure I’ve missed something.

There seems to be no sense of priorities. We will have another expensive lawsuit with Old Dominion Boat Club, but our schools do poorly. Instead there is a push for a skating rink, but little thought about the cost of sewer system or school system space needs.

Given the above, I think the council needs the motto, “We have never met a tax we did not like and would not increase.” The ship in the city seal should be changed to a Viking long-ship to reflect the approach of always looting and plundering the taxpayer. Instead the council should take the $282,000 contract boycott from the school board, apparently they have money to burn.

But there is one bright spot concerning Councillor Wilson. Apparently he is real student of history and a true disciple of President William McKinley. In 1898 McKinley implemented the first telephonic excise tax to pay for the Spanish American War. So we know what truly inspires him and the council.

William Blumberg, MBA
Alemdria

LETTERS

From Page 8

Not Ready for Prime Time

To the Editor:

The Alexandria Housing Master Plan was the subject of a second City Council Work Session on Oct. 8. That work session made one thing clear. Unfortunately the Alexandria Housing Master Plan has been in process, being drafted, for more than four years.

To be ready for prime time, the Alexandria Housing Master Plan must, minimally, set aspirational housing goals. The Alexandria Housing Master Plan must set goals. The City Council made it clear that their aspiration was to punt goals into an appendix.

No other master plan that has been adopted by the City of Alexandria is devoid of goals. Small area plans, the Master Transportation Plan, the Master Sewer Plan, even the Bicycle Master Plan, have goals. Without goals, there is no way to set objectives, no way to determine local housing funding in more than a haphazard way.

Alexandria has seen a sea change in the kind of community it is. It used to be a community that was 75 per cent renter-occupied (in 1975). By 2010 that number had dropped to 56.7 per cent.

From an affordable housing standpoint, the Alexandria housing market used to supply significant quantities of affordable rental housing. In 2000, some 18,000 rental units were affordable to people with incomes below 60 percent of the area median income. Sixty per cent of the area median income is the income earned by young professionals; by retail workers; by custodians, mechanics and cab drivers; by retired people — by the people this community needs to staff its jobs and by the people who have lived in Alexandria for much of their lives and who wish to continue to live here.

By 2012, the number of rental units affordable to people with incomes below 60 per cent of the area median income had dropped to 9,850.

The Calver Apartments used to provide more than 175 affordable rentals. When the “rehabilitation” currently underway is done, it will provide no affordable rentals. The 9,850-unit figure also includes the Beauregard corridor and Hunting Point; so we know it has dropped and will continue to drop.

Alexandria should prioritize the preservation of affordable units as one of the most important considerations when a rental complex seeks public approval for renovations or condominium conversion. A Housing Master Plan must prioritize the preservation of as much of the remaining affordable housing stock as possible. Alexandria should make full use of existing powers like the establishment of a special affordable housing district using Title 36 of the Virginia Code (as Arlington has done with the Rosslyn Ballston corridor and is doing with the Columbia Pike.)

The district would require all development in designated areas to retain or replace existing affordable units.

The Plan provides a single strategy to create and retain committed affordable units. That strategy is to obtain committed affrod

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100-Truck Message to Capitol Hill

Responding to the federal government shutdown’s effect on local businesses, Michael & Son will be sending a message to Congress with a 100-truck ride from its headquarters off Edsall Road in Alexandria to D.C. on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 a.m.

According to Basim Mansour, owner of Michael & Son Services, the shutdown is having a drastic impact on his business. “Quite a few of our furloughed customers are holding off on essential home repairs as they don’t know when they’re getting their next paycheck,” said Mansour in a release. “Considering the amount of federal employees in the area, its not surprising that we are experiencing such a slow down.”

The D.C. metro area is densely populated with government employees, with Virginia having over 300,000 alone.

For Mansour, the shutdown can’t end soon enough: “If anyone on Capitol Hill is reading this, let’s hurry up and come to an agreement so things can get back to normal.”

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SSSAS Appoints Adams As Next Head of School

Kirsten Prettyman Adams has been appointed as the next head of school at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, to succeed Joan Holden, beginning on July 1, 2014. On Oct. 7, the school’s Board of Governors and the Trustees of Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia unanimously accepted Adams’ nomination by the Search Committee.

Adams has extensive experience in school leadership and day-to-day operational management, curriculum planning, faculty support and mentoring, fiscal management and financial models, as well as strategic planning, development and fundraising, and campus master planning.

She currently serves as associate head of school and head of Upper School at McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Md. Among her duties, she has coordinated the academic planning and programmatic decision-making during construction of two new buildings, STEM (2013) and Student Center (2014). In addition, she has administrative oversight for and has been involved in all aspects of McDonough’s boarding community.

Previously, Adams served as head of Upper School at The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas, where she played a major role in implementing the school’s new

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Visit novaracetiming.com/Race/StRita5kSignup.html and find the Gazette Reader Registration button to sign up!

Cash prizes for top winning males & females

**$600 prize to winning school team**

Online registration closes 10/18/13 at 6:00 pm

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**News**

Fire Chief Adam Thiel leads a salute to fallen firefighters and EMS personnel at the Oct. 11 memorial service at First Baptist Church.

**Remembering The Fallen**

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Sheriff Dana Lawhorne visits with retired Chief Fire Marshall Michael Conner.

“Let us remember the dedication of these men and how they lived their lives,” Thiel said. “And let us also be thankful for the service our men and women in the first responder community continue to provide.”
Oktoberfest 2013

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

The award-winning Port City Brewing Company hosted the second annual Senior Services of Alexandria Oktoberfest tour and tasting fundraiser Oct. 9 to support the many programs provided to Alexandria seniors.

“We are so thankful to everyone who turned out this evening,” said SSA board president Greg Murphy. “Without our donors and supporters, we would not be able to provide the much-needed services to seniors in our city.”

Despite the heavy rains, more than 100 attendees turned out to support SSA and to sample the locally-brewed craft beers, including the Optimal Wit, which just won the Gold medal in the Belgian-style Witbier category at the prestigious Great American Beer Festival in Denver.

“We’re honored to support the programs of Senior Services,” said Port City’s tasting room manager Jen Chace. “We’re also proud to introduce a new audience to our selection of beers.” Attendees sampled traditional fare provided by Federal City Caterers and Logan Sausages. Murphy welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support of SSA’s programs including Meals on Wheels, the Friendly Visitors program and a month speaker series.

For more information, call 703-836-4414 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Vice mayor Allison Silberberg, Greg Murphy, Janet Barnett, Mitch Opalski and councilman Tim Lovain.

Port City Brewery hosts Senior Services fundraiser.

ACT’s John Porter, right, hams it up for SSA board member Lynwood Campbell, who recorded much of the evening’s antics with his cell phone video camera.

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Tom Shaw Remembered by Friends and Family

By Gale Curcio Gazette Packet

Tom Shaw was a survivor. For years, he survived vocal cord cancer, strokes and a myriad of other health issues. To many he was dubbed as the man with nine lives.

Unfortunately, Thomas Michael Shaw's body finally succumbed to the many attacks on his body and he died on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. He was 67 years old.

Shaw was born on July 23, 1946 in New York, N.Y. He was the son of Thomas and Kathleen Shaw, and attended Don Bosco Prep and Fordham University.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Shaw, a supervisor of Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Karen and his family were with him every step of the way. Early on, when he lost his voice and before he had a throat box installed, she said, “I miss hearing his voice.”

He had one son, Bronhied Shaw, from a previous marriage, who married Sparkle Shaw. They were blessed with a grandson, Gavin Shaw, who Tom was able to enjoy before he died. He and Karen are the parents of Ian Shaw and Kate Cavanaugh, married to Greg Cavanaugh.

Steve Crane, client relations manager at CACI Productions Group, was a close friend, and said, “I met Tom in 1979. I was his bartender at The Wayfarers in Old Town, and when he started a business in media production, he hired me and later we became partners in a firm that has been in business for over 25 years. Through his wife Karen, I was introduced to my wife Judy, and we have been close friends and travelers together since 1986, even godparents to each other’s children. So I owe both my entry into my career and finding the love of my life to Tom.”

“Tom was always a great listener, and had a gift for bringing people together to enjoy their camaraderie and good times. Tom had a special feeling for place and time, for history, an appreciation for living in the moment and sharing that moment with whomsoever accompanied him. From the National ballpark to the Delaware Shore, from Ocean Drive on Miami Beach to Redskins games, Tom and I shared many memorable times together, and I will miss my friend very much.

“Tom was an innovator and ahead of his time in terms of applying media production with cutting edge distribution techniques to reach professional healthcare audiences.”

Early on, Shaw was in magazine distribution and then sold X-ray film for Kodak. He decided to get into media production, creating Med-Scene in partnership with radiologists from Alexandria Hospital in 1979.

He created an interventional radiology video production firm in the U.S., a leader in educational media at the time.

In 1984, he merged his company to create Media Exchange, a production company based in Old Town, producing programming for pharmaceutical companies, the American Stock Exchange, Columbia Pictures, among other clients. He split away in 1987 to form International Information Resources (IIR), which grew into a major player in the sector of live interactive satellite programming.

Shaw helped create a number of private satellite networks that IIR produced MedScholar, the first of its kind digital network to provide continuing professional health education to practicing physicians via cable.

He began Outcome Communications in the mid-90s and was a partner in Celebrate Productions, a live event and staging company that provides production services to ExxonMobil among other its clients.

There were few networking events or causes that Shaw didn’t support and he was a source of support and knowledge to many organizations. He served on many boards and committees.

“I met Tom several years ago and he introduced me to the SDFC [Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation] when Lara Fritts was the executive director and he got me involved with the SDFC said Tom’s sister, Kathleen Shaw. “He was very generous in making connections, and always tried to create business opportunities. On top of that, he was just a nice guy with a good heart.”

Shaw loved to contribute to and participate in community events. He spent a lot of time with the “Men’s Group” and at Via Veneto. He also enjoyed taking his beloved dog Seamus to local dog parks and playing tennis and listening to NPR. His most precious time was spent with his family and close friends.

Another good friend, Michael Lewan, said, “Tom was a Renaissance Man — conversational talking politics, poetry, sports and culture. In a way that made others feel comfortable and welcoming to his knowledge, Tom was a teacher in every sense of the word.”

Memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m., at Saint Louis Catholic Church (2907 Hopkins Lane, Alexandria). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Tom’s name to the “Stroke Fund” at Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Police Make DWI Arrests

Alexandria police conducted a roaming DWI enforcement effort to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers from 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. Vehicles observed committing traffic infractions were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. During the effort, 35 vehicles were stopped. Nine sobriety checks were conducted and two arrests were made for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). In addition, 16 summonses for miscellaneous traffic offenses and 19 traffic warnings were issued. Two vehicles were impounded. Three Alexandria police officers participated in the effort.

— Mia Jones

OBITUARIES

John A. Bender

John A. Bender died at Georgetown Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013. John was born Feb. 2, 1942 in Brooklyn, N.Y. After leaving home to volunteer for the U.S. Army, he served honorably from 1959-1963. From 1964 until 1973 he worked at National Airlines, and then followed his pursuit in the financial services industry from 1973 until he retired from Morgan Stanley in 2012. He lived in Northern Virginia for his adult life, in both Arlington and Alexandria.

As a sports enthusiast, John loved the Nationals and Redskins and enjoyed friendly wagers over fantasy football, and horse racing. One of John’s favorite pastimes was fishing, with the camaraderie of friends. Admired for his giving nature, he never wanted recognition for his generosity. His quick wit and sense of humor left him surrounded by laughs. Friends considered him a master chef and enjoyed his colorful and elaborate feasts.

Survivors include his partner of 29 years, Pat Heflin of Alexandria, and his loving ex-

John Bender wished to convey to his ex-
tended family and friends, too numerous to mention, his eternal gratitude for their overwhelming love, encouragement, laugh-
ter, e-mails and cards.

Services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. Visit http://www.everyearlybeautlyfuneralhome.com/for updates.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project are wel-
tome at support.woundedwarrior project.org/honor.

FRIDAYS THROUGH DEC. 13

**Flu Vaccination Clinic.** Every Friday through Dec. 13, 3-6 p.m. in Hospital Health Education Center at Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4520 Seminary Road. $30/shot; $35/fluMist. Inova accepts Medicare Part B as payment in full for persons who are not enrolled in a managed care or advantage plan and bring their Medicare card. All others must pay and will be given a receipt to submit to insurance company. Visit www.inova.org/flu.

**THURSDAY/OCT. 17**

**Annual Seniors Fair.** 9 a.m.-noon at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. Event will feature free health screenings, wellness information and more. Free massages are also offered. Registration required. Call 1-855-694-6682 and press 2.

**Yoga.** Enjoy free outdoor yoga classes at 1908 Mt. Vernon Ave., from 6-7 p.m. Taught by Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga. Harvest Moon Yoga classes are suitable for all levels. Contact Maureen at yogaprasada@yahoo.com or 703-967-8884.

**FRIDAY/OCT. 18**

**CPR Certification.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Global Health College, 25 S. Quaker Lane. Get certified or renew certification. $75. Register at mmyers@global.edu or 703-212-7410 ext. 1136.

**SATURDAY/OCT. 19**

**Senior Law Day 013.** 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Learn from law enforcement, legal and financial experts about the diverse frauds, scams, identity theft, financial abuse and other schemes targeting seniors in the Washington Metropolitan area. Free. To register visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

**Craft Sale.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. More than 30 entries, silent auction, bake sale, lunch and door prizes will be featured. Free admission. This is the main fundraiser for the center. 703-324-4600 TTY 711.

**Old and Rare Book Appraisals.** Noon-2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Allan Stypeck, noted antiquarian book expert, will be available to appraise books. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

**Country Market.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alexandria Country Day School, 2490 Russell Road. Enjoy a day of games, food, and fun for all ages at ACDS’s annual Country Market. This year's event features a performance by The Great Zucchini at 11 a.m. Country Market is open to the public and although admission is free, most games and performances require the purchase of carnival tickets. Call 703-837-3308 or visit www.acdsnet.org for more information.

**City Council Public Hearing.** 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Lecture and Demonstration. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Bernard Means will talk “Fire Up the Lasers! Creating 3D Avatars of Archaeological Objects.” Free, but reservations required, archaeology@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4199.

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Walk for a Paws
Join the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on Sunday, Oct. 20 at Market Square for the second annual Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals. The walk raises critical funds to support AWLA programs and is the only walk to benefit the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Walkers are encouraged to bring their canine friends. Please leave out small, small mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians at home but just join the walk and represent your companion animals. Adult registration is $25 and includes an event t-shirt and bandana. Youth registration (ages 6-16) is $10 and includes a 1-shirt. Children 5 and under are free. Prizes will be awarded to the top team and individual (adult and youth) fundraisers. Online registration closes Oct. 18 at noon. Day-of-registration is $40 for an adult and $15 for a youth and will be available the morning of the walk, starting at 8 am at www.alexandriawild.org.

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THURSDAY/ OCT. 17
Annual Fashion Show and Vernacular Show at Fort Belvoir Officers Club. Fashion for women of all shapes will be provided by Bloomingdale’s. Proceeds will be donated to Yard Haven Garden Club to local chambers and organizations. For tickets contact Terra at terramonkey@verizon.net.

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Duncan Lanum, 4701 Seminary Road. Browse books for all ages and genres. 703-746-1700.

Little Ones. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-7 can come dressed in their favorite spirit/pajamas and listen to stories. 703-746-1704.

Knit Night, 7 p.m. at Bealtary Library, 5005 Duke St. Students in grade 4-12 can learn to knit and complete projects under the guidance of experienced knitters. 703-746-

Poems and Stories of Edgar Allan Poe. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Acclaimed Guinoline Theatre will read some stories and poems. $16/person. 703-746-4554.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vanessa Carlton performs. $29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Loyd House, 220 N. Washington St. “Death & Dying During the Civil War” lecture. Free. 703-746-4554.

Fundraiser. 7-8:30 p.m. at Artfully Chocolate Old Town, 506 John Carlyle St. A portion of all book sales of “Ruby and Baby an Unlikely Friendship” will be donated to the Ambrose Trust for Elephants. 703-575-8666.

FRIDAY/ OCT. 18
Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at www.CONNECTIONNewspapers.com

ENTERTAINMENT
Get Crafty
Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides time to work on a project in progress or start a new one. It is also an opportunity to get to know other creative individuals. The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space. Each four-hour session is $8 for Del Ray Artisans members and $10 for non-members. Space is limited. Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft. Contact Lisa at lrossettma@yahoo.com.

Crafter Night Social is 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 22, at Del Ray Artisans gallery at theNicholas A. Golasano Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.
Visit your favorite Alexandria restaurants to help raise awareness and funds for the Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.

Thank you to those participating restaurants for their support by donating a portion of their October 21st proceeds to the event.

Dine Out for The Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

Monday, October 21, 2013

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Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut

Rosa DeLauro is a leader in Congress on issues affecting women, families and children, serving as the top Democrat on the influential Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

The conference will include workshops on major issues impacting women and information tables representing local and national non-profit organizations.

*Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; event will start at 10:00 a.m. to prevent a conflict with the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk.

For more information and to register, visit moran.house.gov or call 703-971-4700.
THURSDAY/OCT. 24

**Mother Goose Story Time**, 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2301 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 2-4 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Story Time**, 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required. 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time**, 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2301 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Little One-Ders**, 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required. 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Friends of Burke Library Book Sale**, 1-15 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Browse books, CDs and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar**, 10 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-746-1703.

**World Short Story Discussion**, 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

**Pajama Party**, 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children age 3-7 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

**concert**, 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

**Pumpkin Time**

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill’s 20th annual pumpkin sale runs Oct. 6-31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. This non-profit fundraiser benefits many of Alexandria’s charities, such as ALIVE, Carpenter’s Shelter, Community Lodgings, and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. Costs include the Heifer Project and the Haiti Micah Project. Autumn crafts and cookies, brownies, cake, candy, hearty soups, gourds, mini pumpkins, apple crisps, Indian corn and more will be available. Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is located at 3606 Seminary Road, (corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane).

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

**Family Day**, At Alexandria Archaeology 105 N. Union Street Learn and assist City archaeologists as they examine soil and artifacts gathered from a real dig. The day begins with a lesson on the history and archaeology of Shuter’s Hill and continues with a tour and an opportunity to sift through excavated soil in search of artifacts. $5 children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology.

**Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church - Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Road. Free. Visit www.sharonchapel.org for more. Le Tour D’Alexandria Library, 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Enjoy a leisurely 12-mile loop that visits all of Alexandria’s libraries. Registration required. 703-746-1702.

**Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise**, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 0 Cameron St. Cruise around the Potomac River with your costumed canine companion. $15/adult; $9/child; dogs are free. Visit www.potomacmarinabeatco.com or 703-684-0580.

**Friends of Burke Library Book Sale**, 10:15 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Browse books, CDs and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Alexandria NOWA Band will perform “Spooktacular Sounds in the Haunted Hall.” A Halloween Concert. Attendees can come in costume and receive special prizes. Everyone who attends will receive a goodie bag. Free. Visit www.nvc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

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**Ghosts and Folklore of Alexandria**, 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear stories of Alexandria’s haunted past. A dessert reception and short ghost walk will follow. $10/person. Visit www.nva.org or 703-548-0035.

**Music Performance**, 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. cannons and cornmutes are available. Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is located at 3606 Seminary Road, (corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane).
‘Visionaries In Our Midst’
Vice mayor’s book-signing attracts a crowd.

Alexandria Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg drew a crowd to the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Potomac Yard Oct. 6 for a reading and book signing of her book “Visionaries In Our Midst: Ordinary People Who Are Changing Our World,” a compilation of profiles of individuals who are making a difference in our country.

“This is a wonderful book,” said former Mayor and state Sen. Patsy Ticer, who introduced Silberberg to the crowd. “Allison did a remarkable job of researching the situations these people found themselves in and really brought them to life. It inspired me and will inspire you.”

“Visionaries In Our Midst” focuses on public unsung heroes who are committed to social change. When it was first released, the book was #1 on Amazon’s list of Hot New Releases in Philanthropy and Charity for over two weeks and remained in the top 10 of that list for five months. ForeWord Magazine Reviews named Visionaries In Our Midst a finalist for its Book of the Year Award for 2009.

“I still have the stack of rejections that came before this book was published,” Silberberg told the crowd. “But I was passionate about getting the word out about these inspiring individuals and never gave up.”

Silberberg read passages from the profiles in her book and stressed the timeless themes of gratitude and making a difference, no matter who you are.

“To me, this book is about gratitude,” Silberberg said. “It’s about appreciating what we have.”

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By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

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Extraordinary

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WHEN ASKED about criticism of the campaign, ACVA leaders said they received positive feedback when they unveiled the campaign at the Old Town Theater last month. Tickets to the brand launch cost $35 for those who were not association members and $25 for members. Association leaders say those in attendance loved the video and the campaign.

“If you were at our event, which was sold out, when people first saw the video there was an overwhelmingly positive response to the video,” said Washington, “and what it evoked in terms of the feeling that people get by being here and the very special sense of place.”

The $1.6 million “extraordinary” campaign is built on the theory that every $1 in advertising yields $4 in revenue for the city. That means that association leaders are expecting the additional $200,000 that was appropriated for the campaign earlier this year will create about $500,000 in revenue, although association leaders acknowledge it’s difficult to pin down exactly how much spending is a direct result of the advertising campaign. As for the theme, that may continue to be a matter of extraordinary debate.

“Obviously there’s been a big push for us to be the tourist side of the Potomac, meaning come in and shop and dine and leave as quickly as you can,” said Hertel. “I don’t think that’s in character with what we are.”

City Receives Go Green Award

The City of Alexandria was recognized by the Virginia Municipal League with platinum-level certification for being a green and sustainable government on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The Go Green Government Challenge encourages local governments to implement specific environmental policies and practices.

The city was given maximum innovation points for its efforts in permanently closing the local coal-fired power plant, achieving the highest-ever solid waste recycling rate of 48.4 percent, establishing a Capital Bikeshare program in Alexandria and installing eight stations in Old Town, purchasing new hybrid DASH buses and trolleys, installing a 42-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system at Beatley Central Library, and retrofitting traffic lights with LED technology.
As Development Plan Is Implemented, a Mix of Reactions

CONCERNS ABOUT the Carr proposal run wide and deep. Chief among them is the size and scale of the building. Last month, members of the Old Town Board of Architectural Review criticized the project as too large. This month, Carr took its plans directly to neighbors in Old Town. But after a presentation about the proposal at the Lyceum last week, city leaders and architectural students gathered to hear a presentation from the Board of Architectural Review.

“You can put all the lipstick on a pig you want but it’s still a pig,” said Don Santarelli, who has lived in Old Town for 40 years. “If this is permitted to be of that size, then the whole waterfront will look like giant boxes.”

Some opponents of the plan believe that Carr might be able to bypass concerns of the Old Town Board of Architectural Review by taking their case directly to City Council. If the board rejects the proposal, Carr could appeal the decision and take their case to council members. Considering most of the council members strongly support the waterfront plan, the developer’s proposal to inaugurate redevelopment along the waterfront might be able to move forward despite opposition from the Board of Architectural Review.

“We need to thank these developers for wanting to be part of this city,” said Realtor Cindy Golubin.

ON THE OTHER side of Old Town this week, city leaders and architectural students gathered to hear a presentation from landscape architect Olin. His designs include everything from Bryant Park and Columbus Circle in Manhattan to the J. Paul Getty Center in Los Angeles. On Tuesday, he arrived in Alexandria and toured the waterfront with Planning Director Faroli Hamer to start thinking about the public spaces along the waterfront that are part of the controversial small-area plan.

“You are going to be the deciders,” Olin told the group.
Family, Friends Mourn Former City Councilwoman’s Death

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heart of the City.”

Born Lois Larsen on Dec. 30, 1939 in Ogden, Utah, Walker and her four siblings moved often because of their father’s work that included two stints in Okinawa, Japan.

“We lived all over the world,” said Carol Bringham, Walker’s older sister. “Lois was always a very happy person but she really found her passion when she came to Alexandria.”

The last family move would be to Arlington, where Walker graduated from Washington and Lee High School before attending Valparaiso College and George Washington University. She married real estate investor John Walker in January of 1964 and settled in Alexandria in 1968 to raise a family.

“Lois loved Alexandria,” Bringham said. “This city was very important to her and it was important for her to give back to the community.”

Walker worked on several political campaigns, including Marian Van Ladingham’s first election to the Virginia House of Delegates, before embarking on her own political career.

“Lois always thought she could be of service to Alexandria,” Bringham said. “But it took a number of years before she decided she could give more to the community by running for public office herself.”

Walker served from 1994 to 2000 on City Council, representing Alexandria on numerous regional transportation bodies, including the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Transportation Planning Board.

“During her two terms on City Council, Lois was the transportation expert,” Lawson said. “She advocated for an effective multimodal transportation system and for regional and state coordination. She served on and chaired several key regional and state transportation and urban planning commissions. But she also took great pride in her family, and was a loving and supportive mother to Donna and Boyd, and a proud grandmother to Boyd’s daughter Ali and Donna’s sons Tobin and Tyler.”

Widowed in 2000, Walker took over as president of Walker Real Estate and was an active member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She was a recipient of the Marian Van Ladingham Legislation and Public Policy Award from the Alexandria Commission on Women, served as chair of the Alexandria United Way campaign and was a founding president of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

In addition to Bringham, Walker is survived by her son Boyd, of Alexandria and daughter Donna Walker James (Tobin) of Falls Church. Other survivors include brothers Joel Larsen (Judy) of Vermont, and Gary Larsen (Sharon) of Connecticut. She was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Larsen Turner, also of Alexandria. Grandchildren include Ali Walker, 16, and Tobin Jr., 17, and Tyler, 14, James.

“We have been stopped on the street by complete strangers to express their sympathy,” Bringham said. “Lois knew everybody, from people that needed help to those that were important in the city. She really was a very special person. It’s unbelievable that she is gone.”

Cards and flowers may be sent in care of Carol Bringham, with a notation to 1115 Cameron St., #104, Alexandria, Va. 22314. A memorial service is planned for Oct. 26 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

“Lois touched a lot of lives and leaves a great legacy of commitment and dedication,” said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg.

“But we didn’t have time to say thank you. We didn’t have time to say goodbye. Hopefully she knew how much she meant to us.”

— Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg

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Choosing a Private School

By Marilyn Campbell

When Soltes sits in an Arlington coffee shop recently pouring through catalogs and application packets from some of the area’s most elite independent schools. Her stack of brochures was almost as high as her extra-large latte. “There are so many options,” said Soltes, who is a mother of twins. “And the application fees are outrageously expensive. I can’t apply to all of them.”

As the independent school application process gets underway, many parents are struggling to find the best fit for their child. Author and education consultant Ann Dolin, president of Educational Connections Inc., in Fairfax, and Bethesda, Md., says when choosing a school, key factors to consider include the school’s location, single-sex versus co-ed, the level of academic rigor, methods of instruction, athletics and a child’s chance of acceptance. Dolin recommends school visits, tours and open houses as a way to start narrowing down your choices. “You’ll want to consider certain factors,” said Dolan. “Is the school close by or logistically feasible? Are you looking for all-out rigor and accelerated academics or would your child benefit more from a balanced, less intensive approach? Are sports important to your child? If so, this factor may make a school more or less attractive. Is the school known to be highly competitive, meaning that only a small percentage of students gain acceptance each year? If the school looking for very high test scores and top grades? These are the schools that might be hard to get into. Be sure your list contains some of these ‘reach’ schools, but also others that may provide a better chance of acceptance.”

LOCAL ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS agree that attending open houses and scheduling school visits are effective ways to start the application process. “An admission open house is a great venue to get an overview of a school’s environment, sense of community, and the approach to teaching and learning,” said Julie Jameson, director of admission at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. “Opportunities to get to know the school are offered through tours, speaking with current students and parents, meeting faculty and administrators, and learning more about curricular, activities and student life.”

Charlotte Nelsen, director of admission and financial aid for The Potomac School in McLean, suggests visiting a school during the day when classes are in session. “Visiting campus gives families a chance to see classes in action, sense the level of student engagement and picture their child at the school,” she said. “Observing classes and teacher-student interactions will give families a feel for the culture of the school,” said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment at Norwood School in Bethesda. “How is the learning environment set up? How do teacher and students interact? Are students working independently or collaboratively? Are they happy and engaged? Do the walls and the sounds in the hallway sing to you?”

Julie Lewis, director of admissions and financial aid at Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, said, “Being in the hallways and seeing how students and teachers interact with one another gives a prospective family a feel for the school and its culture that cannot be found on a website.”

Richard S. Moss, director of admissions at The Height School in Potomac, Md., says that an open house offers families an opportunity to look into the “heart and soul of a school” and to get a sense of a school’s true environment. “On a superficial level, a good school ought to present an organized and welcoming open house, but a discerning parent and student will look beyond the external trappings to discern what values and principles an institution holds dear and how it implements those principles,” said Moss. “If the principles line up with those of family, and the school does a good job of implementing them, it could be a good fit.”

Open houses, said Mulligan, offer a different experience than a school tour. “[They] are wonderful opportunities to really delve into curriculum discussions with faculty,” she said. “Because open houses typically happen during non-school hours, teachers and administrators are available for conversation. Current students and parents are also usually in attendance, so if hearing about the school experience from that perspective is important to you, then an open house would be a worthwhile activity.” Mulligan said she believes it’s important to experience a school in more than one setting. It “allows for a deeper understanding of how a school’s mission comes alive.”

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid for The Madeira School, in McLean, also suggests that prospective families visit frequently and spend time on campus outside of scheduled tours and open houses. “Come often,” she said. “We all have sporting events, announced on our website. You should stop by a game sometime. School plays and concerts are my favorite way to learn about a school. These events often have large numbers of parents and students from the school, and it is a wonderful way to get the culture of the school in one place.”

DURING THE VISIT or open house, parents and prospective students should consider the school’s environment and ask themselves several questions, said Katherine Carbo, director of Lower School admission at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria: “How comfortable do I feel in this environment? Do the faculty appear passionate and enthusiastic about teaching? Are the students focused and engaged? What is the overall philosophy of the school? Is the approach traditional or progressive?”

Classroom size and structure are other factors to note. “Keep your eyes peeled for the number of students in the classroom,” said Dolin and try to get a feel for their daily schedule,” she said. “Could you imagine your child working and playing with the students and teachers you see? Visiting a school provides parents with one snapshot of the community. Learning more about that community takes time.”

Carbo also suggests visiting several schools. “Most of the information you collect through reading and conversations will be reliable,” she said. “But the right match for your child may be vastly different than your neighbor’s child or coworker’s child. This is why touring different schools is important.”

Start now by calling or emailing a school’s admission office to request a tour, said Carbo. “When should you get started?” she asks. “That really depends on what program and principles an institution holds dear and external trappings to discern what values and principles an institution holds dear and how it implements those principles,” said Moss. “If the principles line up with those of family, and the school does a good job of implementing them, it could be a good fit.”

Local literature experts recommend their favorite Halloween books for children.

Local educators offer advice on selecting the right independent school for your child.

Reading About Halloween

By Marilyn Campbell

ark Burch, who lives in Oak Hill, recently browse through the children’s Halloween book section at a library near his Washington, D.C., office. He had his three children in tow and an armload of books with covers that included carved pumpkins, willowy ghosts and witches in black hats.

“We’ve got about 15 books,” he said. “I think the limit of books you can check out is 50 and we might reach it.”

Children’s literary experts say the month of October is a perfect time for children to explore their imagination, address their fears and have fun reading with their parents. In addition to traditional Halloween favorites, local bookstores say this season brings forth new offerings in children’s Halloween literature.


Ellen Klein, co-owner of Hurray for Books!, in Old Town Alexandria, said that children between the ages of 3 and 6 might enjoy “Click Clack Moo: A Tricky Treat” by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, the same authors of the popular children’s book “Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type.”

Klein said children under the age of 3 would enjoy “Maisy’s Trick-or-Treat” by Lucy Cousins, a sticker book as well as a storybook that introduces Halloween to young children. “It has a Halloween theme and is more of a story that is fun and funny, but not scary,” she said. “It has an activity and introduces young children to what the holiday is.”

Children who are old enough to read or appreciate chapter books could enjoy “Desmond Pucket Makes Monster Magic” by Mark Tatulli. “It is a fun book,” says Klein.

Local literature experts recommend their favorite Halloween books for children.
Local artists say one of the best things about the month of October is the opportunity to find inspiration in nature and create spooky crafts that stretch from now through Halloween and beyond.

Samantha Marques-Mordkofsky, of the Arlington Art Center, suggests finding inspiration in nature, such as the abundance of falling leaves in vibrant colors like red, orange and yellow.

“We’re collecting leaves and other natural materials. You can take paper plates [and] decorate them with leaves and feathers, which is a cheap and easy thing to make,” she said.

Kathryn Horn Coneway, of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon, believes in getting out into nature while temperatures are still mild. “Fall is a great time for taking art outside,” she said. “Let kids paint outside. If you use washable paint, it doesn’t take a lot of parental supervision.”

Marques-Mordkofsky is running a class now where students are learning about trees native to Virginia. “Students are doing leaf rubbing,” she said. “Basically you get a sheet of paper and crayon and put the paper over the leaf and rub it with a crayon and you get a relief image of the leaf. The students are learning about native trees in Virginia and compiling all of their projects into a book.”

One of Coneway’s favorite activities is painting pumpkins. “It’s a great early fall activity for young children. Pumpkins have round surfaces that are fun to paint on,” she said. “With washable paints, paint it now and the same pumpkin can be carved later in time for Halloween.”

Anne Ross, a visual arts teacher at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, teaches elementary school students to make “spooky houses” using basic craft materials.

“Pumpkins have round surfaces that are fun to paint on. With washable paints, paint it now and the same pumpkin can be carved later in time for Halloween.” — Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon.
People

Starry, Starry Night

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

The Old Town Business and Professional Association and King Street Gardens Park Foundation hosted the 11th annual Jazz Supper Under the Stars Sept. 27, where U.S. Sen. Mark Warner stopped by to visit with friends and enjoy the music of saxophonist Al Williams.

“It’s great to be home in Alexandria,” said Warner, who praised the business owners who made the park and event a reality. “It’s a job well done for those who worked to create this little oasis in the middle of Alexandria.”

Catering was provided by Hard Times Café with wine by Vermillion and Sangria by Bittersweet. Alexandria’s own Al Williams provided the entertainment with organizer David Martin of Goldworks adding his own jazz clarinet interpretations of “Summertime” and “The Girl from Ipanema.”

As the shutdown of the U.S. government approached, Warner expressed his appreciation for his hometown neighbors. “There are times when my job can be a bit frustrating,” Warner said. “Hopefully, this too shall pass, but tonight provides the opportunity to enjoy this urban respite during these challenging times.”

Alexis Colton, 9, captures a selfie photo with U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and her grandfather David Colton at the Jazz Supper Under the Stars Sept. 27 at King Street Gardens.

People Notes

Rebuilding Together Alexandria Executive Director Katharine Dixon has been elected as chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City of Alexandria. The committee oversees the administration of the housing trust fund and makes recommendations to city council regarding affordable housing policy and goals.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria has named Doug Kloth as director of programs. He will oversee project management and development of new services to serve more in-need residents.

5th Anniversary

Dr. Dora Adamopoulos and her staff welcomed friends and clients to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Eye2Eye Optometry Center in Del Ray. From left are Mellanie So, Elizabeth Crull, Meagan Paul, Granville Price and Dr. Dora Adamopoulos.

People Notes

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

Licensed Professional Counselor Dr. Carrie Barone has joined Peak Neurofitness, LLC, as a neurotherapist. Peak Neurofitness is a neurofeedback center, providing brain fitness training and counseling at offices in Arlington and Burke. Barone comes to Peak Neurofitness from The Georgetown Family Center, where she has been a family therapist and clinical associate since 2007.

Barone received her Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in 1999 and her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland in 1996.

In January 2013, Barone completed her PhD in Counselor Education at The George Washington University, where she studied family systems theory and did research on successful adaptation throughout a person’s lifespan, especially successful late life adaptation.

She is interested in alternative treatment for mental conditions without labeling and without using heavy medication and inpatient services. Barone and her fiancé live in Alexandria.
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able units as part of newly constructed communities. In the end, the
various initiatives this strategy will replace three existing affordable
housing units with one affordable unit while redeveloping a community and sig-
nificantly increasing its density. The end result creates a complex that does not
please those who wish Alexandria to retain its current character that of a small city
devoted to its diversity.

The days of federal housing assistance are over. These days it seems the only thing
Democrats and Republicans agree on in the Congress is that federal housing assistance
can be cut. As a country, we’ve cut the fat out of the housing budget, cut the muscle
out of the housing budget and are now cutting the marrow out of the bones of the
housing budget.

Virginia, unlike many states, has never provided significant affordable housing funding. It’s up to Alexandria to look out for Alexandrians, and it is not cheap to pro-
vide affordable housing funding.

Nevertheless, Arlington has found a way to do so. It targets adding 400 committed affordable units each year. In 2012, it actu-
ally added 293 committed affordable units. Preserving existing affordable housing
requires significant local funding. This means that Alexandria must provide at least
one cent of its property taxes to fund a local program. Arlington provides the equiva-
 lent of six cents of its property taxes for af-
fordable housing. Alexandria can do more.

Alexandria should provide locally funded rental subsidies administered by the Alex-
andria Redevelopment and Housing Author-
ity to protect Alexandrians from being dis-
placed from existing market affordable housing due to rent increases. Arlington has
had such a program for more than a de-
cade. It provided locally funded rental as-
tance to 1,087 households in FY 2012. The other central city in the region, Wash-
ington D.C. also has a locally funded rental assistance program.

Alexandria provides no such assistance. Alexandria can prevent tenant displacement in its diminishing supply of market afford-
able housing by creating this program. This would not be an entitlement. Each budget
year, the amount of funds going to the pro-
gram would be determined, with funds committed to families on a first come, first
served basis. Alexandria could even target which neighborhood, even which apartment complex(es) it wants to serve.

Alexandria should extend Resolution 830 to include the roughly 2,000 units of pri-
vately owned federally subsidized apart-
ments in the city. Resolution 830 commits Alexandria to replacing existing low rent
public housing with housing that is afford-
able to people who occupy that housing if and when existing low rent public housing is
redeveloped. It has been used numerous times, most recently with the redevelop-
ment of the public housing that used to line N. Alfred Street and its replacement by Old
Town Commons.

Eight hundred seventy-one of these 2,000 units of privately owned federally subsi-
dized apartments in the city are under risk of loss between now and June 30, 2015. These are HUD mortgage insured proper-
ties that were originally developed using Sections 221d3, 216 and 8 Rehabilitation. (There are another 550 of such units that
are committed affordable units and thus have already been preserved.)

Alexandria needs to make a commitment to preserve these rental units. They’ve been
part of the fabric of Alexandria for 40 years or more and serve households that couldn’t
find comparable housing elsewhere in the city.

Alexandria can do it. Some may say that Alexandria cannot afford to fund these ini-
tiatives. There are sewers to be replaced, schools to build. Alexandria used to be a
city that was 75 percent renter occupied. That city might not have been able to af-
ford to do so. Alexandria was a city in 2000 that provided its homes to 8,000 more mod-
est income households than it does now. That city might not have been able to af-
ford to do so. In 2013 Alexandria can af-
ford to fund these initiatives. It simply needs to choose to do so.

Herb Cooper-Levy
Alexandria

So, No One's Property Is Safe?

To the Editor:

Isn’t it coincidental that right after the Washington Post announced the sale of the
Robinson Terminals, and Carr announced its plans to go ahead with a 120-room ho-
tel on the waterfront, the mayor announced that the council is scheduling a public hear-
ing on Nov. 19 to determine whether the city will resort to the use of eminent do-
mains on the Old Dominion Boat Club’s (ODBC) parking lot. These three develop-
ments are some of the biggest benefactors of the city.

A new eminent domain law was passed as a Virginia constitutional amendment by
75 percent of the voters last year and makes it much harder to take one’s property. One
of the keys to this new law is if one can prove the loss of profits or loss of access
to the property is at stake once again. Where is the fairness in all this?

Over the years, many citizens have criti-
cized the ODBC’s chain link fence and the fact that their parking lot should not be
located on the water. Well, the fence was erected by the city during then Mayor
Beatley’s tenure and for years the club has attempted on a number of occasions to tear
t down and replace it with a good looking fence. On each attempt the city told the club
that since they didn’t own the land the application could not be approved. Since the
Fed’s awarding of the property the club can now beautify the lot, and they intend to
do so. The fact that ODBC’s parking lot is on the water is immaterial as every park
owned by the National Park Service on the Potomac has a parking lot on the water.

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Crisis Intervention Team Graduates

Sixteen public safety employees are the most recent graduates of the Crisis Intervention Team training academ y. Members of the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff’s Office, Alexandria Fire
Department, Department of Emergency Communications, and Probation and Parole were recognized at a
graduation ceremony on Friday, Sept. 20, at police headquarters. Police Chief Earl Cook, Chief Deputy
Clarke Stearns and Liz Wixson, director of Clinical and Emergency Services for the Department of Commu-
nity and Human Services, hosted the event and congratulated Police Officers Mark Alesi, Amanda
Deputia, Danny Webb and Jordan Young, and Roy Bliss, Tonia Copeland and Cathy Gary of the Police
Department; Sheriff’s Deputies Keith Crane and Marybeth Plaskus, and Dwayne Kennedy and Lenora
Murphy of the Sheriff’s Office; Ericka Flourney of the Department of Emergency Communications; Zubin
Byramjee and James Bewley of Probation/Parole; and Jason Cage and Amy Stephens of the Alexandria
Fire Department. The Crisis Intervention Team was developed to help improve staff interactions and
outcomes with persons with mental illness and substance use disorders. Alexandria’s program includes

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Undergrounding Power Lines

To the Editor:

We all have our favorite television, computer, smart phone or tablet, but they all have one thing in common; they need to be recharged regularly and that is not possible without reliable electric service. Without reliable electric service, we lose access to our favorite handheld devices, and more importantly we lose heating and cooling, refrigeration, and many of the other necessities and comforts of modern life.

For most of us, this is an inconvenience and an irritation but nothing more serious. For small businesses, loss of electric service can mean loss of their income. For vulnerable seniors and disabled people, loss of power can mean loss of the medical technology they rely to maintain their health and well-being.

Given the number of widespread outages in our communities in recent years and some areas that experience loss of electric service during a widespread storm, I’ve been thinking a lot about how we could improve the reliability of our electric system. Here in Alexandria, Arlington and along the Potomac in Fairfax, we are blessed with an impressive urban tree canopy. It is a natural resource that we rightly treasure, except during a major storm when tree limbs and power lines meet and power outages result. For decades, we’ve accepted this as a normal part of life, and periodic discussions of undergrounding have been, if you pardon the pun, short-lived.

In my book not very savory Charlie McAuliffe, basically a spooky, basically a worker for Mécanique, whoawned the mayor’s promise never to underground. He can be contacted at krm@cnn.com.

I would love your input as we work on this. What are your priorities? Should we pursue more use of undergrounding certain distribution lines where it makes economic sense to do so? Would this be worth paying a little more for improved service reliability?

Please tell me what you think.

Rob Krupicka State Delegate (D-43)
He can be contacted at DelRKrupicka@house.virginia.gov or 571-357-4762.

Politically Spooky

To the Editor:

October is later this month and lots of scary things are in the wind. As a grandmother I delight in seeing my grandchildren “think spooky.” But, I don’t like to “think spooky” when I think of Virginia’s government. As many readers will like to think of no one such as McAuliffe, basically a hustler for dubious causes and in my book not so savory character, would be Virginia’s next governor. That is a spooky thought. He makes lots of promises about creating jobs and then burdening us with environmental regulations. He talks about governing wisely but hasn’t shown that he knows how Virginia’s legislative process works. That is spooky. No fears like that with Ken Cuccinelli. He knows Virginia and how our government works. He’s a worker for grandmothers like me.

Linda Greenberg Alexandria
T.C. Williams running back Malik Carney rushed for 220 yards and two touchdowns against South County on Oct. 12.

‘Undisciplined’ South County Holds on to Beat TC

Stallions improve to 5-1, Titans fall to 4-2.

By Jon Roetman
Gazette Packet

At the conclusion of Saturday’s game at T.C. Williams High School, South County overcame penalties, turnovers and big plays by the Titans to beat T.C. Williams, 44-37. Running back LeVaughn Davis’ 22-yard touchdown run gave South County a two-score lead with less than five minutes remaining and the Stallions held off a late TC rally. Trailing by seven points, the Titans drove to the South County 31 with six seconds remaining, but quarterback Darius Holland’s pass into the end zone fell incomplete. South County was flagged for numerous penalties, committed two turnovers and allowed three TC touchdown runs of at least 51 yards. Despite their struggles, the Stallions improved to 5-1 with key players Robert Avery (RB/DB), Ed Kargbo (LB) and Campbell Buhrow (RB/LB) set to return within the next few weeks.

“I guess if there’s a silver lining, it’s we’re winning without several of our very good kids and they’re close to coming back,” Pannoni said. “... We’re finding a way to win, but that wasn’t good enough. That was bad. That was a bad performance, I thought.”

After a 15-yard South County penalty in the second quarter, Pannoni called timeout, walked onto the field and chewed out the Stallions offense in the huddle. On the following play, quarterback David Symmes connected with Kevin Quigley for a 32-yard touchdown, giving South County a 21-0 lead with 10:16 remaining in the first half. The Stallions led 28-16 at halftime and 36-23 early in the fourth quarter.

“That’s not the style of play we want to represent,” Symmes said. “We want to be able to dominate mentally and physically. I’d rather win by 21 than seven points and have it down to the last [six] seconds (with TC) chucking it up into the end zone.”

Did Pannoni’s on-field pep-talk help? “He definitely has a great presence and we listen to him,” Symmes said, “especially when he’s screaming at us.”

Symmes completed 6 of 12 passes for 73 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also carried nine times for 35 yards.

Davis carried 35 times for 147 yards and two touchdowns. James Simon rushed for 82 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries and sophomore fullback Thomas Wheeler scored on a 1-yard run.

South County is averaging 49.5 points per game.

T.C. Williams dropped to 4-2, but showed resiliency in defeat. Trailing 21-0 early in the second quarter, the Titans faced third-and-11 at their own 12-yard line, having gained just seven yards to that point. Running back Malik Carney took a handoff and gave the Titans a spark with an 88-yard touchdown run.

Trailing by 13 points early in the fourth quarter, Carney received another third-down carry and raced 85 yards into the end zone, cutting the South County lead to 36-30 with 10:05 remaining.

Carney, who is committed to UNC as a varsity starter, went 1-for-14 in the first half and misfired on 19 of his 21 attemps.

“It’s his first season as a varsity player and there’s no substitute for experience,” Randolph said. “Hopefully he gained some valuable experience tonight.”

Holland made a play with his legs in the third quarter, when his 51-yard touchdown run cut the South County lead to 28-23. “I made a move and got [in the] open,” Holland said. “[I] saw the light and I was out.”

Malique Booth rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown for the Titans. Rattanaphone had an interception.

South County will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. “We shot ourselves in the foot with penalties,” Pannoni said. “Whether it was a holding, whether it was a personal foul, if you want to keep playing in December, that’s the kind of stuff you can’t do.”

T.C. Williams will travel to face Lee.

“We had some execution problems, but overall, you can come out of this game saying we aren’t willing to lay down,” TC line-man and UNC commit Jeremiah Clarke said. “We fixed our problems from [the loss to] Centreville [and we’re] ready to fight back at the end of games and come back — stuff that’s going to help us later on in the playoffs.”

The T.C. Williams football program is looking to end a 22-year playoff drought.

School Notes -

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James Madison University’s nationally recognized marching band, the Marching Royal Dukes, begin their season with 485 members, the largest in their history. The following students are members of the 2013 Marching Royal Dukes: Lindsey Roggess, Colin Boyd, Joseph Figliola, Armin Haracic, Katharine Hardy, Max Kosanovich, Peter Kosanovich, Marcia McCants, Zipporah Lee Norton, Kristine Sweezy, Chris Tadie, and Sarah-Marie Wood.

Adrianna Watson from was selected to perform in Randolph College’s production of “Our Town” in October. Watson was cast as Emily Webb, one of the play’s central charac- ters. Watson is a member of the class of 2017 at Randolph College.
Sports

City Volleyball Champions

The T.C. Williams Lady Titans won the Alexandria City Volleyball Championship on Friday, Oct. 4, by defeating Bishop Ireton in the finals. Teams from St. Stephens/St. Agnes and Episcopal High School also participated in the two-day tournament. The winning TC team, from left, includes, front row, Head Coach Michael Burch, Audrey Dervarics, Amara Edwards Coulibaly, Olivia Devereux, MeKayla Robinson, Areana Goodrum and Assistant Coach Melanie Bradshaw.

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faculty evaluation program, refocusing the school’s boarding program, and coordinating student and faculty needs during a renovation of the Upper School’s academic building. She also oversaw the 100-student Residence Department. Before joining Hockaday, Adams served as science department chair and science teacher at National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., where she taught AP biology, chemistry, and environmental science, as well as fourth grade science. She is a former AP biology test grader and instructor of AP biology teachers. While at NCS, she co-chaired the school’s accreditation self-study and coached field hockey and lacrosse.

Adams has taught students in grades four through twelve and served as a Teaching Fellow at Yale University. She received her bachelor of arts degree cum laude in environmental and evolutionary biology from Dartmouth College, where she was a Presidential Scholar and was awarded Richter Research and Mellon Foundation grants. She received a master’s degree in environmental studies from Yale University, where she was the recipient of the Alan Mann endowed scholarship.
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Our sympathy goes out to her husband Dave, her daughter Erin, son-in-law Paul, and grandchildren Robert, David and Margaret. Carol will be truly missed by all who know and love her.