Remembering Veterans At Ivy Hill

The leaves on the trees held their peak color as dozens of scouts and volunteers placed flags on the gravesites of the nearly 650 veterans buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2.

Lucy Burke Goddin and members of the board of the Ivy Hill Historical Preservation Society created lists of the grave markers by section. After marking the graves, the volunteers returned to the lower drive in the cemetery for lunch prepared by the Ivy Hill staff. At the cemetery entrance off King Street, carriage rides through the cemetery were available to visitors.

Taylor Burke is joined by his nieces Jean and Minnie, as they return from decorating the graves of veterans buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Den leader Peter Toman directs his scouts to the next site on their list as flags are placed in remembrance of Veteran’s Day.

Democrats Score Narrow Victory

Division in Republican Party cited in loss.

By Michael Lee Pope

When Jim Dillard first ran to represent Fairfax County in the House of Delegates in 1965, the Republican Party of Virginia was a different animal. Recalling that race on Election Night 2013, Dillard said that was a time when the party welcomed diversity between moderates and conservatives. He lost that first race, but went on to serve in the House of Delegates for more than 30 years. This year, though, he worked for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe in a fierce race for governor against Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

“The party has gone so far to the right, and they are trying to shove all these social issues down everybody’s throat,” said Dillard, who represented House District 41. “That’s turned off an awful lot of Republicans who used to vote for me.”

Although polls leading up to Election Day showed McAuliffe with an average lead of six percentage points, the actual vote was much closer. McAuliffe narrowly edged out Cuccinelli 48 percent to 45 percent. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) enjoyed a more comfortable lead against Republican E.W. Jackson, 55 percent to 45 percent. That means Northam will resign his state Senate seat, upsetting the balance between 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The special election for Northam’s seat is expected to become a hotly contested race because the stakes of the outcome could determine...
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Speck Hailed as Leader of the Year
Chamber honors top businesses of 2013.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

H e served in Virginia’s General Assembly and was elected as both a Republican and Democrat to Alexandria’s City Council. But for David Speck, perhaps his best-known legacy is his only half-joking 20-year Idiot Rule: “When making decisions, there is always pressure to do the politically expedient or popular thing. The real test is to ask: Will someone 20 years from now drive by a project or look at a decision and say, ‘Heck, what idiot approved that?”

For his more serious contributions to the business community, Speck, managing director of the Speck Caudron Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, was honored Oct. 23 as the 2013 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year.

“Most of us here tonight share something in common — we have chosen to have a business in this city and for many of us, to live here as well,” Speck said. “So when we come together on a night like this, we are recognizing that business interests and community needs are not competitors. One is not and never should be successful at the sacrifice of the other.”

Held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial and presented by Eagle Bank, the awards ceremony honored businesses in six categories: Association/Nonprofit Business of the Year - The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria; Small Business of the Year - Holy Cow, Del Ray’s Gourmet Burger Joint; Medium Business of the Year - HGA Architects and Engineers; Large Business of the Year - John Marshall Bank; Rising Star Business of the Year - @home real estate; and Overall Business of the Year - Doggywalker.com LLC. In accepting his award, Speck gave special thanks to his business partner of 11 years, Tristan Caudron, but saved his most emotional remarks for his wife Marcia.

“A final word about my other partner, the one who sleeps beside me every night,” Speck said. “Whatever recognition I have received, whatever success I have had, would mean very little if I did not have someone to share it with. Marcia is my best advisor, editor, supporter and best friend and I don’t think I would have accomplished half of what you’ve been told if she wasn’t in my life.”

A nationally recognized financial advisor, Speck concluded his remarks by sharing his philosophy on true wealth.

“Rich is not how much you have or where you are going,” Speck said. “Rich is who you have beside you. When I look around this room — at my friends, my business and political colleagues, and especially at my Marcia, I know one thing for absolute certain. I am a very rich man indeed.”
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Springfield Animal Hospital is excited to announce that Dr. Lisa Hong has joined their team of veterinarians. She pursued a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology at the University of Maryland and graduated from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2006. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and is USDA certified to issue international health certificates for the export of animals from the United States into other countries. She has been practicing veterinary medicine in the Northern Virginia and Maryland area for the past 7 years.

“Dr. Hong has been a wonderful addition to our veterinary team,” states Jason Overman, Medical Director at Springfield Animal Hospital. “She is bringing her unique skill set to our hospital and is already working towards building a lasting relationship with our clients.”

Her professional interests include soft tissue surgery and small animal medicine. When she is not busy caring for her furry, four legged patients, Dr. Hong loves to immerse herself in DIY (do-it-yourself) projects. She has an addiction to Pinterest, which keeps her mind swirling with new ideas for interior design and decor. She enjoys gardening and loves spending time with her own babies: 6 dogs and 2 cats!

The Alexandria Fire Department, assisted by Arlington and Fairfax County fire departments, responded to a high rise apartment building in the 300 block of Yoakum Parkway for a two-alarm apartment fire at 3:11 p.m. on Oct. 31. The initial 9-1-1 call reported a fire alarm sounding in the building. Subsequent calls reported smoke conditions on the 10th floor of the building. First arriving firefighters found a fire in a 10th floor apartment and requested a second alarm to support firefighting activities. Firefighters brought the fire under control shortly after 4 p.m. All residents of the apartment building successfully evacuated the building. There were no reported injuries. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Damage estimates were not made available at this time. Occupants of the apartment where the fire started were displaced and received assistance from the Red Cross.

Two-Alarm Fire Displaces Two Residents

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Fight Like a Girl
Hundreds turn out in Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

More than 900 walkers and runners gathered on Eisenhower Ave. Oct. 26 to raise money for the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer to help provide mammograms to Alexandria women in need. “This is something I am passionate about,” said former City Manager Vola Lawson, who was diagnosed with the disease in 1994 and founded the Walk later that year. “Mammograms save lives. It saved my life.”

The annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer raises funds to provide mammograms and other diagnostic screenings for Alexandria women who are not adequately insured to obtain medical care. “Over 7,000 women have received mammograms because of the Walk,” Lawson said. “Its success is more wonderful than we had hoped.”

Among the Walk participants was Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, who walked with a group of more than 40 friends, family members and colleagues of Deputy Amy Clinton, who died July 17 after a courageous battle with the disease. Clinton’s husband Tavis and their six children also participated in the Walk. “Amy’s loss is still hard on everyone,” said Sheriff’s Department spokeswoman Amy Bertsch. “She was a remarkable woman.”

Major donors included Jack Taylor’s Alexandria Toyota/Scion and the Alexandria Fire Department. The event is jointly sponsored by the City of Alexandria and the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation. “Twenty years ago it was the ‘C’ word,” said breast cancer survivor Lisa Baker, chief officer for the city’s department of Women’s Initiatives. “No one talked about breast cancer. The courage of Vola Lawson changed that.” Lawson’s two sisters were also diagnosed with the disease. Only one is a survivor, something Lawson attributes to early detection. “My life was saved by a mammogram,” Lawson said. “We need to give every woman in this city that same chance.”

For information or to make a donation, contact Sarah Watson at 703-746-3123 or sarah.watson@alexandriava.gov or visit www.alexcancerwalk.com.
Local Attorneys Teach on International Stage

Lessons in American criminal justice.

By Harry M. Covert
Gazette Packet

Five Alexandria attorneys, four of whom cut their legal teeth in the city’s public defender’s office, have become international teachers on American criminal defense.

Following a successful Scotland series last year, the team was featured earlier this month in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

At the invitation of the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad, the attorneys spoke to 300 students and professors, including the nation’s High Court Judge Ronnie Boodoosingh.

Local participants were formerly of the Alexandria Public Defender’s Office: Christopher Leibig, Joni Robin, Megan Thomas and Brad Haywood. Cary Citronberg is a member of the Zwerling, Moseley and Sears firm.

The group detailed such topics as the death penalty in the U.S., electronic surveillance and investigation, Facebook and other social media, GPS and cell-phone hacking.

Other discussions included American jury selection and jury trials and the effects of race, pre-trial publicity and politics. They also taught on the criminal law aspects of the Edward Snowden case (leaking of classified information).

“Foreign public defenders in general and the lack of indigent criminal defense is a huge problem in many countries,” Leibig said.

He is among the team of consultants who make up the International Bridges to Justice (IBJ). This group is devoted to training lawyers in developing countries. We are delighted to be a part of this group.” IBJ was not a part of the Trinidad conference.

Citronberg, who has defended drug possession, assault, theft and other offenses, was asked if American lawyers faced difficulties by criticizing the judicial system.

“I hope not,” he said, citing the American constitution’s first amendment protection of free speech.

Leibig, who served 10 years in the Alexandria public defender’s office, is known for death penalty cases and teaches electronic forensic evidence such as cell phone tracking and social media sites.

He is also a distinguished novelist.

Leibig, who developed the program, lauded Melinda Douglas, the city’s chief public defender, for preparing young lawyers.

“The experience of working for Melinda Douglas tends to create continuing friendships and working relationships long after people leave that office. These annual trips abroad are a function of that as much as anything,” Leibig said.

Last year the team spoke to the Stirling University Law School in Scotland. Next year, similar programs are being planned in Israel, Jamaica or China among others.

Each of the attorneys has represented hundreds of indigent citizens in all varieties of misdemeanor and felony cases.

Public defenders are known for handling heavy case loads; they handle the vast majority of criminal cases in Alexandria.

Giving Thanks

The Senior Citizen Committee of the Alexandria Elks Lodge #48 & Israel Temple #138 hosted its annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2. Senior citizens from around the city were invited to join in the holiday meal.

Master of Ceremonies
Daughter Joycelyn Bogans and Brother C. Alvin Taylor welcome all to the pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Alexandria Elks Lodge #48 on Saturday afternoon.

James and Mary Redfearn-Herring rise for the playing of “America the Beautiful,” recorded by Ray Charles.

Wanda Gardner Ward and Karen T. Chandler start serving up plates of turkey dinner.


Bea Taylor helps arrange the dishes on a tray for Glen Roy Lewis Sr. to serve.
Obituary

Ann Duncan Haffner

Ann Duncan Haffner, 96, formerly of Prince George's County, Md., and Alexandria, died on Oct. 29, 2013 at the Philadelphia home of her daughter.

Born in Jola, Kansas in 1917, she was the daughter of Clifford Morrill Duncan and Margaret Pearl Webb. She grew up in Kansas City, Kansas and Glendale, Calif., where she attended art school before her 1940 marriage to Bernard Kinsey Haffner, a mining engineer. She made homes for a growing family in remote mining towns, in a European capital, and in historic houses in New York, New York, and Virginia. She traveled widely in Europe and Asia during her husband's four-year assignment as a Marshall Plan consultant after World War II.

After her return to the U.S., she established a business in New York City in the fashion industry and designed lingerie and clothing for children. She later kept them there.

Ann was a vital force in the Alexandria Re-Ephraim neighborhood in New York City during a period of rapid culture and economic change. In 1964, she was a vital force in the Alexandria Republican City Committee, and served as the chair of the committee's women's division.

She also served as president of Leadership Action, a nonprofit organization that has been active in Alexandria for several decades. She served as the chair of the committee's women's division.

In 1978, she joined Martha Rountree, co-founder of the campaigns of Republican candidates for local and national races. She served as an alternate delegate to the 1972 Republican Convention in Miami. In 1978, she joined Martha Rountree, co-founder of Meet the Press, at the Leadership Foundation, and served as president of Leadership Action, a nonprofit group that provided support and training to issues related to family values.

Ann was passionate about historic preservation, and served several terms on Alexandria's Board of Architectural Review after becoming alarmed at the effects of development on Alexandria's historic landscape. Her work in preservation was recognized by President Ronald Reagan, who appointed her to the National Museum Services Board in 1982. Her preservation achievement was the restoration of Bevery Farm, a 1795 plantation house in Somerset County, Md. where she spent her last 25 years.

Ann was an artist, and her life was her canvas. She surrounded herself with beauty in both humble and grand homes. She entertained artfully, gathering people together who had in common only that she liked them. When her entertaining days ended, she remained the perennial life of the party; her witty stories attracted young and old to her chair during house tours and parties, but it was her interest in those gathered around her that captured them there.

Ann was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Barney, a son, Julius B. Haffner, and a grandson, Scott A. Renard. She is survived by her son, John D. Haffner of Eden, Md., daughters Julie A. Twinning of Eufaula, Ala. and Jeanette Turnbull, of Philadelphia, grandchildren Laurie Giovannelli and Gus Turnbull, and four great grandchildren. The family plans a private memorial service and interment. If so inclined, a donation to a local humane society would be a fitting memorial.

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Be Part of Children’s Gazette Packet

Call for student artwork and writing: deadline Dec. 6.

During the last week of each year, the Gazette Packet devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local children and students. The results are always remarkable, and the editions have won many awards. It is a keepsake edition for many families, and an edition read and enjoyed by readers with and without children.

The annual Children’s Gazette Packet is a tradition of well over a decade, and is a source of much pride for many families, and an edition read and enjoyed by readers with and without children. The packet includes student artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student’s full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Friday, Dec. 6.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn’t cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you’ve ever given? Ever received?

❖ Opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, etc.

❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

❖ News stories from school newspapers. We welcome contributions from families, public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children’s Gazette Packet to editor Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com. To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the disk to the Children’s Gazette Packet, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.


LETTERS

Four-Tenths Of a Percent

To the Editor:

The City Council tag team of Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson recently weighed in yet again with their grave concerns about the runaway train that is advocacy for affordable and workforce housing in Alexandria; how it is endangering vital programs and services, and prudent fiscal management, as well as the “divisiveness” it is causing.

Being one of those unreasonable malcontents myself, I checked the city’s FY 2014 Approved Operating Budget to see what I was missing. The three largest categories with their respective percentage shares of the total budget are as follows:

❖ Transportation and Environmental Services: 43.9 percent.

❖ Education: 32.3 percent.

❖ Government (legislative, executive, courts, general, etc.): 12.4 percent.

And the Housing Department share?

That would be: 0.4 percent (four-tenths of one percent). What a budget hog indeed.

Messrs. Wilson and Smedberg go on to trumpet that they have done more for affordable and workforce housing this budget cycle than ever before — albeit after initially chastising their colleagues for taking the lead in doing so. This raises the question of whether they were against it before they were for it.

At any rate, the effect of the increase on four-tenths of a percent resembles that of a raise of one percent. What a budget hog indeed.

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To discuss ideas and concerns, Call: 703-778-9410

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Bark or Treat

Dozens of dogs accompanied by their owners enjoyed Saturday morning cruising on the Potomac River last month. The Potomac Riverboat Company offered two Halloween Canine Cruises aboard the Matthew Hayes. For more information on upcoming cruises visit www.potomacriverboats.com.

Photos by Louise Krafft, Gazette Packet

Diane and Corbin Jacobs as Cruella de Vil and one of the 101 Dalmatians enjoy the Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise on Saturday morning, Oct. 26, aboard the Matthew Hayes.

Two- and four-footed passengers board the Matthew Hayes for the second canine cruise of the morning at the City Dock.

Miki Ho, Raymond Wong and Tan Na Ho brought along Yuki, Shu Shu, Nui Nui, Mui Mui and Mo Mo for a ride on the river.

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Remember Our Veterans

By Jim Glassman
Vietnam veteran and Commander of American Legion Post 24

Veterans Day is Nov. 11. It is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918 on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. It is a day to honor our military personnel who have served the U.S. in all wars and conflicts. But it is especially a day to say thank you to our living veterans. In many communities across the country there are parades and church services, the American flag is flown at half-mast and there is usually a 2-minute period of silence at 11 a.m.

COMMENTARY

President Woodrow Wilson called World War I, “the war to end all wars,” and ordered that the Armistice be commemorated each year on Nov. 11 and be referred to as Armistice Day. Shortly after the Korean War, President Eisenhower renamed the holiday “Veterans Day” to salute all veterans, no matter when or where they served.

Only 3 percent of all Americans have ever served their country through military service. The other 97 percent have enjoyed the freedoms bestowed upon them by these brave men and women. Sadly, since the Revolutionary War, nearly 1 million of these men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice.

President Ronald Reagan said, “Most of those who died in defense of our country were boys when they died and they gave up two lives — the one they were living, and the one they would have lived. They gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers ... They gave up everything for their country, for us. All we can do is remember.”

More than 25 million veterans are alive today. They represent the finest America has to offer. We must honor our veterans and their families with compassion and care. PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and life-altering war wounds not only affect the veteran, but also take an enormous toll on their family as well. The American Legion shows its support for our veterans through numerous programs such as the Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance, the National Emergency Fund and Operation Comfort Forts, just to name a few.

You, too, can show your support, whether it’s welcoming veterans home from deployment, donating blood that is designated to a veteran’s hospital or volunteering your time at a local VA hospital. If you are an employer, give extra weight to the experience and skills of the veteran-turned-job-applicant.

America owes these heroes a debt that cannot be fully repaid and showing our appreciation is the least that we can do. So, when you are walking around Alexandria and you encounter a veteran or a service member in uniform, walk up to them, shake their hand and say “Thank you for your service.” Believe me, it will mean a lot to them.

I would like to invite all veterans and active duty members and their families to join the American Legion on Nov. 11, beginning at 2 p.m., at our Post home, 400 Cameron St., to celebrate Veterans Day and share comradeship with the Legionnaires of Post 24. This will also give you the opportunity to learn more about The American Legion, the largest veteran’s organization in America. The American Legion is built on Four Pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children and Youth. Join us so that we may keep fighting for the benefits that were promised to you.

To all veterans we say “Thank you” for the sacrifices you have made, for your sense of duty and for your service to our country. America salutes you.

Letters to the Editor FROM PAGE 10

Support Titans

To the Editor:

Your sports editor, Jon Roetman, wrote a fine article last week concerning the football game between the T.C. Williams Titans and the Lake Braddock Bruins and the three players — two from T.C. and one from Lake Braddock — who will be UNC teammates next year. (Lake Braddock squeaked by the Titans 44-0.)

But that was then! This Saturday day at 1 p.m. at Parker Gray Stadium the Titans host West Potomac High School Wolverines (with trimmed fingernails, I hope) in the final game of the regular season. Each team has identical records — six wins and three losses and both lost to Lake Braddock and to South County High School. Those two are assured of post-season games, and the possibility exists that the winner of the Titans - Wolverines could also play in post-season, too.

That’s why we need lots of Titan boosters in the stands on Saturday. We will also be recognizing seniors on the football team, managers, trainers, cheerleaders and the Titans Marching Band, who put on an excellent half-time performance.

Go, Titans!

Mike Oliver, aka “Grandpa Titan”
Alexandria

Sympathetic To Boat Club

To the Editor:

I am not a member of the Old Dominion Boat Club, have never been inside its clubhouse, and have no reason to be favorably disposed to its operations or even its existence. Attempts by City Hall to simply cite the escalation in property values and then throw commuters or even those displaced to its operations or even its existence. Attempts by City Hall to quantify, but no less tangible impact of supply over demand of

Jim Mercury
Hunting Point resident

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Seniors Looking to Staying Connected

By Mary Anne Beatty
MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM MANAGER

If you have reached the age when you are officially a “senior,” or if you have already retired, you may be wondering: “What am I going to do to fill my days with purpose?” or “How can I find a job that will supplement my income?” If you are fortunate enough to live in Alexandria, you are in luck. Our city offers numerous meaningful volunteering opportunities, as well as organizations to help seniors who are looking for help in finding employment. Just knowing where to go and who to talk to can save you a lot of time and energy. If you are someone that fits this scenario, Senior Services of Alexandria’s November Speaker Series program can get you started.

Senior Services of Alexandria

On Nov. 13, SSA, Volunteer Alexandria and JobLink are co-sponsoring a panel presentation about “Staying Connected: Employment and Volunteer Opportunities for Senior in Alexandria,” at Charles Beatty Central Library, 5005 Duke Street in Alexandria from 9:30 a.m. – noon. You’ll hear local experts from organizations such as AARP JobLink, Volunteer Alexandria, National Council on Aging, Alexandria’s Mentoring Partner, Alexandria Tutoring Consortium and Alexandria Library discuss how they can help you find career-building jobs, a new career, volunteer opportunities, and find rewarding volunteer positions. The event is free, open to the public and light refreshments will be served. You can register online at www.seniorservices alex.org or call Senior Services at 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

Replace Fence

To the Editor:
I hope that the Boat Club will be able to retain its parking lot because it owns the land and its members need a place to park. I understand that there is an ugly city-owned chain link fence surrounding this parking lot. Let me suggest that the City Council consider replacing its fence with an attractive six-foot high brick one. That way, the Boat Club will be able to keep its parking lot, the city will have enhanced the appearance of the area adjacent to the club, and the city can then get on with modifying its current plan to incorporate this minor change. There needs to be a practical solution that satisfies all parties and avoids the use of heavy-handed eminent domain powers.

Steve Baker
Alexandria

From Page 11

Lung Cancer Awareness

To the Editor:
November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung cancer is the number 1 cancer killer. It kills many more women than breast cancer — yet gets only $1 in research funding for every $24 for breast cancer. Why is this? Is it because of the incredible job women have done to increase breast cancer research funding? Is it because of the stigma that lung cancer is a “smoker’s disease?” Whatever the reason, lung cancer is in dire need of funding. Because of under-funding, treatment for lung cancer has barely advanced in 40 years. Fifty percent of patients die within eight months.

Anyone who has lungs can get lung cancer. Eighty percent of new cases are non-smokers. You could be next.

Please spread the word and support research for lung cancer.

Brenda Hatton

Alexandria

Waterfront For Tourists

To the Editor:
It was with disappointment that I watched the Olin Studio present not its own much anticipated, visionary panorama of an Old Town waterfront built primarily for residents, but the city’s version of a waterfront dedicated wholly to tourists. The Olin team presented a healthy range of ideas to stimulate response, but not enough featured the early stated goals of naturally landscaped places. This did not stem from Olin Studio’s lack of ability or understanding of place or need to satisfy both residents and visitors, but from their clients — elected officials and
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History

The Carlyle Family Death Hatchment hangs above the doorway of the Carlyle House on North Fairfax Street. The Hatchment depicts on a black field the Carlyle family crest on the left and the representations of his two deceased wives Sarah Fairfax and Syble West on the right.

Mourners gathered in the darkened Carlyle House on Saturday evening, Oct. 26, to pay respects to one of the town founders, John Carlyle.

Re-enactors portraying family and friends of the late businessman who died in the fall of 1780 greeted guests to the house from 6 until 9 p.m. The mahogany casket, handmade by Walt Henderson of Leesburg, was laid out for viewing on the dining room table. Upon the casket was placed a Masonic apron and twigs of evergreen and rosemary. At 9 p.m. the casket was lifted and carried outside the house to Fairfax Street.

A funeral procession formed and walked behind the casket to the graveyard at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House for the funeral.
**Military**

Army Pvt. Georgi-Iileen P. Brookhart has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Brookhart is the daughter of Billie Jo Conner and granddaughter of Georgann Conner, both of Liverpool, Pa., and sister of Brandon Brookhart of Alexandria. She is a 2013 graduate of Greenland High School, Millersport, Pa.

**Neighborhood**

**Taylor Run**

**THE LONG HARD FIGHT**

At 11 a.m. on Veteran’s Day an unusual lecture will be given at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

C. R. Gibbs will tell the story of black participation in the War of 1812, America’s least known war. He will tell of the strange connection between a verse in our national anthem and a group of blacks fighting for the British. One group of American soldiers dragged a cannon from the Navy Yard to the Battle of Bladensburg. Light refreshments will be served.

The museum’s phone number is 703-746-4356. Reservations are encouraged but not necessary. There is no admission charge.

— Lois Kelso Hunt.
Playfest Returns This Weekend

Playfest, a festival started in 2011 in celebration of the everyday drama penned by youth and local playwrights, poets and short story writers, will be performed at the Blackbox Theatre at T.C. Williams High School (King Street Campus) on Nov. 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5; all proceeds benefit the theatre program at TC Satellite campus. It is an exploration of dreams, disappointments, literary terminology and life in general from intergenerational perspectives. The performance is an eclectic journey through a myriad of scenes ranging from classic American playwright Lorraine Hansberry to an original choreopoem by Danielle Stewart, a TC Satellite student.

Original work is the focus of Playfest; featured writers include students Danielle Stewart, Brittany Hitton, Anthony Pullen and Laura Olliverrie. Students were involved in all aspects of production from the selection of material to stage management. Ensemble pieces were created collaboratively as well. After each show this weekend, the actors will be gathered onstage in anticipation of audience feedback and questions. They are prepared to share their creative process with the audience.

From left, front row, are Lerene Olliverrie, stage manager, student at NOVA; Bryanna Williams, TC Satellite student; Laura Olliverrie, TC King Street student; back row Danielle Stewart, TC Satellite student, and Taylor Boykin, T.C. Satellite student.

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Metro Club After-School Program. From Sept. 9-June 4, the Metropolitan Club of Alexandria presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9317 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theater, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from $130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.


Art Exhibit. "Painted by the Sky" from landscapes to portraits and a range of open life drawing sessions to better understand the library's collection. Each month, except December. No cost. Visit beaconlibrary.org for more. Call 703-746-1751.

Athenaeum Fundraiser
Join the Athenaeum Museum board Sunday, Nov. 10 from 4-6 p.m. for Cocktails in La Zona Rosa. Open to the public, this new event will serve as a thank you to current members. Local company the Sauce Queens will prepare their signature fare and assist with the fundraising raffle that includes a four-hour rental of the museum for the price of two (worth up to $900). Tickets are $50 per person and will benefit the Athenaeum’s programs and preservation efforts. Enjoy sangria and Latin food from Alexandria’s A’Thyme & Place. 201 Prince St. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS
Art Classes. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. For children ages 12 and up. Begin with drawing figures and lines and work up to drawing in detail and on larger scale. Visit www.artatthecenter.org for more.

African American Artists Exhibition. Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist photographer Nina Tusar to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-645-4365.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Teresa James when she opens for Delbert McClinton. Visit www.thebirchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Music Performance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Del Ray Club, 411 John Carlyle St. St. Marianne Matheny-Katz will sing Joni Mitchell songs in honor of Mitchell’s 70th birthday. $20 plus a minimum tab per guest. Visit www.delryclub.com or call 703-548-8899.

Historical Lecture. 7 p.m. at Hunter Meadows, 414, Vienna, center 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Why is it called Lockheed Boulevard? Find out at the
ARTISAN MARKET
10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Charles Barrett Rec Center. Browse homemade kimis, ornaments, fine art, jewelry and more. Free. Face painting is available for children. Visit chrecac.org or call 703-746-4356.

Play Expo & Fall Festival
11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane. Enjoy games, obstacle courses, crafts, pony rides and more. Food and beverages will be for sale. Free. Free tickets are required for some activities. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com for more.

Eco-Conscious Decorating Class
4-6 p.m. at Tops Field School, 1909 Windmill Lane. Enjoy games, obstacle courses, crafts, pony rides and more. Food and beverages will be for sale. Free. Free tickets are required for some activities. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10
Family Day. All families can tour Teddy's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., as junior docents discuss the history. $3/adult; $3/child. All veterans, active duty military personnel and their immediate families will receive free admission with valid ID. Visit www.alexandriavi.gov/paddystavern or 703-746-4242.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of “The New-York Tribune” detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth’s death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth’s death, a Time Travelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating facility in warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1864, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free. Visit www.alexandriamuseum.org or call 703-746-4399.

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Fundraiser Comedy Night. 6-9 p.m. at Old Town Theater. 815 1/2 King St. Community Lending will host Fall Back To Comedy. Executive Director Bonnie Bacol will be honored for her eight years of service. Comedian Dennis More will perform while patrons can enjoy a buffet dinner, an open bar with a selection of wine and beer, and auction. $95 in advance, $125 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.communitylending.org or at 703-549-4400.

Concerts. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Al Stewart performs. $29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com. DMZ to Delta Dance. 8 p.m. midnight at Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Military veterans, their families, Red Cross and civilian employees and the general public can dance the night away with music of the Vietnam War era. Enjoy finger food, cash bar, silent auction and more. Proceed benefit Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., Chapter 227’s community programs. Visit www.vva227.org or 703-255-0535 for tickets.

MONDAY/NOV. 11
Free Veterans Day Lecture. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian C.R. Gibbs will discuss the African American involvement in the War of 1812. Reservations encouraged. 703-746-4356.

Veteran’s Day Event. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Christmas Art, 125 S. Union St. Families can take pictures with Santa and he will play patriotic songs. There will also be an author signing, family activities and more. Visit www.christmasart.org for more.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Burton Cummings will perform. $45. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12
Music Performance. Allison Moorer performs 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. $25. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Choral Concert. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Hear a capella music and selections from “Les Miserables.” Free. Call 703-718-2500.

<Wednesday/Nov. 13
Citi Plants. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 2701 Lockhart Blvd. at the Friends of Dyke Marsh quarterly meeting. Dr. Steven B. Carroll will discuss famous cases, modern techniques, and some surprising ways in which plant evidence is used in the investigation of crimes. Free. 703-768-4225.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14
Receptions. 6-8 p.m. at “Photographers at the Factory” at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios.

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**Entertainment**

**Alexandria Film Festival.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library. The Alexandria Film Festival has been bringing local, American and international film to audiences since 2007. Watch free screenings of independent films. Visit alexandriafilm.org or call the information desk at 703-746-1751 for more information about the films.

**Monday-Nov. 11**

A Salute to Our Troops Letter Writing. All day at Duncan Library. Stop by the library to make a card, write a letter or draw a picture for military members currently deployed and thank them for their service. For all ages. Free.

**At the Library**

A Salute to Our Troops Story Time. 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children can enjoy a story and then draw pictures and write letters to service members currently deployed. Free.

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required.

**Baby Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Songs, fingerplays and bounces for babies up to 11 months. Free.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Children up to 11 months with adult can enjoy rhymes and lullabies. Free.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Interfaith Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library. Discuss nonfiction works that strive to find common ground through recognizing and celebrating common values. Free.

**Let’s Talk Books.** 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Discuss “The Known World” by Edward P. Jones. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Tuesday-Nov. 12**

**English Language Workshop.** 10 a.m. at Beatley Library. All levels workshop. Free.

**Stories and Songs.** 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Registration required.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Branch Library. Children ages 2-11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required. 703-746-1702 x35.

**Oscar Film Series.** 6 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Call for title. Free.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free.

**Paw’s Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required. 703-746-1702 x35.

**Movie Matinee.** 1:30 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1702 x35.

**Journaling Workshop.** 10 a.m. at Beatley Central Library. Led by Gwen Mayes of Writing with Insight. Free. 703-746-1743 to register.

**International Gaming Day.** 3 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. All ages can enjoy games in all types of categories, from board games to video games and more. Something for everyone. Free.

**Sunday-Nov. 17**

**Journaling Workshop.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Join for a “Personal Journaling for Personal Growth” workshop led by Gwen Mayes of Writing with Insight. Free. 703-746-1743 to register.

**Movie Matinee.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Call for title. Free.

**Monday-Nov. 18**

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Paw’s Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Furniture Sale.** 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free.

**THURSDAY/NOV. 14**

**English Language Workshop.** 10 a.m. at Beatley Library. All levels workshop. Free.

**Mother Goose Story Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free.

**Paw’s Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required. 703-746-1702 x35.

**Oscar Film Series.** 6 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Call for title. Free.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children ages 3-7 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free.

**FRIDAY/NOV. 15**

**Movie Matinee.** 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. Children in grades 1-8 can enjoy a free movie.

**SATURDAY/NOV. 16**

**Discussion and Demonstration.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Warren Brown will discuss his book “Pie Love” and follow up with a pie crust demonstration, tasting and book signing. Free.

**International Gaming Day.** 3 p.m. at Burke Branch Library. All ages can enjoy games in all types of categories, from board games to video games and more. Something for everyone. Free.

**SUNDAY/NOV. 17**

**Journaling Workshop.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Join for a “Personal Journaling for Personal Growth” workshop led by Gwen Mayes of Writing with Insight. Free. 703-746-1743 to register.

**Movie Matinee.** 2 p.m. at Beatley Library. Call for title. Free.

**MONDAY/NOV. 18**

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Paw’s Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free.

**Deputy O’Flara and His K-9 Partner.** 3:45 p.m. at Burke Library. Learn how they work together as a team. For children in grades K-8. Free. 703-746-1702.
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Entertainment

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Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. Watch the seventh-graders put on “The Princess Bride.” $5/adult; $1/child.

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SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Story Telling Workshop. 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will show how to combine genealogy and storytelling to create family stories everyone will want to listen to. $10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 29-30

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Seldom Scene & Dry Branch Fire Squad will perform. $35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/DEC. 3


WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4

Theater Performance. 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents “Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition.” $8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonehorizon.org for tickets.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5


FRIDAY/DEC. 6

Theater Performance. 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents “Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition.” $8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonehorizon.org for tickets.

FRIDAY AFFAIR MARKET

12-4 p.m. at historic Hokin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

Holiday Open House. 10:30-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy food, refreshments and music while browsing items for purchase. Door prizes will be given. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.


Breakfast with Santa. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel Moneta, 480 King St. Metropolitan School of the Arts will host the breakfast. Tickets range in price from $35-$45/person. Visit www.metrocallians.org for tickets.

Holiday Market. Noon-4 p.m. in the Colosanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The Del Ray Artisans will offer handmade work from local artists, handmade ornaments and bake sale items to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 8


Breakfast with Santa. 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. at the Hotel Moneta, 480 King St. Metropolitan School of the Arts will host the breakfast. Tickets range in price from $35-$45/person. Visit www.metrocallians.org for tickets.

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TUESDAY/DEC. 17

Music Performance. See Big Bad Voo Doo at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. $39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

FRIDAY/DEC. 20

Friday Affair Market. Noon-4 p.m. at historic Hokin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 12

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Rick Springfield performs. Tickets are $69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

FRIDAY/DEC. 13

Music Performance. See Mint Condition at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. $85. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Holiday Market. 6-9 p.m. in the Colosanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The Del Ray Artisans will offer handmade work from local artists, handmade ornaments and bake sale items to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 21

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**Fairfax Water**

NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water’s offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from $3.85 to $3.95/Gallon.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from $9,500 to $9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from $1,050 to $1,090.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from $55 to $66.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from $9.20 to $9.60.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from $2.29 to $2.52 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from $3.43 to $3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from $44 to $46.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from $17 to $20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm. Those wishing to speak at the hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Cattin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to Fairfax Water, Public Hearing Comments, 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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THURSDAY/NOV 7

Coffee Conversation. 10 a.m. at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School Lower School campus, 400 Fontaine St. Potomac can participate in “Kindergarten Readiness.” RSVP to 703-212-2705 or visit www.ssas.org.

Launch Party. 5-7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learning Life will host a reception, followed by an Alexandria history quiz show where the winners receive prizes. Food will be served. RSVP to 703-330-4000; $40 couple. RSVP at www.greenenvelope.com/event/learninglifeuncharity.

Blood Drive. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3773 Seminary Road. The American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region will hold a blood drive. Call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

Parks & Recreation. The NOVA Institute for Public Service will host a conference at Northern Virginia Community College, 2001 N. Beauregard St. The panels will focus on issues such as the impact of the government shutdown and more. There are panels at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information about the event, contact Linda Rodriguez, NOVA Institute for Public Service coordinator, at 703-933-8999 or lrodriguez@nvcc.edu.


Waterfront Commission Special Meeting. 9-10 a.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand, jack.browand@alexandriava.gov. 703-746-5504.

Planning Commission Regular Public Hearing. 7 p.m. City Hall, meeting chamber, 301 King St. Contact Kendra Jacobs, 703-746-8444, kendra.jacobs@alexandriava.gov.

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

FRIDAY/NOV 8

Deadline. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking volunteers who reside or work within the City of Alexandria to serve on the Public Art Committee. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. The Committee will review applications and meet with candidates for the positions on Thursday, Nov. 21. There are currently two openings being filled: one for an individual with expertise in urban planning, landscape architecture and/or architecture; and one for an individual who has strong interest in the arts. Interested volunteers should send a letter of interest and a current resume to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Attention: Judy Lo, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or e-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

Informational Meeting. 10 a.m. at Mount Jefferson United Dog Exercise Area, 200-300 block of Raymond Ave. Learn about modifications to the area and the WR&B Trail. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriaaarchaeology.org or 703-746-5504.

Informational Meeting. 10 a.m. at Mount Jefferson Untied Dog Exercise Area, 200-300 block of Raymond Ave. Learn about modifications to the area and the WR&B Trail. Free. People unable to attend can send written comments to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Attention: Judy La, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314, or e-mail judy.la@alexandriava.gov.

Walking Tour. 9:45 a.m. starting at 2905 District Ave., Fairfax. The Beuaregard Design Advisory Committee will talk about the redesign of the Mosaic District. Free. No RSVP. Details to Amy Friedlander at amy.friedlander@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-1885.

Alexandria Electoral Board. 9:30 a.m. Voter Registration, 1101 N. Royal St. Contact Eric Spier, 703-746-4050.

SATURDAY/NOV 9

Ornament Decorating Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 115 N. Union St. Bring cookie sheets, rolling pins, lunch and wear comfortable clothes and roll out, cut and bake dough ornaments in the shape of artifacts. Free. RSVP to www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or 703-746-5504.

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OPINION

Expand Medicaid to Help Hard-Working Alexandrians

By Fay D. Slotnick

While some of the 19,000 people without health insurance in Alexandria will be able to get quality affordable health care through the new insurance marketplace, thousands will not because state lawmakers have not expanded Medicaid to provide that affordable care for low-income Virginians.

Most of these people work at low-wage jobs. They help build our roads and offices, care for our loved ones, and serve the food at our favorite restaurants. Unless state lawmakers agree to provide coverage through our state’s Medicaid program — with the federal government covering nearly the full cost — many will continue to be left out.

The 60 groups that form the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations help thousands of these low-income workers and families every year. The people we serve grapple with the high cost of housing, childcare, and other basic necessities, forcing many to make difficult decisions and choices to keep a roof over their head and food on the table. And because many low-wage workers don’t get health care coverage through their job, health insurance is often squeezed out of the budget.

But that just creates more problems. Many low-income Alexandrians without insurance delay seeing a doctor until their medical issue is severe and unbearable. What’s more, low-wage workers often don’t get paid when they take a sick day. So, instead, they may go to their job sick, infecting others, or have to cope with less money in their paycheck, forcing more painful financial decisions. Some may even lose their jobs due to these absences.

A recent study reported that people enrolled in Medicaid were less financially strained by medical bills than low-income, uninsured people. And, those with Medicaid were more likely to pay a medical bill without having to borrow money or skip paying for other necessities, like rent or utilities. Expanding Medicaid is also a good deal for Virginia. The federal government will pay for all of the costs to expand the first three years.

Hard-working, low-income Alexandrians deserve the security that comes with having health insurance so they can go to work, help their kids be successful in school, and ensure their families prosper. But the high cost of health insurance prevents many from doing so. Expanding Medicaid will provide them with access to quality, affordable medical care. And that will not only help families thrive but also help to build a strong and growing economy.

Fay D. Slotnick chairs the Education and Advocacy Committee of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Staff — rigid, cash-directed, political, and condescending attitude towards this historic, irreplaceable town and its people.

Once again, as with Cummings/Rust-Orling, the city is enabling a dated and inappropriate rendition of the waterfront, and one that the Historic District infrastructure can’t sustain. An immature position like this can only destroy the best possible hope, Olin Studio, that has surfaced in over three years of ridiculous offerings, beginning with AECOM’s five hotels, gigantic restaurant, and marinas stretching illegally into the Potomac. Trendy city favorites remain: ice rinks (costly to maintain); kayaking (raw sewage is poured near launch sites); a boxcar and an amphitheatre for weddings (in the natural amphitheatre of Oronoco Bay Park). Not to mention, “programming” that made no mention of where or how the SeaPort Foundation would be located.

If the city’s political powers cannot bend their minds to conceive of an interpretation of the waterfront that is not their own, then we should turn to the stubborn, narrow-mindedness of certain high officials. And, things that work in Seattle, N.Y.C., Philadelphia or San Diego will probably not work here. The river is different, the shoreline is different, the surrounding neighborhood is different, and the available cash is fast growing smaller.

The Old Town brand is unique, as good and persistent brands are. Brands do not borrow — they refine and speak only about themselves. Others use them as a way to communicate the indefinable. This past month I offered direction to three sets of tourists: the Swedes wanted Lee-Pendell House and took pictures, while chuckling, of the Old Towne School for Dogs; the Portuguese were looking for the Washington House and offered “you’ve got a nice little place here,” and the two gay guys from Paris laughed delightfully while saying “this is nothing like America.” These visitors came for real life discovery of a place that paved the way for democracy around the world.

Consider Historic District

To the Editor: Carr Properties is again attempting to ramrod a proposed waterfront hotel through the city’s bureaucracy. Located at the Cummings property, 220 South Union Street, it would abut Duke, Union and the Strand. It looks as though that this will be the first property in the Waterfront Plan that will be redeveloped. Being the first, it is critical that it be done right and in conformance with our historic waterfront guidelines. There are a number of shortcomings in Carr’s proposal all of which need to be fully addressed and corrected during the planning process.

The mass, shape and scale are not reflective of the 19th century warehouse that was intended for this location. It’s too large for the area. A Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 3 is way too much. Looking at the drawings it appears that the 50-foot height limit has been substantially breached. The average maximum height may be 50 feet, but parts of the building look closer to 60 feet or more. It needs to be scaled way back to reflect a real boutique hotel like the Morrison House (47 rooms). This is a historic city and this building needs to reflect that. If the decision by the city was only to approve a “By Right” development at this location it would give Carr a FAR of 1 and a height limit of 30 feet. Believe it or not that’s what might best fit into that space.

Carr’s proposal to build a sub-level parking lot is ridiculous. Have they ever talked to the people who lived through Isabel in 2006? Backyard Boats (28 units) development lost most of its cars in that storm. Carr’s potential neighbor, Chadwicks, had water over the bar. Dave Olinger who lives at Prince and Union was flooded out of his home. By the way I was standing in three feet of water in my street level garage at Harborside. In the great flood of 1933 Alexandria was inundated with 10 feet of water throughout most of the Old Town area. Therefore any garage needs to be above ground level.

The recent announcement that the Robinson Terminal properties have been sold puts a different spin on this request. The architectural look of whatever structure or structures are built on this site needs to be coordinated with the design and appearance of the development proposed for the terminal property.

In addition, it also needs to be coordinated with other actions occurring on the Turner property and Chadwicks parking lot. Carr has both a parking lot entrance and trash truck entrance on Duke Street. We surely don’t want EYA/JBG, the developers of the terminal area, to put trash and parking on the same street making the lower part of historic Duke Street nothing but a trash bin. Another area to consider is Chadwicks parking lot. It is programmed to become a park thereby eliminating 100 parking spaces. When you eliminate parking spaces you have to create new ones, and best practices dictates that those replacement spaces should generally be within one block. Those 100 parking spaces, plus the 36 in the current Art League Building serviced by SOLO Parking have only one place to go and that’s to the hotel. Carr’s plans do not include this contingency. City planners, where were you when we needed you?

It is very evident that the proposed hotel is too massive and bulky for the site. Whatever is built on the Cummings property should be coordinated with its immediate neighbors.

Carr needs to remember that this property is within the Old and Historic District. Therefore it needs to conform to the unique historic character of the district.

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Yoga Community Lauds New Smithsonian Exhibit

Sackler exhibit is first of its kind.

By Marilyn Campbell

Yoga instructor Luann Fulbright of McLean moved her practice from the mat to a gallery recently when she joined diplomats, philanthropists, artists and fellow yogis at a gala to celebrate the opening of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C. It is the world’s first exhibition on the art of yoga.

“I couldn’t be more excited to have been able to attend this exhibit,” said Fulbright, a director of Dream Yoga Studio & Wellness Center in McLean. “It’s not only the first of its kind, but it was put together by a team of scholars led by Debra Diamond, an exquisitely studied and curious curator who brings her depth knowledge of Indian and Asian art and yoga together to shed light on the history and fascinating, many missing stories of yoga that are like yoga itself — mind expanding.”

The exhibit, which opened Oct. 19, features temple sculptures, devotional icons, manuscripts and court paintings created in India over the past 2,000 years. With artifacts borrowed from 25 museums and private collections in India, Europe and the United States, the exhibit explores yoga’s diverse history.

Museum officials said the exhibit reunites three monumental stone yogini goddesses from a 10th-century Chola temple for the first time, as well 10 folios from the first illustrated compilation of asanas, or yogic postures, made for a Mughal emperor in 1602, which have never before been exhibited together. The exhibit also includes Thomas Edison’s “Hindoo Fakir” (1906), the first movie ever produced about India.

Maryam Ovissi, one of the exhibit’s sponsors and the owner of BelovedYoga studio in Reston and Great Falls, said she appreciates such a comprehensive exploration of the evolution of yoga.

“Yoga has become a very loaded word in our society, and there are many facets to it. You can think of yoga as a gem,” she said. “The exhibit shows that yoga has philosophical roots. It offers an understanding of [yoga] as a healing modality and gives a perspective of how it was introduced to the West and evolved into what has become today. The curator did an excellent job of showing that it’s an entire journey. People will walk away knowing that yoga is rich and has layers to it.”

YOGA INSTRUCTORS said the exhibit will educate people about the practice. “Having an exhibit like this confirms that yoga is so much more than most folks today think,” said Fulbright. “It’s not a fad. It’s not a particular religion. It’s not just exercise. It’s a constantly developing practice that people from many cultures have embraced for thousands of years to transform and empower themselves and their nations. I’m encouraging all [of my] students to see this exhibit, which can’t help but motivate and deepen their practice.”

Great Falls resident Jean Edelman, an exhibit sponsor and one of Ovissi’s students, hopes those who make the trek to the room: three beautiful yoginis brought together in one room,” she said, referring to the Chola goddesses.

Alexandria resident Heather Sutliff, of East Meets West Yoga Center, said the exhibit will make yoga more accessible to a wider audience. “I think the fact that the Smithsonian has dedicated an exhibit to yoga spotlights its growing influence in society,” she said. “It kind of endorses yoga’s legitimacy and makes people sit up and take notice, and think, ‘Hey, maybe I should look into this yoga thing.”

She also hopes people recognize the health benefits. “Yoga practice not only helps calm the mind, but has significant physical benefits that can be realized right after your first yoga class,” said Sutliff. “There are many medical studies that show consistent yoga practice reduces the risk of heart disease and diabetes and can lower cholesterol levels. I look forward to the day when I can prescribe for yoga practice as easily as a prescription for a statin or beta-blocker.”

Yoga instructor Sara VanderGoot, of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga in Alexandria and Arlington, said the exhibit will raise awareness about the practice. “The exhibit really means a lot to the yoga community,” said VanderGoot. “It’s great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health.”

New Yoga Center

Refresh Yoga Center opened its doors in Old Town Alexandria on Oct. 19 at 110 King St. above the ice cream shop, The Creamery. The studio is the creation of yoga instructor Alison Koeppel and Old Town business-owner Ethan McMeel.

Ready for Winter

The American Hospital Association and the Del Ray Business Association will provide new winter coats to 175 preschool students at The Child & Family Network Centers.
Division in Republicans Gave Edge to Democrats

Election nights are emotional times,” said Gov. Bob McDonnell in a written statement. “For the winner there is the thrill of victory, combined with the recognition that the hard work preceding this moment is but a prelude to the tremendous effort yet to come.”

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which party controls the state Senate.

“There’s a seat that has a split between Norfolk and the Eastern Shore,” said Clark Mercer, political director of the Democratic Party of Virginia.

“So the key to winning that election will be having a candidate that can draw votes from both of those regions.”

IN MANY WAYS, the results of the election have yet to play out. Aside from the special election for Northam’s seat, the race for attorney general appears to be headed for a recount.

Late Tuesday night, state Sen. Mark Herring appeared before reporters to say he was not conceding the race. “Right now, it’s basically 50-50 and the numbers have been moving in our direction all night,” said Herring. “The race is far from over.”

The numbers were, in fact, moving in Herring’s direction as votes continued to be tallied. By Wednesday morning, Herring had a very narrow lead over Obenshain. Because the margin of victory is likely to be less than 1 percent, a recount in that race seems likely. For many Democrats who gathered at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, it was yet another indication that election 2013 turned out to be much closer than many people had anticipated.

“It turned out to be a race that was so close that in the annals of Virginia history it’s going to go down as one of the closest races of all time,” said Pat McCune of Centerville, saying the race was closer than expected.

ELECTION 2013 was a long and bitter slog for candidates, who spent much of the campaign hurling accusations and counter-accusations. Cuccinelli was dogged by his association with a wealth businessman who made lavish gifts to the governor and attorney general that went unreported on disclosure forms. McAuliffe was haunted by accusations about his relationship to a troubled green-car company. As the race unfolded, it became increasingly negative — especially in television ads that dominated screens across Northern Virginia.

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Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon. The 4th annual Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon will be running from George Washington’s Mount Vernon to National Harbor. All lanes of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge will remain open. The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Pedestrian Path will be closed from 7-10 a.m. Road closures scheduled, visit www.wilsonbridgehalf.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12
City Council Work Session. 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4500.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13
Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. To RSVP e-mail Christine.Levine@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5858.

People

SSSA senior Will Rainey, center, accepts the Rotary Community Service Award from club president Peter Knetemann Oct. 22 at Belle Haven Country Club. Looking on are Will’s father David Rainey, SSSA Head of School Joan Holden and Will’s mother Meghan Rainey.

Rotary Club Honors Rainey

SSSA student praised for service.

William Rainey, a senior at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, was presented with the Rotary Club of Alexandria Community Service Award at the organization’s Oct. 22 meeting at Belle Haven Country Club. Accompanied by his parents David and Meghan Rainey, Will was honored for scholastic achievements that include attaining Head’s List and maintaining an A average for every grading period during his high school years. In addition to academics, Will is a long-time member of the advanced orchestra, playing the viola, and is a member of Tri-M, the SSSA music honor society.

A member of the varsity baseball team, Will has earned numerous coach’s Awards, given to the athlete who demonstrates a positive attitude, sportsmanship and who is cooperative and supportive of their teammates. Will is also a nationally ranked croquet player, earning the title of junior rookie of the year by the U.S. Croquet Association. Will’s community service project included volunteering at Alexandria’s Buddie Ford Nature Center caring for a variety of animals. He has been involved in Scouting since the fifth grade and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

— JÉANNE THEISMANN
During his seven-year NFL career, Washington Redskins safety Brandon Meriweather’s aggressive style of play has led to penalties, fines and a recent suspension for repeated helmet-to-helmet hits.

In a time of heightened awareness regarding head injuries in football, Meriweather’s tackling techniques, which include launching himself head-first at opposing receivers, have earned the 29-year-old former first-round draft choice from the University of Miami a reputation as a dangerous defender.

Meriweather was flagged for two illegal hits against the Chicago Bears and subsequently suspended by the NFL for two games. The ban was later reduced to a single contest, costing Meriweather a game check worth more than $70,000. Meriweather sat out of Washington’s Oct. 27 game against Denver and returned for its Nov. 3 contest against San Diego.

NFL players aren’t the only ones taking notice of the Redskins safety’s approach to defense.

Just ask Philip Tyler, a senior defensive back at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, if he’s familiar with Meriweather.

“The hunter?” he asks.

Tyler, a Philadelphia Eagles fan, is familiar with Washington’s hard-hitting safety.

“He won’t be hunted. He’s the hunter,” Tyler said. “You watch out for him. There’s anybody on the field you watch out for, you watch out for him. That’s a career-ending right there.”

Tyler said he and other high school athletes like to mimic their favorite NFL players, but when it comes to highlight-tape hits, Tyler said T.C. Williams coaches punish players with extra conditioning for leading with their helmets while hitting in practice.

Tyler said his tackling technique has evolved since his youth football days, but injuries from years of tackling with his head have taken a toll.

“A lot of stuff has changed,” he said. “Back in rec league and Pop Warner, I was reckless. It didn’t matter. … I’ve got to wear [a neck protector] because of that. I used to hit with my head and I’ve got neck injuries. I’ve got a weak neck now.”

Prior to the 2013 season, a collision in practice led to Tyler having difficulty moving one of his arms for an entire month.

“The big hit is not always the best play,” he said. “Going for a big hit up top and the dude bounces off and still gains yards [is] not a good look.”

Lake Braddock junior AJ Alexander, a receiver and defensive back for the undefeated Bruins, said injuries are part of the game, but using proper tackling technique can help make the game safer.

“I realize how dangerous [helmet-to-helmet hits are],” Alexander said. “I’ve seen a lot of things on the news about how dangerous it is. That’s why we’ve been doing the whole Heads Up Tackling thing (through USA Football) that’s being implemented and we’re making sure that we’re being fundamentally sound. Plus, if you hit people [around the head], you might not even make the tackle. There are a lot of things to think about, but being fundamentally sound is what it all comes down to.”

Alexander is a New York Giants fan. “[Helmet-to-helmet hits are] part of the game because it’s a physical sport,” he said. “You’ve got helmets on, shoulder pads, you’ve just got to be physical. You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do.”

Heads Up Tackling, which Alexander referred to, is part of the Heads Up Football program, which is offered through USA Football, the governing body for American football at the youth and amateur levels, and supported by the NFL. Heads Up Tackling focuses on teaching proper tackling technique at the youth and high school levels using five fundamentals: the breakdown position; buzzing your feet; the hit position; shooting the hips; and ripping the arms.

Heads up tackling is one of five elements of Heads Up Football. The other four are: having coaches complete a certification course; teaching coaches concussion recognition and response protocols; appointing a trained safety coach to a participating high school team or youth league; and teaching coaches and parents about proper equipment fitting.

The program is backed by the Northern Virginia Football Coaches Association and used by high school teams around the region.

Centreville High School head coach Chris Haddock flew to Indianapolis during the winter and became a master trainer of tackling techniques. He said the goal of establishing common technique when teaching tackling to youth football players is to have a “trickle up” effect, leading to safer tackling at the college and pro levels.

When it comes to the NFL, Haddock, a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, said he doesn’t see any of his Centreville players trying to emulate what they see on TV. He also said the Steelers have been penalized at times for hits that are simply part of the game.

“Some of them I agree with, some of them I don’t,” he said. “Having played, sometimes you’re flying through the air and someone else is flying through the air and your head hits. It’s not something people plan on doing.”

The Oakton High School football team has a subscription to NFL Rewind, which allows subscribers to watch replays of each NFL game from different angles in the way a coach would analyze film. Head coach Jason Kuhn said he wants his players to emulate the aggressive nature of pro and college athletes, but wants the Cougars to stay away from dirty plays and showboating.

“When it comes to Meriweather, Rowley complimented the defensive back’s effort,” Kuhn said. “I think he’s a guy who plays hard,” Rowley said. “I think it’s certainly not my place to judge whether he’s within the rules or he should be fined. I love the passion he plays with and I love my players to play with that passion.”

Whitman High School head coach Jim Kuhn said most of the athletes in his Bethesda, Md., program aren’t the type to initiate helmet-to-helmet hits. He said families in the area have a heightened awareness of concussion risks and players don’t want to risk major injury playing a sport that will have no impact on their future.

“The opportunities for them to play on Sunday are pretty limited and they have a life to live beyond football,” Kuhn said. “… It’s definitely not a means to an end [for most Whitman athletes]. … Most are headed to college … [for] other careers and future endeavors. … [Football is] not a way out for them.”

After returning from his suspension for repeated helmet-to-helmet hits, Meriweather said he would start going low to make tackles.

Whatever Meriweather does, high school players and coaches will likely take notice.

“That’s just his style. He’s always been aggressive. Even in college, he was known as a big hitter,” said South Lakes head coach Marvin Wootten, a Dallas Cowboys fan. “… In this sport, I don’t think there’s any individual out there trying to end careers or cause any kind of permanent damage on a player. … I think that’s just his way he’s played the game.”

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Photos by Craig Sterbutzel
Select Crew Finishes with a Win

The Old Dominion Boat Club select crew traveled to the Occoquan Reservoir this past weekend for their last race of the year, a race that saw the ODBC oarsmen and oarswomen finish the season the way they began it — with a win. The race was the Head of the Occoquan Regatta. With more than 100 club, high school, and collegiate crews from around the Washington metropolitan area and the mid-Atlantic region, the regatta is the largest local race of the fall rowing season. Against this elite and competitive field, ODBC once again stood out, bringing home five medals in all.

Leading the way for the Old Town-based crew was the women’s youth 8, who won the gold medal by covering the winding 3-mile course with a time of 17:46.75. This was .20 seconds faster than the second-place boat from Occoquan-based Resilient Rowing Club, and four seconds faster than the third-place boat from D.C.-based Thompson’s Boat Club.

ODBC’s victory at the Head of the Occoquan follows up on their two previous victories this season — at the Head of the Potomac on Sept. 29 and the Occoquan Challenge on Oct. 6. The victory also solidified the ODBC Select youth 8 as the fastest women’s boat in the area this fall. Members of the boat include coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Jessy Willis, Kyra McClary, Katie Pickup, Rebecca Gehring, Amelia Bender, Lilly Lane, Maeve Bradley, and Maura Nakahata.

The youth 8 is guided by ODBC Head Women’s Coach Patrick Marquardt.

The women’s youth 8 was not the only ODBC boat winning season, T.C. Williams is heading to the playoffs for the first time since 1995 and first since 2010. Along with a winning season, T.C. Williams is heading to the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

The Titans are seeded No. 9 in the VHSLA 6A North region power points poll with one regular-season game remaining. The top 16 teams advance to the region playoffs. Even if the Titans lose their regular-season finale against West Potomac, they won’t fall out of the top 16. T.C. Williams will close the regular season with a home game against the Wolverines at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9.
**Screams and Thrills in Haunted Sensory Mobile**

By Jamie Aylor

This year’s Halloween festivities were spectacular for participants in the City of Alexandria, Therapeutic Recreation program. The children lit up when the doors of the Haunted Sensory Mobile creaked open. From excitement to screaming, children of all abilities were able to celebrate Halloween in a safe environment inside of the mobile donated by the Kelley Cares Foundation. From ghost and goblins, to the Three Little Pigs and Thomas the Train, our differences did not matter as we celebrated a magical moment together. The City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation staff provided healthy snacks for our little ones as we trailed the hallways of the Lee Center looking for some ghostly treats to eat. The Director of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities James Spengler, Deputy Director William Chesley, and both Division Chiefs David Miller and Joseph Petrella stood shaking in their boots awaiting their turn to deposit something good to eat into their bags. The Therapeutic Recreation program is very fortunate to have the Kelley Cares Foundation, city staff and volunteers working on behalf of individuals of all abilities assisting us in achieving and exceeding program goals.

A little goes a long way and it only takes one to make a difference in a child’s life. Individually we are special but together we are spectacular. New programs, attractions, offerings, and more still to come in the New Year! If you are willing to share your ideas with us in the future join our All Star Advisory Council. The council meets quarterly so if you would like to make a difference, please contact us at 703-746-5422 to join our seasonal team of volunteers.

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**School Notes**

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

Erica Rodriguez from Princeton University was named 1st runner-up in junior level of the 2013 Hong Kong Cup Chinese Speech Contest. Erica has been studying Chinese for less than two years, and spoke about the best way to promote understanding and exchanges between Hong Kong and the US. She is a resident of Alexandria.

Isaac Johnson has earned placement on the Berklee College of Music’s dean’s list for the summer semester of the 2013 academic year.

Sherry Cornelisse graduated in September from Saint Joseph’s College of Maine with a bachelor of science in nursing.

Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets alumnus 1st Lt. John Piluso, U.S. Marine Corps, who earned a degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences as well as a minor in leadership studies from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Rice Center for Leader Development in 2011, has been selected as the Hokie Hero for the Boston College game.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Hokie Hero program, which was started in 2006 by IMG College and sponsored by the University Bookstore, honors Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets alumni who are currently deployed. Piluso recently returned home from his first deployment due to the redeployment of his battalion a month early. He was stationed in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where he served as an electronic warfare officer and a logistics officer. The team he led provided logistics support to deployed units and supervised the closing of former operating bases.

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**Thinking of Others on Halloween**

St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes Lower School students held a Halloween Parade on Oct. 31. During their Halloween party, students wrote letters to military service members who are serving overseas. They also collected candy for care packages to be sent along with their letters.

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**Gremlins Celebrate Halloween**

The dogs from left are Gracie Duff, Cobi Boggs-Roys and Leo Duff. Humans from left are Ron Roys, Mike Duff and Michelle Boggs.

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