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Public Corruption Targeted as Agencies Join Forces

by Jim Foster
Publisher

On very short notice the press was altered to a meeting last Monday at the U.S. Courthouse in Center City as the FBI hosted multiple agencies of law enforcement in a public announcement unifying efforts to stop Public Corruption.

A call-in tip line of 1-855-FBI TIPS was announced and we were told it will soon appear on billboards with flashing signs on area highways. In addition citizens with information can leave it anonymously at Philadelphia.complaints@ic.fbi.gov.

One by one the heads of federal, state and city agencies told of their commitment to root out public corruption in this city and cited examples of individuals trying to pay off public officials and suggested these situations may be more widespread than generally known, but that individuals were reluctant to go on the record. Philadelphia Inspector General Amy Kurland recounted an attempt to bribe a city official with cash in envelope that was brought to her attention and that her office intervened and took appropriate action.

George C. Venizelos, Chief of the FBI Philadelphia Division stated his office has doubled its

staff over the last two years and stated that part of his team now focuses on corruption within law enforcement itself. He expanded on the fact that Philadelphia is known as a pay-to-play culture and that his office is well aware of entrenched political power brokers who use intimidation to keep their tracks covered. He recognized that few witnesses are willing to give their names and information, but that they want the citizens to know that they are willing to take remedial action and prosecute.

Other examples of prosecution of fraud were discussed in the recent charges and convictions of the operators of charter schools,



U. S. Attorney Chief Zane Memeger replies to question from Germantown Newspapers relative to the ongoing Germantown Settlement investigation.

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another conduit for public money that has been misused in more than one example in the Philadelphia area.

The most recent indictment mentioned was that of area educator and charter school founder, Dorothy June Hairston Brown cited for misappropriating \$6.5 million in taxpayer dollars.

Others in leadership of law enforcement agencies that were present and spoke were Commissioner Ramsey, State Attorney General Linda Kelly, Pennsylvania Inspector General, Kenya Mann Faulkner, and Chief U.S. Attorney Zane Memeger.

During the press question period this newspaper asked Attorney Memeger and Inspector Kurland about the status of two long term separate investigations into Germantown Settlement they both ran in parallel that lasted two to three years and seemed to have gone dead. U.S. Attorney Memeger replied that he cannot comment on an ongoing investigation, but that the public should be aware that proving these cases to a point of conviction takes time and that they should be patient as three to four years is not unusual with matters of that type.

A survey of area residents since the public announcement of this joint task force was met with more cynicism than enthusiasm.

Many said that they expected little to change, and that they were only words they have heard before. One comment, citing how long fraud and corruption have existed in this city, likened this press briefing to the scene in the film Casablanca where the corrupt police chief remarks: “I am shocked, shocked to find gambling in here”.

Local Family Celebrates 100 Years in Community



Eileen Dougherty Vance, formerly of East Mt. Airy, is joined by younger generations as she portrays the Statue of Liberty at the 100 anniversary celebration of her family's immigration to this country in 1912.

The Commodore Barry Club on Emlen Street in Mt. Airy is steeped in Irish Tradition and what better location to hold the 100th anniversary of a family of Irish immigrants who traveled here 100 years ago and the majority of the descendants raised families in this community and nearby.

Two hundred descendants of Thomas and Sara White celebrated the occasion. The youngest at 5 months was Christopher Nolan and the oldest at 89, Kitty O'Lone.

The Whites and their eight children said on the S.S. Majestic, a White Star liner from Queenstown, County Cork in October

1912, just a few months after that line's Titanic had sunk making the same crossing. After arriving in New York they traveled by train to Bethlehem Pa.

Changing economic times and opportunity brought many of the White daughters to Philadelphia. Kathleen White Dougherty raised 10 children in Mt. Airy, and many of those children married and others nearby, including Jenkintown, Glenside and Flourtown.

John Dolen, a local resident, and members of eight other families, collaborated in assembling an interesting array of archival photographs, some dating back to 19th century Ireland.

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To join the hike, meet at the foot of Rex Ave., where it enters the park. The hike will last three hours and be rigorous with one stream crossing, where Cresheim Creek enters the Wissahickon. For more information, contact squitel@comcast.net.

Unless otherwise specified, Trail Ambassador hikes may use rocky, rugged trails that may be wet and slippery. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots with socks. Long pants are recommended for protection against occasional poison ivy and possible ticks. Bring water and a snack if desired. Children over age seven are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult. Walks are cancelled in heavy rain.

Registration is not required, but is recommended so that you can be informed of weather or other emergency cancellations. To register, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sarah Marley at marley@fow.org or 215-247-0417 ext. 109.

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Washington Applauds Settlement Medicaid Benefits Reinstatement

State Sen. LeAnna Washington (D- Montgomery/Philadelphia) expressed her support of a settlement between the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and Philadelphia's Community Legal Services that could potentially reinstate the Medicaid benefits for tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians.

"This settlement is welcomed news for the 89,000 children who have spent the last year without insurance and I applaud the efforts

of both parties, as well as the Obama Administration, for their efforts to resolve this issue," Washington said.

The details of the settlement, which were released today, indicate that nearly 100,000 individuals who were previously ruled ineligible for Medicaid will have the opportunity to appeal the original denial.

In the coming weeks, those eligible for an appeal will receive a notice from the Department of

Public Welfare. The notice will be printed on bold blue paper for ease of identification.

"If you applied for Medicaid, but were denied, be sure to pay close attention to your mail for this special blue notice," Washington said. "You only have 30 days to appeal your case, so it is important to act quickly to ensure that you are not left out again."

Additionally, Washington urged anyone who has applied for Medicaid and was denied, but has also

moved in the past year to contact their local County Assistance Office to update their address. Constituents who have questions regarding this matter are encouraged to contact either her Rosslyn district office (215-517-1434) or her Wadsworth district office (215-242-0472), and staff will be available for assistance.

State Senator LeAnna Washington can be found on Twitter (@Sen_Washington) and Facebook (under "State Senator

LeAnna Washington"). For more information, visit www.senator-washington.com.

SWP Candidate for VP to Speak in Philadelphia

Maura DeLuca, Socialist Workers Party Candidate for Vice-President, will tour the Philadelphia areas Oct. 28-30.

A program on Oct. 28 will highlight the "Fight for Massive Government-Funded Public Works Program to Create Jobs" with the presentation by DeLuca and will be held at 3701 Pulaski Avenue (two blocks west of Broad and Erie Streets at 16th Street).

A reception starts at 4 p.m. followed by the program at 5:00 p.m.

"The Capitalist rulers and their political parties – the Democrats and the Republicans – have no solution to the historic worldwide crisis of production and trade. As unemployment deepens in a devastating way for working people, the only thing the bosses agree on is to make the working class pay for their crisis with attacks on our wages, working and living conditions, and political and social rights," the SWP said. "The Socialist Workers Party candidates call for a massive government-funded jobs program to put millions to work at union-scale wages to build homes, schools, hospitals, child care centers, roads, bridges and public transportation – things that workers need. Through various struggles, like the fight for jobs, we can gain experience, combativity and self-confidence and discuss how we can best organize to fight against the root cause of the assaults on our class and its allies – the capitalist system itself."

How About A Nice Game of Chess?

At the Lovett Memorial Library, 6945 Germantown Avenue. The Lovett Memorial Library's Chess Club meets every Wednesday night 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library's Meeting room. All ages, grades 1-12 and adults are welcome. All playing levels, beginner, intermediate and masters are welcome. Tournament style chess sets and boards are provided. There will be instructions for beginners and novice players.





There are no dues or fees for club membership and members of the Lovett Memorial Library's Chess Club can participate in ASAP (After School Activities Partnership) sponsored Chess Tournaments for free.

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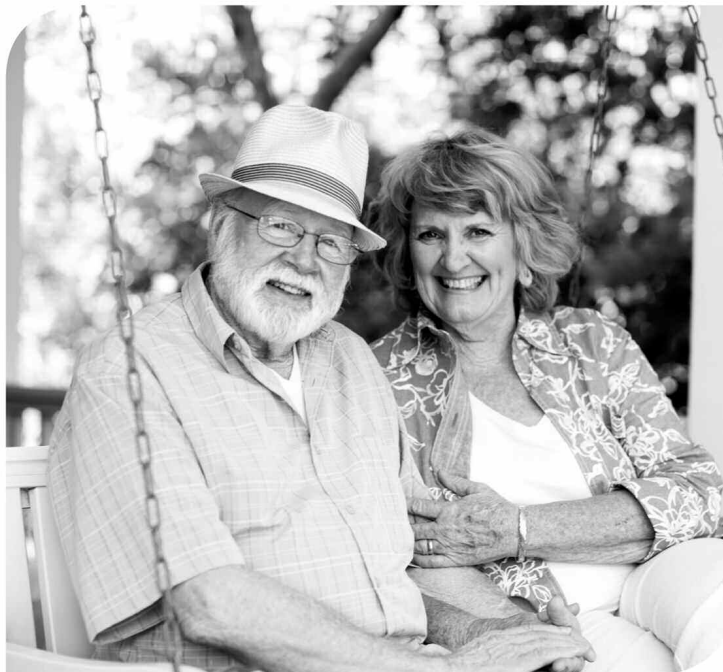
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Mt. Airy's Got Talent Auditions

Mt. Airy's Got Talent is looking for vocalists, musicians, dancers, spoken word artists and visual artists of all ages and skill levels from the Chestnut Hill/Mt. Airy/Germantown area to participate in this year's show on Friday evening, November 16, 2012 at 7 pm at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6671 Germantown Avenue. The event will raise funds for the Arts and Literacy Program at the Eleanor C. Emlen K-8 Public School.

The theme is "Gratitude for Our Gifts." As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we will ask performers to share what they are grateful for and pick pieces that express their gratitude.

Please respond by Monday, November 5, 2012 to get on the program.

We hope to raise \$1000 with the support of a Thrivent for Lutherans Challenge Grant.

Last year's event was fabulous and we are looking forward to another night to remember! Info: Kathryn Mariani 215-380-0842 or kathrynmariani@aol.com.

Friends of the Wissahickon Commemorates Completion of Warming Shed at Valley Green

The Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW) invites the public to join them as they commemorate the completion of the Warming Shed at Valley Green with the presentation of a plaque on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at noon. The project was undertaken in 2010 after the structure burned down due to an electrical fire during a rain storm. FOW's Structures Crew, led by Mike Souders of Chestnut Hill, rebuilt the Warming Shed with financial support from the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC). "The Friends of the Wissahickon, together with PEC, is excited that the warming shed is now complete," says FOW Executive Director Maura McCarthy. "This structure is part of the historic fabric of Wissahickon Valley Park and we hope park users will join us to commemorate its restoration."

This project marks the fourth time FOW has restored this structure in recent years. In 1999, the Friends rebuilt the shed after it collapsed. Several years later, a fire burned two large holes in the shed, which FOW repaired. Soon after, a large hemlock tree fell on the building, requiring more repair work. In the fall of 2010, the structure burned down due to an electrical fire during a rain storm. The commemoration ceremony will take place at the Warming Shed near Valley Green Inn, located on Forbidden Drive in Wissahickon Valley Park.



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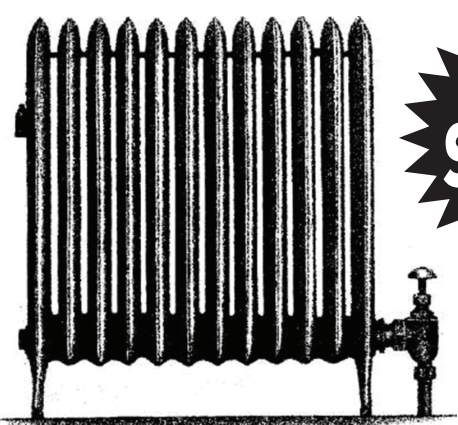
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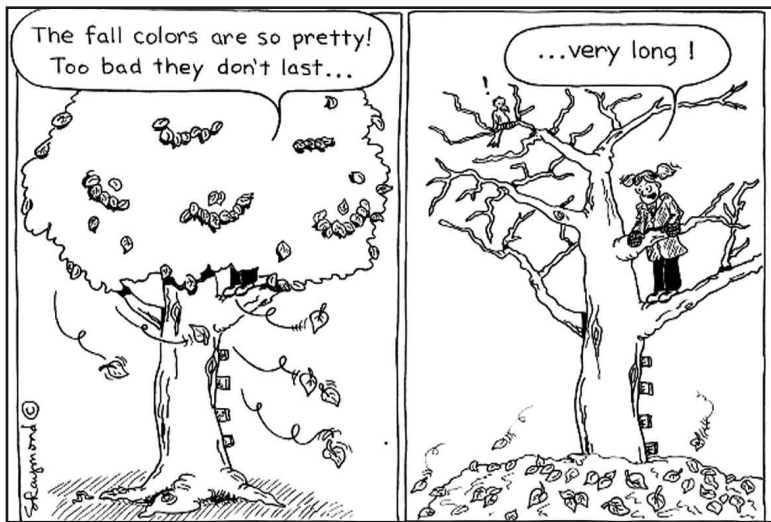
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On November 6, we the people will be following what is dictated in the first and second articles of the constitution when we vote for our U. S. representative, U. S. senator and the president of the United States. Since 1788 it has been a regular occurrence, one that we too often take for granted. In looking at the unamended constitution, we are reminded that African-Americans, women and other members of society were excluded for decades from voting. Fortunately, as America matured as a society, these exclusionary tactics were removed and we expanded the vote to all citizens, even though it took acts of Congress and judicial and executive action to ensure that the laws were followed.

In these past few years, we have seen new efforts to limit voting rights because of imagined or feared voting fraud. Although voting fraud is incredibly rare, the subject became a lightning rod in several states and laws were passed that put new restrictions on the citizenry's access to the voting booth. In a number of cases, the courts struck down the new laws. In others, the laws were eased (some temporarily) and the right to vote was maintained.

That last part is key: the right to vote. It is not a privilege. It is not an obligation. It is not a commercial transaction. As members of this democracy in a republic, we the people have certain inalienable rights. Voting may be one of our most important and fragile. It cannot be stressed enough that each vote counts.

In a little over a week the polls will open and many (but not a great many) will go to the polls and use our vote. We urge you, no matter what your political inclination, to take the time to cast a ballot. We have spent more than two centuries shaping this country. Protecting the vote means using the vote. On Tuesday, November 6, take the time needed to follow what the founders prescribed in September of 1787.

Scott Alloway, Associate Editor

Opinions & Letters to the Editor ...

Slow Police Response

Editor:

Call it fate, curiosity, luck or just a concerned citizen doing some research on the Internet as to the reason why I found your May 10th 2012 article, "Inconsistent Police Response Plagues Northwest".

The reason that I was doing research on this topic was because an incident occurred on the quiet block of Rugby St. at 6:15 a.m. on 10/21/12. As a lifelong member of Philadelphia and son of an active Philadelphia Police Officer, I have never been more disappointed in this city's police department.

I awoke to the sound of a woman screaming, "HELP!, HELP! GET OFF ME!!" I immediately grabbed my phone and dialed 911. The dispatcher informed me that the police are on their way. As I reached for my pants, my wife yells at me, "No, you are not going out there."

As I listened to the woman screaming for help for a few more minutes, I couldn't help but think that could be my wife out there; feeling more helpless as the minutes went by. I could feel my anger increasing as I did not hear or see a police car. My wife decides to dial 911 (she called twice) and both times she was informed that the police are on the way.

After 15 minutes a police car finally arrives and handles the situation. I couldn't see much from my bedroom window and tried to go back to sleep but couldn't. So my wife and I discussed what just happened for nearly two hours before finally falling asleep.

What is happening on a Sunday morning that it

RUST 3 and MAAG

Editor:

I was very pleased with your recent article on the Mt Airy Art Garage and RUST 3. http://www.germantownnewspapers.com/Artists_Taking_Back_Philadelphia_Brick_by_Brick.html

The Garage is a tremendous resource for the local community and is striving to be meaningful to the entire city of Philadelphia. The RUST 3 show in November at the Garage is an example of how this organization is striving to move forward urban re-

Diplomacy, Not War

Editor:

I was glad to hear both presidential candidates mention diplomacy with Iran during the debate this week, but I'm concerned that some in Congress are already saying that the time for talking with Iran is over.

I hope whoever wins the presidency supports real, sustained diplomacy and that my members of Congress work toward this goal.

Marlena Santoyo
Philadelphia

takes police fifteen minutes to respond to frantic calls that someone is attacked? I will give them five minutes max; fifteen is in no way acceptable. The problem is this, and is something that is mentioned in the May 10th story, is that the 14th district is too large of an area for the officers to cover. What's the solution to the slow response times? There are two. First, cut the district in half and create a new district so that more officers are concentrated in the more densely populated areas. Second, take all of the "administrative officers" in the district and put them on the street. Why are our tax dollars that paid for their training being wasted on secretarial duties that can be handled by civilians? Guess what? We just solved another issue. By having civilians do this work hundreds of jobs are created (assuming all districts throughout the city used this model).

My wife (also a lifelong member of Philadelphia) and I settled to this area two years ago after painstaking research for a nice neighborhood to settle down, buy a house and eventually start a family. The first year was very quiet but we started to notice some changes in the neighborhood earlier this year. There have been several shootings and homicides very close to home. Unfortunately, we are starting to regret our decision to settle in this area.

With the help of a proactive police force and concerned citizens, we can all make this neighborhood a better place to live.

C. Johnson
Philadelphia

newal in the city. The Garage is planning many more events and partnerships that will also help rebuild Philadelphia. My partner Andy Heisey and myself (Andy Walker, resident of Philadelphia) are proud to be part of this organization. I also wanted to add that RUST is an independent project, not part of the Mural Arts program as stated in the above article. Thanks again for writing such a fine article.

Andy Walker, Andy Heisey

As former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering recently wrote, "Patient, committed diplomacy is the only way to realize the long term and durable objectives

of an Iran without nuclear weapons and a region without war."

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November 2012 Philadelphia Ballot Questions

From the Committee of Seventy

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Seventy is a non-partisan organization that does not endorse candidates for elective office. However, in addition to providing explanations, we do offer non-partisan recommendations on some ballot questions. Please see the bottom of this page to learn about how Seventy arrives at its recommendations.

Four questions will appear on Philadelphia's November 6, 2012 ballot. The following chart provides the actual language of the ballot questions (in the order in which they will appear on the ballot) and the "Plain English Statements" prepared for each ballot question by the city's Law Department.

BALLOT QUESTION

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT

1. Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for the establishment of an independent rate-making body for fixing and regulating water and sewer rates and charges and to prescribe open and transparent processes and procedures for fixing and regulating said rates and charges?

This amendment to the Home Rule Charter would permit City Council to create an independent rate-making body to set water and sewer rates, and to regulate how those rates are imposed. Currently, the Philadelphia Water Department has the final responsibility for setting and regulating rates and charges for water and sewer services. Council would also be able to establish procedures to be followed by the new body in setting rates and charges. These procedures would have to be open and transparent.

Voters who want to learn more about this proposal should read the testimony offered at City Council's Committee on Law and Government's public hearing on April 19, 2012.

2. Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the creation by ordinance of requirements for additional information to be submitted with the annual operating budget, annual capital budget, and capital program, including, but not limited to, information about the cost of performing specific functions, the effectiveness of such functions, and the costs versus benefits of proposed expenditures, and to require the Finance Director to provide such information?

The Home Rule Charter currently requires the Mayor to submit to Council, each year, a proposed annual operating budget, a proposed annual capital budget and a proposed capital program. This amendment to the Home Rule Charter would authorize City Council to require the Director of Finance to submit to Council information relating to the Mayor's budget proposals. Such information could include information about the costs and benefits of specific functions and expenditures.

At Council's Committee on Law and Government's June 18, 2012 public hearing, the city's Budget Director Rebecca Rhynhart testified that the Nutter administration supports the principle behind the proposed Charter amendment, i.e., using performance measurements and cost/benefit analyses to inform budget decisions. However, Ms. Rhynhart testified that the administration could not support the proposal at this time because the city lacks the required technology to provide this information for all departments by Fiscal Year 2014 (which begins on July 1, 2013). She added that the city's Chief Innovation Officer is exploring the purchase of a new IT system to "allow the City to fully move to this new way of budgeting."

3. Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter – which allows for a preference in the civil service regulations for the children of Philadelphia firefighters or police officers who were killed or who died in the line of duty – be amended to further allow for a preference for the grandchildren of such firefighters or police officers?

This amendment to the Home Rule Charter would authorize City Council to provide a preference on civil service entrance examinations to the grandchildren of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty.

Voters who want to learn more about this proposal should read the testimony offered at City Council's Committee on Law and Government's public hearing on June 18, 2012.

NOTE: This proposed Charter amendment is an extension of the Charter amendment passed by the voters in May 2006 to allow Council to grant "from time to time be required by statute or ordinance, of preference in entrance examinations to qualified persons who have been members of the armed forces of the United States, and to the children of Philadelphia firefighters or police officers who were killed or who died in the line of duty."

4. Should the City of Philadelphia borrow ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$123,670,000) to be spent for and toward capital purposes as follows: Transit; Streets and Sanitation; Municipal Buildings; Parks, Recreation and Museums; and Economic and Community Development?

This ballot question, if approved by the voters, would authorize the City to borrow \$123,670,000 for capital purposes, thereby increasing the City's indebtedness by \$123,670,000. Capital purposes means, generally, to make expenditures that will result in something of value with a useful life to the City of more than five years, for example, acquisitions of real estate, or construction of or improvements to buildings, property or streets.

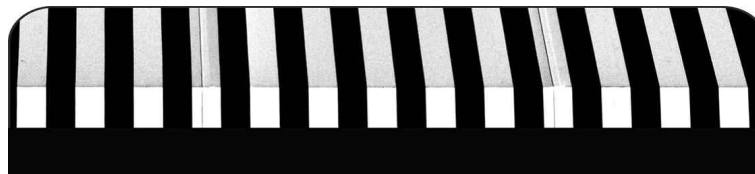
The money to be borrowed would be used by the City for five identified purposes, namely, Transit; Streets and Sanitation; Municipal Buildings; Parks, Recreation and Museums; and Economic and Community Development, all in specific amounts identified in Bill No. 120562 (approved September 2012). City Council would have authority, by ordinance, to change the intended allocation of these proceeds.

Methodology for Making Non-Partisan Recommendations on Ballot Questions

The Home Rule Charter. The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is the city's permanent governing document. It outlines the structures and procedures of Philadelphia's government, including the powers and duties of the Mayor, City Council and other elected officials. You can read the Charter by logging onto www.seventy.org/Files/Philadelphia_Home_Rule_Charter.pdf.

State law outlines two ways to amend the Charter:

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2. A proposed amendment to the Charter can be submitted to City Council by a petition signed by at least 20,000 registered voters. City Council may, by majority vote, decide to submit the proposed amendment to the voters as a ballot question. Just like a ballot question that comes directly from Council, approval by a majority of the voters is required before the substantive change outlined in the amendment goes into effect.



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Public Affairs & Governance

Gotcha Games Make Headlines, Not Change



by Brett Mandel

Philadelphians too often find that our leaders are focused on creating publicity for themselves when they should be looking to make the differences that can

move Philadelphia forward. We need them to make change a lot more than we need them to make headlines.

The City Controller, Philadelphia's independently elected auditor, recently released a review on

construction practices which criticized City agencies and their oversight of contractors in certain neighborhoods. Unfortunately, in his rush to run before the news cameras and preen for the press, the Controller never bothered to share his review with those City agencies so it might help improve their oversight practices.

Mayoral spokesperson Mark McDonald was quick to pounce on the Controller's gambit, criticizing the review's lack of understanding of City agency operations and the Controller's rush to get the report to the press first: "It certainly would have been helpful had Mr. Butkovitz shared the report with us to give us the opportunity to respond." (Philadelphia Inquirer – October 11, 2012)

These kinds of "gotcha" games work tremendously well to generate news and reporters are happy

to have a scoop, but best government auditing practices and professional conduct demand proper procedures — entrance and exit interviews to ensure that auditing work is legitimate and to ensure that the audit is best crafted to result in corrective action. By initiating audit work with an entrance meeting to establish the scope and objectives of the work, and by using an exit interview to obtain management's comments before the report is issued, audit work can be best framed and presented to promote change.

If agency leaders and employees believe that audit work is a serious effort to promote efficiency and effectiveness, there are opportunities to utilize audit findings to generate improvements. However, if there is a perception that the audit work is designed to embarrass officials and line workers, then the only likely outcome is mistrust and suspicion.

It would be fortunate, indeed, if this recent episode was the first time that the Controller's rush to stand in front of a television camera resulted in slipshod work or unfair statements coming from his office. Unfortunately, a quick Google search yields a long list of criticisms of his work.

In an editorial (February 24, 2010), the Daily News lashed out at Butkovitz: "This kind of intellectual dishonesty is at the heart of our problem with the controller's actions; if we can't expect actual data and facts from a controller, we're in big trouble... For that, we have a hard time trusting him."

Another Daily News editorial (July 14, 2010) offered a scathing critique: "We've already criticized the controller's fondness for 'gotcha' reports detailing government's failings in a way that alienates the people most apt to fix them, but this 'report' is so full of half-truths and unconfirmed assumptions that it corrodes the credibility of the office." The editorial concludes of Butkovitz, "He seems intent on getting attention for finding faults, instead of

helping to find sound solutions to problems."

After another headline-chasing release from the Controller's Office, Mayor Nutter's spokesperson said, "That this was released to the media and not to the administration leads me to think it is little more than a publicity stunt." (Philadelphia Daily News, December 31, 2008)

The Philadelphia Exposure Project concluded a consideration of the Controller's work with this damning criticism: "It's unclear if the controller has any productive ideas to help the school district, not hurt it. What is clear is that he knows how to make headlines." (February 8, 2012)

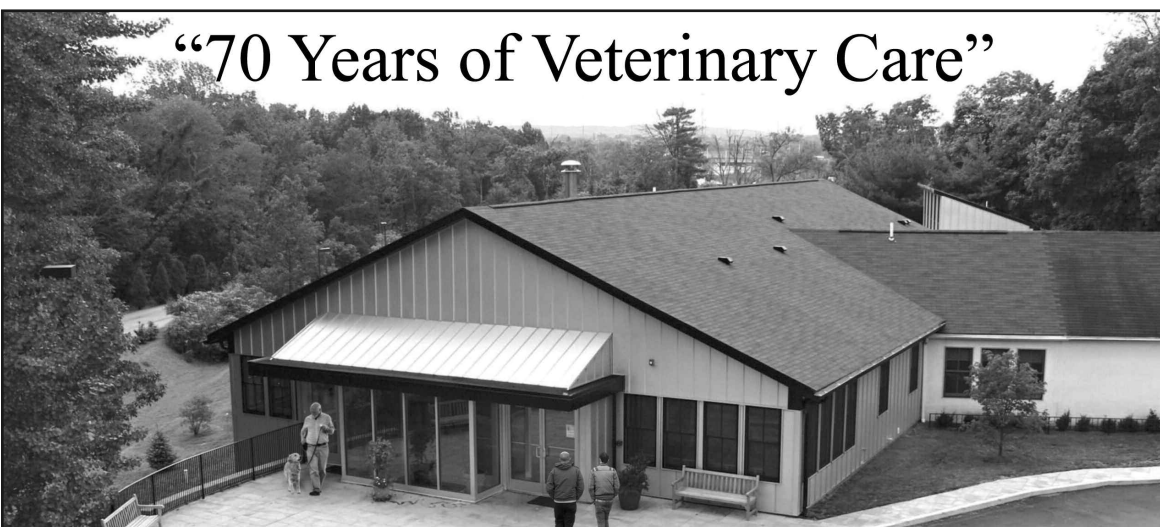
The Controller's efforts have been successful at generating media attention. While the media often give him the headline he wants, his "shoot-first-ask-questions-later" approach is a disservice to the qualified and credentialed auditors in his office. These auditors should instead be engaged in legitimate and productive audit work to improve the efforts of the agencies we all count on to make Philadelphia a preferred place to live, work, and visit.

Philadelphians elect their leaders to do good, not to play games. A Controller committed to accountability and effective government could use the powers of the office to focus government on high performance. Until we change the Controller, we will be stuck with "gotcha" games that create headlines, not productive and legitimate work that creates positive change.

Brett Mandel
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Editor's Note: Brett Mandel has begun fund raising for a possible run for City Controller in 2013. Mr. Mandel has worked in the Controller's Office and has run for the position of City Controller in the past. The ballots will not be formalized until February 2013.

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Public Affairs & Governance

Think Before You Vote



by Victoria A. Brownworth

As the election looms closer, the polls continue to narrow. The day after the final presidential debate, President Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney were in a virtual tie with Romney edging out the President by not quite a point.

The 2012 race is a far cry from 2008 when Barack Obama was still largely unknown to most voters outside his home state of Illinois, but his youth and vitality stood in stark contrast to Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), who was nearly 30 years his senior and the oldest candidate to run for president. Massive rallies for Obama energized voters. The end of eight years of the Bush Administration was finally in sight.

But four years and many broken promises and disturbing policies later, many of us who voted for Obama in 2008 won't be voting for him again.

I am one of those voters. I will be voting for Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate for president. Let me tell you why.

I try not to have political conversations with people as the election draws near, because I know emotions are running high. I had dinner a week ago with friends. We were almost all Progressives and everyone at the dinner party had voted for Obama in 2008 except one woman who had voted for Cynthia McKinney, the Green Party candidate.

Yet not one person in the room was voting for Obama in 2012.

I got into a heated discussion with one of my hosts who said he was not voting for Obama because Obama was a Socialist.

I started laughing.

No one at the table joined me.

I said I wished Obama were a Socialist, because if that were indeed the case, I could vote for him again in a heartbeat. But my problem is that Obama has spent his four years in office proving he can out-Republican the Republicans.

That was not why I voted for him in 2008. I voted for him because after eight long years of Bush-Cheney and even after two years of a Democratic-controlled House of Representatives with the first woman Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, nothing progressive was happening in Washington.

For eight years Progressives like myself told ourselves we just needed a Democrat in the White House again.

And then we elected Obama.

I'm not going to debate the merits of Obama over Romney. I don't vote Republican. I want the nation

to move left, not further right. Last month Bruce A. Dixon, managing editor at Black Agenda Report wrote an incisive piece titled "Closer Than You Think: Top 15 Things Romney and Obama Agree On." He laid out with succinct clarity what's missing in the 2012 election. It was a sobering look at both candidates and how blurred the lines between the two parties have become.

And it's the main reason I won't vote for Obama again—because I think he's blurred those lines too much. He's moved the Democratic Party decidedly to the right. In his efforts at a kind of nuclear bipartisanship—which Romney also favors—he's taken democracy out of the Democrat.

In the one-party town that is Philadelphia it's blasphemy to speak ill of the Democratic Party, but the last four years in Washington and the past two in Pennsylvania leave me worried for the future of the party—and for Progressivism as a concept in America. We say Democrat but increasingly we mean Republican.

On Oct. 24, Jill Stein filed suit against the Commission on Presidential Debates because she and her VP running mate, Philadelphia activist Cheri Honkala, were arrested when they protested outside the second presidential debate last week because Stein was not included in the debate. (That's what I mean about taking the democracy out of Democrat.) The CPD barred the Green and Libertarian Party candidates from the presidential debates.

Why?

One more reason for me to vote third party this election—because I am tired of the way the two mainstream parties refuse to include other candidates in the debates. Shouldn't the voters have more choices, not fewer? And wouldn't the presence of other candidates force the mainstream candidates out of their rote and practiced answers that more often than not avoid substance?

As Dixon's article explains, the two-party system isn't two party any more—it's one conglomerate. Yes, there are some distinctions, but they aren't across the board and they are increasingly vague. For example, in the Pennsylvania Senate race, voters have the option of the anti-choice, pro-gun, pro-death penalty Democratic incumbent, Sen. Bob Casey or the anti-choice, pro-gun, pro-death penalty Republican challenger, Tom Smith.

Remember when choice and gun control and ending the death penalty were Democratic ideals?

Democrats like to assert that they are the "Big Tent" political party, with room for everyone. But if you open the door to conservatives and

conservative ideals, they drag the party to the right.

And that's what has happened with each successive presidential and senatorial election since 2000: The Democrats have moved further and further to the right in search of those elusive "independent" voters everyone seems to cater to and the bipartisanship the Republicans have no interest in.

I was a very small child during Lyndon Johnson's Administration, but history doesn't fade. Johnson was a real Democrat. Because of Johnson we have the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, the Head Start program. Johnson didn't sit back and complain that Republicans weren't on board with giving blacks the right to vote or the right to attend the schools of their choice or that poor kids weren't deserving of the same education as kids from more prosperous families. He went to Capitol Hill and shook the lapels of colleagues until he got what he wanted.

And the nation is a better place, a more inclusive place for it. One could argue that without the work done in Johnson's presidency, Barack Obama would not be president today.

Where is that same progressivism in 2012?

Maddeningly elusive.

On the night of the final debate, I saw no less than ten commercials for the Voter ID Law in Pennsylvania. The ads have been altered slightly since they originally ran prior to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court determining that state-issued voter ID would not be necessary for this election. But the visuals for the ad are the same: a range of individuals holding up their ID cards saying "If you want to vote, show it!"

Confusing? Yes. Nearly 50 years after the Voting Rights Act was signed into law by Johnson, efforts at stifling the vote continue.

Whether it's the voter ID mess or the arrest of serious third party candidates outside the debates they've been barred from, the narrowing of voter rights and choices should be a concern for us all—not just Progressive activists like myself.

I have little doubt that President Obama will be re-elected Nov. 6, although it will be a very tight election this time — there will be no "And Pennsylvania declares Obama the winner of the election" at half past 8. But does he deserve re-election? Does Romney deserve election?

When Obama was elected in 2008, he had an approval rating of 87 percent and a Democratic majority in both Houses of Congress. He squandered both—as well as the hopes and dreams for the promised change so many of us voted for. Romney was elected governor in the most progressive state in the na-

tion in a landslide. Less than a decade ago he was a centrist Republican just like four years ago we were told Obama was a Progressive.

Times change.

Obama's election was historic; no one can argue that. But his presidency has been anything but. A few months back the New York Times referred to Obama's policies as "Bush 3." Indefinite detention, drone attacks, assassination of American citizens—the extra-constitutional acts of this presidency have further blurred that line between Democrat and Republican. Anyone who watched the third presidential debate saw that—there was little to distinguish between the two candidates.

So where does that leave us?

If everyone who is disappointed by Obama's lack of democratic leadership voted Green Party, we'd have both our first woman president and our first Green Party president. But that won't happen, I know.

I've heard the "don't throw away your vote!" arguments. But one only throws away one's vote when one doesn't vote. Voting one's conscience is never a throwaway.

So this election I am voting a straight ticket—third party all the way. The things I believe in—equality for women as well as lesbians and gays, safety nets for the poor, cessation of the drone warfare that has escalated and expanded under this Administration, addressing climate change, becoming a signatory to the Kyoto Agreement, stopping

the Tar Sands pipeline and so many other progressive issues—I am voting for those things.

And neither Obama nor Romney espouses any of it.

I'd like to ask you to think Green this election, but I know many of you will say, "Obama is the lesser of two evils," forgetting that the lesser of two evils is still evil. Or you will buy into the rhetoric that Romney will end the world as we know it, even though we've heard that before with candidate after candidate and it hasn't happened.


We need some real change in America. That's as important today as it was when Obama ran on that mantra. And if a truly progressive candidate like Stein brought home a significant percentage of the vote, that might turn the tide in subsequent elections.

Change comes slowly. In 2008 Obama promised us change, but he also told us we were the change. Perhaps that means the failures of the past four years are on us. Or perhaps it means that we need to step outside the mainstream to really get change going.

The choices are ours. But whatever your choice is, just make sure you make it. Your vote is your voice. But remember to ask yourself before you step into that booth, who it is whose voice best reflects your own.

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Philadelphia Natives Launch Math and Science Tutoring Company



Nneka Kirkland and Chalon Downs joined forces to form Citywide Math and Science Institute, a tutoring company located in Philadelphia. Citywide provides math and science tutoring services for students in grade 5 – 12, college students, and adult learners. Tutoring sessions are provided in local libraries in Northwest Philadelphia neighborhoods including Germantown, West Oak Lane, Mount Airy, and Chestnut Hill. Citywide selects tutors for their students based upon skill sets and learning style preferences.

The co-founders have been in the industry for several years. They met while teaching for Temple University's Math Science Upward Bound Program. They formed Citywide to meet the rising need of supplemental instruction in math and science education. Nneka has a Master of Education degree in Math Education. She is an adjunct instructor at Temple University where she teaches College Algebra and Precalculus. Chalon has a Master of Science degree in Molecular Pathobiology. She is an adjunct instructor at Delaware County Community College where she teaches Biology.

The co-founders of Citywide Math and Science Institute are co-authors of a worldwide goodwill book titled "Amazing Grades: 101 Best Ways to Improve Your Grades Faster." The chapters of the book are written by 101 authors from 13 countries around the world. Nneka wrote a chapter on mastering Precalculus. Chalon wrote a chapter on mastering Chemistry.

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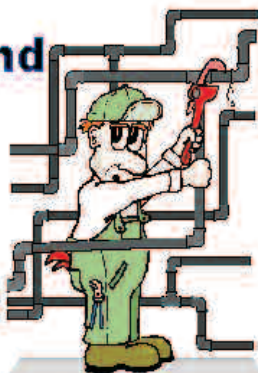
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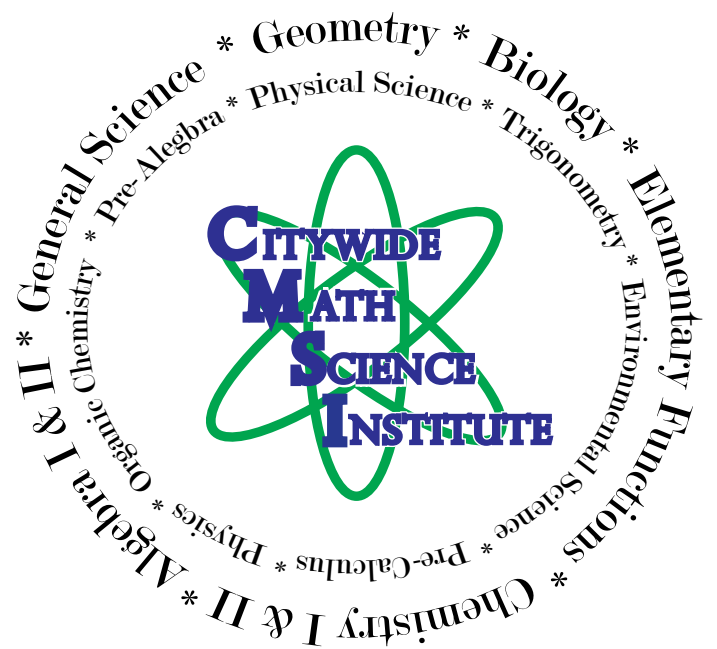
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LITERATURE

BOOK SIGNING

Big Blue Marble Bookstore

Krista Nelson, Author of *My Secret Barack*
 Saturday, October 27th 5-6 pm

The Love of Apples: Poetry to Open the Heart and Celebrate the Season.

Oct. 27, 7 p.m. at Musehouse, 7924 Germantown Avenue
 Free and Open to the Public

Susan Windle, Ellen Mason and Annie Geheb began creating and performing their unique blend of poetry and song in 1991. They dedicate all of their work to challenging injustice and strengthening human bonds. With no instruments but voice and gesture, their performances and recordings highlight each woman's solo voice as well as the amazing resonances between them.

The Black Writers Museum in collaboration with the Molefi K. Asante Institute is sponsoring a *Night of Poetry* on October 26. Beginning at 7 p.m., at the MKA Institute, 5535 Germantown Avenue, Supreme Dow will host this evening "Remembering the Black Arts Movement." An open mic featuring local poets expressing lyrics of love, struggle, laughter, resistance, progress, and predicaments will fill the air and evening. If you would like to perform, please arrive promptly at 7. For questions, please call 267.297.6078. Black Writers Museum, 23 West Maplewood Avenue, Philadelphia.

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Love to Read and Teach? Volunteers Needed to Change Lives for Local Adults

The Center for Literacy (CFL) has served tens of thousands of individuals with classes in adult basic education, GED prep and English as a second

language, along with youth initiatives, family literacy, workforce skills development and small group and one-on-one tutoring. Philadelphia's Center for Literacy (CFL), a nationally respected organization devoted to helping adults master basic reading, writing, math and computer skills, is seeking college-educated volunteer tutors to help change lives.

Orientation sessions for prospective volunteers are held throughout the year; upcoming openings are listed on the Orientation Schedule posted at the CFL website: www.centerforliteracy.org. These workshops are free and open to the public and advance registration is required.

For information: www.centerforliteracy.org or call 215-474-1235.

LUPUS LOOP
 5K Run and 2.5 Mile Walk for Lupus Now
 October 28, 2012

5K RUN AND 2.5 MILE Walk for Lupus Now



Sunday

October 28, 2012

Fairmount Park Philadelphia, PA

**On-Site Registration: 7:30am
 Run/Walk Begins: 9:00am**

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SPIRITUALITY

Germantown Jewish Centre November Events

Germantown Jewish Centre's Kol D'mamah Contemplative Service. Saturday, Nov.3

Connect to the divine through music, breath & learning in a monthly minyan that includes chant, hand percussion, meditation and contemplative teaching. Silent Meditation begins at 10:00 AM and Chanting begins at 10:15 AM. For more info contact program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215-844-1507 Ext 19.

Refuat HaNefesh: Monthly Healing Service

at Germantown Jewish Centre Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 7-8 PM

A one-hour service of singing, meditation, sharing, learning, and prayer, open to anyone who feels in need. This service is held the first Tuesday night of the month September through June. Led by Rabbi Adam Zeff and Rabbi Melissa Klein. For more info contact program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215-844-1507 Ext 19.

Reformation Lutheran Church Celebrates 70th Anniversary at Community Harvest Festival

Reformation Lutheran Church will celebrate 70 years of community engagement at its Community Harvest Festival to be held on Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the church, located at 1215 East Vernon Road, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. The Community Harvest Festival, designed to promote healthy living, wellness education, and fun activities for the entire family, will benchmark Reformation Lutheran Church's 70 years presence and service to the Mt. Airy community. The public is cordially invited.

Vendors are invited to participate in the Community Harvest Festival's Flea Market. Vendor fee is \$15.00 with table and \$20.00 without table. The Reformation Men's Ministry Food Court including hot dogs, hot sausages, water, juice and sodas will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Intercommunity Action Safari Adventure

Join Intercommunity Action for our 16th annual gala fundraiser benefiting the people of all ages we assist. We invite you to a "Safari Adventure", Thursday, November 8, 2012, 5:30 p.m., this year at Whitmarsh Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill with dinner, live entertainment, and a silent and live auction. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 215-487-0567, or visit www.intercommunityaction.org for reservations. www.ishcentre.org or 215-844-1507 Ext 19.



Harvest Is Magical, But Grueling

By David White

From the outside, winemaking seems romantic.

Farm workers lovingly tend to their vineyards throughout the spring and summer, and then hand harvest their grapes in the early fall. Those grapes are then gently crushed -- by foot, of course -- and turn into wine on their own through the magic of fermentation.

We're led to believe that winemakers simply monitor this process. They're there to make sure the final product winds up on the

dinner table, but nature takes care of virtually everything.

This narrative is partially true. But it ignores the grueling, back-breaking work that goes into every bottle of wine we open.

Last week, I took part in that work during a brief visit to California, where I visited 12 wineries in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District. I came equipped with rubber boots and gloves -- and offered to help wherever an extra hand was needed. I'm still hurting.

Wherever wine is made, harvest is a special time. But the work is exhausting.

In the evenings and early mornings, vineyards are packed with laborers collecting fruit, as picking while the weather is cool protects workers from daytime heat and en-

sures the grapes arrive in pristine condition.

The roads are equally busy. In the mornings and evenings, trucks are filled with grapes. Throughout the day, those same trucks haul equipment and vineyard supplies.

Wineries are abuzz with around-the-clock activity.

Forklifts and tractors are in constant use. As grapes come in, they're sorted, de-stemmed, and sorted again, as no winemaker wants leaves, spiders, or rocks to end up in her wine. With white wines, those grapes are crushed and pressed before fermentation. With reds, most of the grapes are typically left intact before they're placed in barrels or tanks. At this point, yeast gets to work -- gradually converting the sugar into alco-

hol and imparting a litany of new tastes and aromas. Over about two weeks, what begins as grape juice becomes wine.

Throughout this period, winemakers regularly taste the fermenting juice -- and bring samples to the laboratory -- to make sure the process is progressing as it should.

For every winemaking team, the cleaning never ends. From bins, sorting tables, and de-stemming machines to tanks, pipes, and winemaking equipment, scalding hot water is used, over and over again, to hose down virtually everything. Wineries are very wet during harvest season.

The work seems endless. Harvest only lasts about six to ten weeks, depending on the grape variety. But during this period, 12- to

14-hour days are normal. Much of the work is messy and physical. Some is mind-numbingly repetitive. Many tough choices have to be made. And at every step, attention to detail is critical -- one small error could result in hundreds of gallons of lost wine.

Despite all the effort, harvest is magical. The air is filled with energy and the smell of fermenting grapes. Winemakers and their teams beam with joy, knowing their work will bring joy and pleasure to countless people. I can't wait to go back.

David White, a wine writer, is the founder and editor of Terroirist.com. His columns are housed at Wines.com, the fastest growing wine portal on the Internet.

Anna Crusis Women's Choir Fall Concert at the Unitarian Society

Anna Crusis Women's Choir presents their fall concert, *Simply Love: a Marriage Equality Event* on Saturday, December 1st & 2nd, 2012 at the Unitarian Society of Germantown, 6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA., 19119.

At this pivotal time in our history, a time when more and more states are ratifying legislature to support gay marriage, when for the first time a sitting president has come out in support of marriage equality for gays and lesbians, resistance is still strong. SIMPLY LOVE: a Marriage Equality Event, celebrates gay and lesbian relationships and brings home the desire for equality for the LGBT community and its supporters.

Love stories transcend differences. It is powerful to share our

stories and it is vital to help other people understand why they need to support marriage equality. Anna Crusis invites all who are interested to tell their story. If you are a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual or straight ally couple and want to celebrate your commitment, tell Anna your story. Couples will be chosen to participate with them in this concert. Special guests include members of the Philadelphia Gay Men's Choir and Philadelphia Voices of Pride.

Anna Crusis Women's Choir strives for musical excellence, singing to celebrate women and their lives, while promoting equality and opportunity for all. In her 37 year history, Anna has sought to act as an agent of social change by empowering, challenging and uplift-

ing audiences with music that inspires and transforms. Anna Crusis continues to promote its founding ideals. Special focus is placed on music by, for and about women and their lives. The choir values diversity and inclusion in its membership, its audiences and its repertoire. While honoring their common ground, choir members work to respect and learn from each other, from their differences in sexual orientation, racial and cultural heritage, age, class and spiritual expression.

Admission is \$20 suggested (\$15-\$50 sliding scale), with children under the age of 12 admitted free of charge. Children are welcome and playcare will also be provided. Please RSVP for playcare on the website: www.annacrusis.com

This concert marks the first performance conducted by Miriam Davidson as Anna's new Artistic Director.

For more information about Anna Crusis Women's Choir please visit their website at www.annacrusis.com.

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HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY VOTERS WHO ARE VOTING BY MEANS OF AN ALTERNATIVE BALLOT BECAUSE OF INACCESSIBILITY OF THEIR POLLING PLACE MUST RETURN SUCH BALLOTS TO ROOM 142 CITY HALL NO LATER THAN 8 PM ELECTION DAY.

Additionally, on Election Day, registered electors with disabilities may obtain an Emergency Alternative Ballot Application and cast their ballot in person at the County Board of Election, in Room 142, City Hall, up to the close of the polls on Election Day.

ANUNCIO SOBRE LAS ELECCIONES - LOS LUGARES DE VOTACION
ELECCION GENERAL Y ESPECIAL - MARTES 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2012
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Si en su lugar de votación actual no se permiten sillas de rueda y usted conoce otro edificio con accesibilidad en su División que cree que puede ser adecuado como lugar de votación, por favor contactése con Gary Ferris al (215) 686-1523.

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Además, el día de la Elección, los votantes registrados con discapacidades pueden pedir una Solicitud de Voto Alternativo de Emergencia y emitir su voto en persona en el Comité de Elección del Condado, en la oficina # 142 en City Hall hasta la finalización de la votación el día de la Elección.

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Thursday Bridge game 12 – 3
Friday Scrabble 10 – 12, Short Story Group noon – 1 pm, Knitting 1 – 3

Chestnut Hill College
9601 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118
Phone: 215-753-3664

Harry Potter Conference
Oct. 26

Chestnut Hill College will host an academic conference on "Harry Potter: Reflections on the Major Themes in J.K. Rowling's Literature" on Friday, October 26, from 3-5 p.m. in the Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall. The conference is an academic outlet for students, faculty and other scholars to present papers/research related to the "Harry Potter book series. This conference brings a scholarly component to the Harry Potter Weekend and the 3rd Annual Philadelphia Brotherly Love Quidditch Cup Tournament. Presenters at the conference include Dustin Kidd, associate professor of sociology at Temple University, will discuss "The Medicalization of Magical Maladies: A Sociological Take on the

World of Harry Potter," Joseph Thompson, retired professor of political science at Villanova University, will present "Death Eaters and Northern Ireland," and Peter Appelbaum, professor of education at Arcadia University, will speak on "Can Harry Potter Help us Understand Education as a Social Institution?" Chestnut Hill faculty presenting include Patrick McCauley, assistant professor of religious studies & philosophy who will address "The Empowering Symbol of the Father in The Prisoner of Azkaban," and Karen Wendling, assistant professor of chemistry, will discuss "Alchemy, Chemistry, and the Secrets of Harry Potter."

For information about presenting, please contact Karen Wendling, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry at wendlingk@chc.edu or Patrick McCauley, Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies and philosophy at mccauleyp@chc.edu. For more information on presenting or to register, please visit <http://harrypotterconference.eventbrite.com/>

Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
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Center on the Hill... the place for active adults, under the sponsorship of The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, provides a variety of programs, activities, and resources to enrich the lives of active adults in the greater Chestnut Hill area. All are welcome. The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill is an inclusive congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), committed to excellence in worship, music and the arts, education and outreach. The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill is located at 8855 Germantown Ave. For more information, call 215-247-8855 or visit www.chestnuthillpres.org.

LIVING WITH A SPENDING PLAN
October 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Center on the Hill
8855 Germantown Ave.

One of the key components of financial independence is the ability to live within our means. And yet it's much easier said than done! What is it that gets in our way? In this hands-on workshop, we

will discuss crucial concepts as well as practical strategies for setting and sticking to a budget. Presenter Stephanie W. McCullough has been a financial advisor for 14 years. Attendance at both is highly recommended. \$10 per person for both sessions. No pro rating, please. To register, call Jackie Yorke, 215-247-4654, or e-mail jjorke@chestnuthillpres.org.

INDIVIDUAL MEDICARE COUNSELING
Center on the Hill
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Medicare can be complicated and confusing for retirees, baby-boomers preparing for retirement, children who are handling their parents' health care, and social security disability recipients. The APPRISE program, sponsored by the Montgomery County RSVP and Einstein Premier Years, is part of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program ("SHIP") and offers free and confidential Medicare counseling at Center on the Hill. Meet with trained volunteer counselor, Betsy Wallace on Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Wallace is a retired attorney who worked in medical social services before going into the law. In an individual meeting with her, Ms. Wallace helps you understand what Medicare does and doesn't cover and explains your options concerning Medicare HMOs, supplemental insurance, and Part D prescription drug plans. Also learn about special assistance programs available to low-income recipients or problem solve about your current Medicare, HMO, or Supplemental Insurance benefits. Free! To make an appointment, call Betsy Wallace, 610-834-1040 ext. 59.

CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR WHAT AILS YOU
Thursday, October 25 1:00 p.m.
Center on the Hill
8855 Germantown Ave.

Are you suffering with ailments like arthritis, disc degeneration, disc bulge and herniations, lower back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain, knee pain, or headaches? Here we'll make sure you know what each of these ailments is and what a chiropractor would do to treat them. Understanding your ailment is helpful in realizing how chiropractic care can help and in knowing which activities of daily living affect you positively or negatively. Free! To register, call Jackie Yorke, 215-247-4654, or e-mail jjorke@chestnuthillpres.org.

Oct. 26
Final-ly Friday
Mt. Airy
Final-ly Friday "Haunts & Hops" Kicks Off The Weekend With Ghost Stories on the Avenue, The Rocky Horror Picture Show and More

The Business Association of Mt. Airy (BAM), an initiative of Mt. Airy USA, celebrates another Finally Friday in Mt. Airy on Friday, October 26th with the theme "Haunts & Hops," a celebration of Halloween and OctoberFest. On the last Friday of every month, residents and visitors alike can come to Mt. Airy's commercial hubs to enjoy a festive yet laid back evening out with guest craft vendors, special entertainment features and great specials at local restaurants and shops. To celebrate Halloween and October-

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Community Calendar

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Fest, businesses and institutions will keep their doors open late to offer beer specials and candy for Trick-or-Treaters in costume. The Little Theater at Video Library will screen "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown," for kids at 7:30 pm and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 9:30 pm (the cult classic's Mt. Airy big screen debut).

On the heels of their last "Ghosts of the Great Road" tour, Historic Germantown is sponsoring "Ghost Story-Telling on the Avenue," during which a spooky costumed re-enactor will tell the strange and unexplained tales that took place (and still take place) along The Great Road, Germantown Avenue.

Special guest vendors will be on hand selling handmade jewelry, accessories, organic body products, ceramics and other home décor.

And there's tons to do for kids! In addition to Trick or Treating and "...the Great Pumpkin", there will be a free children's craft station, sponsored by Green Mountain Energy, a face-painting vendor, and even \$5 Halloween hair accents at Ground Zero Salon.

For more information and further details about the evening's festivities, go to www.gomtairy.com

Mt. Airy, USA is a nonprofit organiza-

tion whose mission is to preserve, empower, and advance a vibrant and diverse community by stimulating development responsive to Mt. Airy. In line with its mission, Mt. Airy, USA seeks to improve the quality of life for residents through three program areas: Housing Counseling, Real Estate Development, and Commercial Corridor Revitalization. For more information about the organization, call 215-844-6021 or visit www.mtairyusa.org.

MEDICARE SEMINAR IN TIME FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

Thursdays, Nov. 1, Nov. 29
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Your Medicare plan options change every year, just as your needs may change. If you have the Medicare Advantage Plan, you can change your enrollment for 2012. Also, you can change your drug plan for 2012 if you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Any changes must be made during the Open Enrollment period of October 15 through December 7. State trained volunteer APPRISE counselors are offering these FREE presentations on Medicare costs for 2012, on the Medicare Advantage options, and on Medicare Prescription Drug plans. Come learn what you need to know to

determine if you want to make changes during the open enrollment period. Free! To register, call Jackie Yoroko, 215-247-4654, or e-mail jjoroko@chestnuthillpres.org.

Oct. 24, Nov. 28

Journey's Way warmly invites caregivers, those who may soon be caregivers, and their families, to a Fall Caregiver's Education Series especially designed to address the concerns of people who are caring for others. These sessions will be at the Adult Day Services Center at Journey's Way, 4200 B Mitchell Street, first floor of Pensdale Village II, corner of Mitchell and Rector Streets). Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

Oct. 24, 6-7 pm, **Family Teamwork – Necessary Ingredient for Effective Caregiving** with speaker Rita Coyne, MSW, LCSW. Geriatric Clinician, Journey's Way.

Friends of Vernon Park host A Community Flea Market at Vernon Park

Oct. 27, 9 am to 4 pm,

Germantowners and their neighbors will converge on Vernon Park to sell their wares at the Inaugural Fall Flea Market hosted by the Friends of Vernon Park. This event is purposed to:

- encourage community use of the park;
- provide a source of neighborly interaction;
- raise money for and awareness of the work of the Friends of Vernon Park; and
- help members of the community, from the individual to the business owner, from the artist to the organization, to promote themselves, their products, their services, and their institutions to the community, and to raise money for themselves.

Tables are very reasonable, and will continue to be in the years to come. If they register by October 10, Individuals and Business Owners can get a table for just \$10 or \$20 respectively. After the early registration date, prices are still community friendly at \$20 for Individuals and \$40 for Businesses and Organizations. Visit www.friendsofvernonpark.org for more information. To volunteer to help with events planning at the park, individuals may contact Angela Miles, 215.359.7816.

Nov. 16

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Awbury Arboretum and Let's Go Outdoors will hold a Fall Preview Reception highlighting the fun Let's Go Outdoors Program on Nov. 16.

One Awbury Rd., Philadelphia
Socialize over warm cider and refreshments while hearing how you can get involved with Let's Go Outdoors, a

program that brings activities like camping, hiking, fishing, skiing, rock climbing and more to Philadelphia families, organizations and communities.

To close out the evening, a guided stroll of the Arboretum, illuminated by glowsticks, will be offered. This is a complimentary event and guests are welcome. Please RSVP with number of guests by November 5, 2012. Call 866-878-3595, email reception@letsgooutdoors.net or

http://www.letsgooutdoors.net/Reception_RSVP.html?utm_source=October+e-News+Invite+to+Fall+Reception+%28for+all+contacts%29&utm_campaign=October+e-News+Fall+Reception+Invite&utm_medium=email Other Organizations Attending: Blair Christian Academy, Faith in God Family Restoration Corp., Women for Social Innovation

Unitarian Universalist Church

6900 Stenton Avenue

Singles Scene

7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Saturday night Phase 1. 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Refreshments, socializing, conversation and soft music in a café setting, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Line Dance

Phase 2. 9 - 10 p.m.

Discussion Groups and or Workshops Phase 3. 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Dancing

11:30 P.M. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES

The Secret Cinema presents *Red Salute* for Chestnut Hill Film Group

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Admission is free.

Woodmere Art Museum

9201 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia

215-247-0476

This election day (Tuesday, November 6), in a year that saw our nation divided by Tea Partiers and Occupiers, the Secret Cinema will look back at (cinematic) political unrest from an earlier time, when it presents *Red Salute* as part of the Chestnut Hill Film Group's long-running film series. In this little-known film from Hollywood's golden era, college coed Barbara Stanwyck is shown the failings of her campus agitator boyfriend by a right wing soldier (Robert Young) who ultimately rousts the trouble-makers and gets the girl.

This year, the Chestnut Hill Film Group's 39th season, finds the CHFG presenting its offerings in a new venue, the esteemed Woodmere Art Museum (just down the road from their former home at the Chestnut Hill Library).

There will be one complete screening, at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). Admission is free.

All Secret Cinema presentations are projected in 16mm film on a giant screen (not video).

Red Salute (1935, 78 mins., Dir: Sidney Lanfield) Occupy Hollywood! This curious yet timely comedy, an independent production by Edward Small's Reliance Pictures (and released by United Artists), starred Barbara Stanwyck as a rich and spoiled college student, whose Army General father is concerned about her leftist, rabble-rouser boyfriend. He separates the couple by sending the girl on a Mexican vacation, where she meets red-blooded, right wing border patrolman Robert Young. Young is a man who uses his gun to get his way, orders Stanwyck to cook for him, prefers drink to women and says things like "War is great!", all qualities that assure her dad that he would be a superior influence.

The unlikely pair have a merry adventure, *It Happend One Night*-style, before returning to America in time for Young and his friends to bust up a rally of the communist sympathizers.

The plot details of *Red Salute* dovetailed with Hearst newspaper editorials of the year before that campaigned against communist influences on college campuses -- such as radical student groups that had protested, among other things, William Randolph Hearst's meeting with Hitler. Hearst's *New York Daily Mirror* applauded *Red Salute*, its review opining that Stanwyck and Young's escapade "cures her of her juvenile infatuation (and) arouses her real Americanism." New York Times film critic Andre Sennwald felt differently, calling the film "one of the weirdest exhibits to come out of Hollywood" and "some of the most embarrassing chauvinism of the decade." In his Times column the following week, Sennwald directly countered the Hearst point of view: Americanism... means little enough that is admirable now that it has become the private property of the sage of San Simeon... It has come to represent the glorification of war as an outlet for the nervous energy of our young men, the suppression of political thought in our universities, the abolition of the Bill of Rights with the connivance of the United States Army, and several other doctrines which are less than completely democratic."

In the days between publication of Sennwald's two *Red Salute* articles, New York's Rivoli Theater, where the film premiered, saw the film's controversy come to life: Thousands of high school and college students, many members of the Communist Party-led National Student League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy, staged multiple picket lines, in demonstration against *Red Salute*'s message. Police jailed over 140 of the young protesters for unlawful assembly.

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The Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies may submit proposals to: Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School In C/O FSMC Contact 5501 Cedar Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19143

The Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A walk-through meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012 at 10:00 am at 5501 Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. All proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 pm on November 29, 2012.

All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Bid.

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The competition is now on for the coveted Platinum Spatula, the award for Best Chef in Mt. Airy's second annual Cookin' with Who? Voting for best chef is now open online at Ltsp.edu/CookinWithWho, and the winner will be awarded the prize after public tasting on November 8. Cookin' with Who? benefits Mt. Airy non-profits East Mt. Airy Neighbors, Neighborhood Interfaith Movement and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Vote for your favorite chef online now at Ltsp.edu/CookinWithWho. The more gifts given in support of a chef, the greater their chance of being awarded the Platinum Spatula.

Attend the public tasting on Nov. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm, at LTSP's Crossman Center on the seminary campus, 7301 Germantown Avenue.

This year's chefs:

Representing the community: Philadelphia Councilwoman Cindy Bass.

Representing EMAN: Sports talker Phil "from Mt. Airy" Allen, Mt. Airy USA executive director Anuj Gupta, EMAN President Kent Reichert

Representing LTSP: Seminary professors Katie Day and Jon Pahl and professor and dean J. Jayakiran Sebastian

Representing NIM: NIM Executive Director Jane Maloney, NIM Early Childhood Specialist Lissette Rivera, Returning Platinum Spatula winner Rabbi George Stern

For more information go to Ltsp.edu/CookinWithWho or call 215-248-7339.

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Legal Notice

Imhotep Institute Charter High School

Attention: Food Service Management Companies

The Imhotep Institute Charter High School is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education policies and guidelines.

To obtain a copy of the RFP and directions for submitting, please email tjackson@imhotepcharter.org. Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Imhotep Institute Charter High School In c/o Tamara Jackson 6201 N. 21st Street Philadelphia, PA 19138

The Imhotep Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A walk-through meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2012 at 10:00 am at 6201 N. 21st Street, Phila, PA 19138.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00pm on December 17, 2012. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to Imhotep and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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Registration for vendors will close October 17, 2012. All spaces are 8'x8'.

Vendors are asked to bring their own tables or blankets. Tables may be available to rent.

No vehicles permitted beyond park entrances.

To view complete policies, FAQ's and to register online visit www.friendsofvernonpark.org/events email programs@friendsofvernonpark.org or call 215.390.4960

Special Events on Center in the Park's November Calendar

Thursday, November 1 – 1:00pm – CIP's Fashion Show – Take Two!! – Those who purchased tickets for the June Fashion Show may redeem them at this event and be impressed by the very well dressed who will take to the fashion runway presenting fabulous Fall and Winter Fashions. \$5.00 - Call the Program Office to register: 215-848-7722.

Wednesday, November 7 – 1:00pm – Gateway Health Plan – Stars Talent Show Arrives @ CIP on its citywide senior center tour – Participants must be members of CIP and perform acts of three minutes, no longer. Participants will be judged on overall performance, originality, audience response, personality and stage presence. One winner from each participating senior center will win a gift card and represent their center in the finale to be held on Thursday, November 15th. For more information, to register to compete or to attend, cheer on your favorite participant and enjoy, please contact the Program Office,

215-848-7722.

Friday, November 9 – 10:00 am – CIP Men's Gathering Veterans Celebration Breakfast – Join in paying tribute to and showing appreciation for veterans. \$5.00 - Call the Program Office to register: 215-848-7722.

Tuesday, November 13 – 10:00am – 12:00pm – National Memory Screening Day Event – Dr. Brent Simmons will present information and answer questions about Alzheimer's disease and you will receive a free confidential memory screening. To register, please contact Delores Palmer, CIP Health Promotion Coordinator, at 215-848-7722.

Wednesday, November 14 – 8:00 - 9:30am -CIP Breakfast Café – Start your day the healthy way – with breakfast. Hot and cold options and unlimited coffee and tea bar - \$3.00 – please call a week ahead to make your reservation. Call the Program Office at 215-848-7722.

Tuesday, November 20 – 11:00am – CIP's annual home

cooked Thanksgiving Feast with all of the trimmings – \$5.00 – call the Program Office to register - 215-848-7722 – this event is always a sellout.

CIP classes, special events and activities, daily lunch (free for adults 60 and over; and, \$3.25 for adults under 60) – advanced reservations required – 215-848-7722, ext. 208; health promotion activities, a fully equipped fitness center and ongoing classes such as Silver Sneakers and other exercise programs, computer, pottery, painting, guitar, Zumba and Yoga, are free or moderately priced at Center in the Park.

Center in the Park is a Neighborhood Energy Center and offers Housing Counseling and social services for the homebound.

For more information, please call 215-848-7722 or visit www.centerinthepark.org or stop by the Center at 5818 Germantown Avenue, off-street parking lot at Rittenhouse & McCallum Streets.

State Crossword: Halloween

ACROSS

1. "Let's do _____"
6. Lake in France
9. Q-Tip, e.g.
13. Verdi's composition, e.g.
14. Hockey legend
15. Emotion at center of "The Scarlet Letter"
16. Dutch genre painter Jan _____
17. Prefix for "new"
18. *Served hot or cold
19. *Popular hue
21. *Turning pumpkin into Jack-o'-Lantern
23. Sea to a Spaniard
24. Common menu item, as on a computer
25. Busy _____
28. Wife of Hercules, according to Greek mythology
30. Don't let it bite you!
35. Latticework wood strip
37. Talcum powder ingredient
39. Zero degrees on compass
40. Military leader in Turkey
41. He carries the weight of the world
43. Organization created in 1949
44. Brand of toothpaste
46. Make children
47. *All Hallows _____, pl.
48. Australian sheepdog
50. Remaining after deductions
52. Morsel
53. Snob or snoot
55. Anger
57. *Inhabited by apparitions
61. *Trick-or-treating international beneficiary
64. Ice house
65. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
67. On the move
69. Ransack or plunder
70. Corrosive, alkaline substance
71. Irish song "_____ Boy"
72. Barry Humphries' Dame
73. Light-emitting diode
74. One of two black suits

DOWN

1. _____ Lonely Boys
2. Having the requisite qualities
3. "_____ -do-well"
4. It rises to the top?
5. _____ Montana
6. The _____ Ranger
7. 100 square meters
8. Crocus, pl.
9. Prison weapon
10. Dry streambed

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11. So be it
12. Most of it is below water
15. Viewable area
20. She played Ninotchka in 1939
22. Priest's vestment
24. Dropping trees, e.g.
25. *Spooky cat quality
26. High wave
27. Actress and singer _____ Merman
29. *They like hanging around
31. Fully cooked
32. Music to ears of performer
33. Say something
34. *Perforated sheet
36. Door fastener
38. C in TLC
42. Become established
45. Walk like ballerina

49. Before, archaic
51. "The Three Tenors" and "The Three Stooges," e.g.
54. Pastoral poem
56. Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program
57. Antonym of "fire"
58. _____ wine or cheese
59. _____ Bator, Mongolia
60. Exploding star
61. From a second-hand store
62. Highest volcano in Europe
63. Make a discovery
66. "_____ of the beholder"
68. It's often marbled

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