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More than 1,600 participants competed in last Saturday's MidAtlantic Erg Sprints.

MidAtlantic Erg Sprints Fills TC

More than 1,600 competitors descended upon the Earl Lloyd Court in the gymnasium at T.C. Williams High School on Saturday morning, Feb. 2, for the 2013 MidAtlantic Erg Sprints. More than 100 events throughout the day were scheduled and completed by junior, college, masters and adaptive rowers. Events were also scheduled for lightweights, coxswains, par-

ent/child and children.

The event featured six Olympic and two Paralympic athletes, as well. The Olympians and Paralympians included:

- ❖ Esther Lofgren, who won a Gold Medal as a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic women's rowing team in London this past summer;
- ❖ Sam Stitt, who rowed in the 2008 Beijing

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Cathy Davis competes in the Women's Adaptive race.



Rower Justin Lansford with the MEDSTAR NRH Paralympic Sports Club is coxed by 2012 Olympic gold medalist Esther Lofgren in a 2000 meter race. Behind Lofgren is Paralympic Sports Club coach Patrick Johnson.

Wrecking Ball School Budget

School Board to consider capital request for replacing three schools and adding another.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Over the course of the next decade, Alexandria school superintendent Morton Sherman wants to spend \$357 million in an ambitious plan of demolition and construction — replacing existing facilities with new buildings and adding a new school. Three existing schools would be leveled and rebuilt, and one new school would be added at a location yet to be determined. Last month, Sherman

proposed a Capital Improvement Program budget to School Board members that would more than double last year's city appropriation, setting the stage for weeks of public debate about the future of Alexandria's schools.

"Are we going to go in and antagonize City Council from the get go?" asked School Board member Pat Hennig. "We have no business going to the funding authority without being able to prove every single thing we say."

The superintendent's \$357 mil
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Leading the Charge

Gadson to speak at Friendship Veterans Breakfast.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Colonel Gregory Gadson, Garrison Commander at Fort Belvoir, will be the featured speaker at the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association Breakfast Feb. 18 to kick off a day of events in honor of George Washington's birthday.

"We are very excited and honored to have Col. Gadson with us this year," said Joe Shumard, president of the Friendship Veterans

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Col. Gregory Gadson, Garrison Commander at Fort Belvoir, will be the keynote speaker at the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association breakfast Feb. 18.

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Waterfront Fire Sale

Two properties at the heart of Alexandria's controversial waterfront plan went on the market this week, opening a new chapter in the ongoing saga about redevelopment in Old Town. Opponents of the plan, which would almost triple density at three sites compared to what's there now, say the sale of Robinson Terminal North and Robinson Terminal South present an opportunity for both sides to reconsider a rezoning plan that was approved a year ago and then put into limbo by a series of legal challenges.

"The interesting question to me is how anxious are they to sell?" asked **Bert Ely**, a member of the Waterfront Work Group and leading opponent of the rezoning. "Are we looking at a fire sale situation?"

The Virginia Supreme Court is set to hear a challenge to the waterfront plan in March. And the Alexandria Circuit Court is scheduled to hear a separate challenge in April. Meanwhile, members of the City Council have delayed final approval of the zoning changes until the legal challenges have run their course. Supporters of the plan say the potential sale of the two key waterfront properties is a move in the right direction.

"It's good news overall," said Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**. "This will allow for a new buyer or interested investment partners to come to the table and work with the city to map out projects that meet the guidelines established by the waterfront plan."

Jefferson-Houston Takeover?

Jefferson-Houston School already has a state-mandated leadership team from outside Alexandria City Public Schools looking over the shoulder of the troubled school's principal and staff. Now Del. **Rob Krupicka** (D-45) is concerned that Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell's** Educational Opportunities bill would allow a state takeover of the troubled school.

"I suggested simple changes to this bill to ensure this new bureaucracy was accountable, had significant local input and could not hold on to schools forever," Krupicka said on the House floor this week. "I'm disappointed that people were not willing to compromise to ensure that students are put first."

More than a decade of failing test scores and a revolving door of administrators have taken their toll on Jefferson-Houston School, which the Virginia Department of Education was identified as a "priority school" back in August. Now school administrators are on the verge of hiring an "external lead turnaround partner," a step required by state officials who are fed up with years of mediocre performance at Alexandria's most troubled elementary school.

"It is unconscionable to stand idly by while another generation of students is forced to attend one of these failing schools," said McDonnell in a written statement.

During consideration of House Bill 2096, introduced by Salem Del. **Gregory Habeeb** (R-8), Krupicka suggested that an independent body such as the Virginia Board of Education should control when a school is taken over and when it returns to local control. Krupicka, a former member of the Board of Education, also argued for the creation of a local oversight body made up of parents and community leaders. The bill passed 66 to 34.

Not Toying Around

In the age of mass shootings, a toy gun is no longer a toy. That's especially true in and around schools ever since a shooting in Connecticut when 20 children were massacred by a crazed gunman carrying an assault weapon.

This week, the Alexandria Police Department charged a 10-year-old student at MacArthur Elementary School with brandishing a weapon. The student showed the toy gun, which had an orange tip, to several other students on the bus Monday afternoon. By Tuesday morning, the Alexandria Police Department was on the scene taking the child into custody.

"The safety of our students is always our first concern," said Superintendent Morton Sherman in a written statement. "The school division will complete its investigation in cooperation with the police as we consider further disciplinary action, including expulsion."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



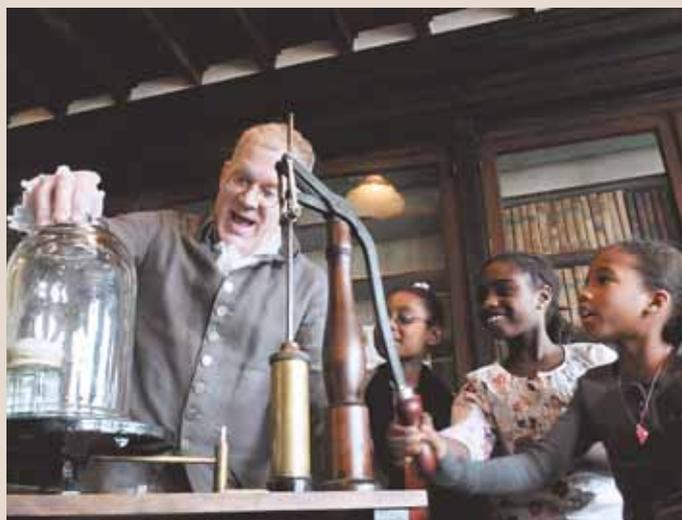
Dr. John Page (Dean Howarth) demonstrates a simple vacuum machine to a young group of students at the apothecary shop on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 2. With Howarth is Hannah Jones portraying balloonist Sophie Blanchard.



Tyler Valdez assists in the turning of the glass wheel to create a small electrical current.

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18th Century Knowledge Showcased



Dean Howarth gets some help from the audience in evacuating the air from a bell vacuum.

Dr. John Page (Dean Howarth) and members of the Virginia Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge informed and entertained visitors at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop on Feb. 2. The "Society" was organized in Williamsburg in 1773 by Dr. John Page as a forum for inquiring minds.

Beginning in 1992, Dean Howarth, a physics teacher, formed Project Enlightenment as a historical interpretation society and is now a fully credited Living History class. Students research an individual who lived in the late 18th century enlightenment era and participate in local reenactment programs.

Expanding the Battlefield

Legislators to consider \$2 million for Mental Health First Aid.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The idea of first aid dates back to Order of St. John, a medieval society of knights that offered training in how to treat common battlefield injuries. Now, the Virginia General Assembly may be bringing the idea to mental-health services in the wake of the school shooting in Connecticut. Last weekend, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$1.85 million to expand training for Men-

tal Health First Aid — arm today's knights tools for the modern battlefield, whether it be a schoolhouse corridor or a hotel lobby.

"This is an important step forward to improve the capacity of Virginia to address mental-health issues," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45), who originally introduced a budget amendment for \$2.5 million. "By training teachers and other community members in Mental Health First Aid, people can better identify individuals who require help and get them the support they need."

Mental Health First Aid is a relatively new public education program, first created in 2001 by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Health and Mental Hygiene and the Missouri Depart-

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For Those Who Serve

World's largest USO facility opens at Fort Belvoir.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Less than two years ago, it was just an overgrown lot in the shadows of Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. But on Feb. 5, the world's largest USO facility welcomed the community with a grand opening celebration of the new USO Warrior and Family Center.

"There were a lot of personal emotions watching this building go up," said Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. Gregory Gadson, a 1989 graduate of West Point who made history last summer as the first double amputee to take the reins of a major Army installation. "Now the building is about to come alive with so much

hope and promise for the service members and families who walk through the door."

"My family and so many other families are in a better place because of the efforts of the USO."

— Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. Gregory Gadson

Open to all active duty military personnel, the new 20,000 square-foot facility was built to provide specialized care for returning service men and women as they cope with and recover from injuries sustained in battle. It will be run by staff and volunteers of the USO of Metropolitan Washington, who have been working with wounded warriors for

more than a decade.

"I've seen many things in my 37 years with the USO," said Elaine Rogers, president and CEO of the USO of Metropolitan Washington. "But I've never seen anything like today. This is a life-changing day for the USO."

The \$12 million center was funded entirely through more than 250,000 individual and corporate donations, including \$5 million from the Northrop Grumman Foundation and \$2 million from the Kuwait America Foundation.

"We are very honored to be part of this exciting accomplishment," said Northrop Grumman president and CEO Wes Bush of the largest single financial commitment in USO history.



Alexandria Deputy Police Chief Eddie Reyes with USO of Metropolitan Washington CEO Elaine Rogers.

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"This building will serve as a beacon for those who have given so much. To those who the center will serve, there are not enough words in our vocabulary to say 'thank you.'"

The center's design, developed by Huffman Development and Scott Long Construction and designed by Studios Architecture, was based on research gathered from hundreds of interviews with wounded warriors, their families, military medical professionals and experts in the care of wounded, ill and injured troops.

The Fort Belvoir facility is part of the USO program Operation Enduring Care, an ongoing \$100 million capital fundraising campaign: \$25 million has been allocated to build the Fort Belvoir and Bethesda, Md., Wounded Warrior and Family Centers; \$50 million will support programs at the centers and worldwide and \$25 million will endow the two centers.

"There were a lot of naysayers," said retired Admiral Frank Thorp, now the senior vice president of marketing and communications for the Arlington-based USO headquarters. "But we have seen what happens when families come into a USO center. The brick and mortar here is awesome but the brick and mortar building only sets the tone for what the USO volunteers will do."

Also participating in the ceremony was Kuwaiti

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Kathleen Causey's husband Aaron lost both his legs in Afghanistan.

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USO of Metropolitan Washington COO Cheryl Laaker Hall by the lobby fireplace.

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New Group Forming. Childhood sexual assault group will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Sexual Assault Center in Old Town Alexandria. The group is open to City residents and City government employees at no cost. All group members must be receiving individual therapy or case management services while participating and all members must meet with a Sexual Assault Group Facilitator before beginning. Contact Constance Wallace at 703-746-3126. Members are asked to commit to all 10 sessions.

Torpedo Factory Art Center Board - Marketing Comm. 9:30 a.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Contact Jeremy McPike, 703-746-4770.

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Cost of Disclosure

Arlington police charge for staff time to retrieve public information, large and small.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Want a booking photo in a high profile case? Prepare to pay \$24. Want to see a copy of a report clearing officers who killed an unarmed teenager? Arlington County Police officials won't release the document, and they'll send an invoice for \$31.16 to cover the half an hour of staff time to summarize the secret report. How about copies of all the Freedom of Information Act requests from a given year? Prepare to pay \$573.25.

"I've done some that are \$5.40," said Dave Dailey, commander of Internal Affairs at the Arlington County Police Department. "Every criminal incident summary is different because it depends on how in-depth the case is."

Unlike other police agencies in Northern Virginia, the Arlington County Police Department charges for staff time to access to public information, large and small. Alexandria officials hand over boxes of documents at no charge. And although Fairfax County is often reluctant to share public information, officials there have never charged for staff time for a six-line summary of a document they have decided to shield from the public view.

Arlington County has moved in a different direction.

Consider the case of 19-year-old Hailu Brook. Fairfax County police officers chased him into Arlington County. According to the autopsy, three Fairfax officers fired 20 to 25 rounds into the unarmed teenager. Arlington Police officials conducted an investigation, which they could release to the public and the slain teenager's father. But they have decided to use their authority under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to withhold the document from public scrutiny. They've also decided to use their discretion to issue an invoice to cover 30 minutes of staff time for the manpower required to summarize the secret document.

"As you can imagine, that's not a one-line police report," said Dailey. "It's not the amount of time to write, you have to re-

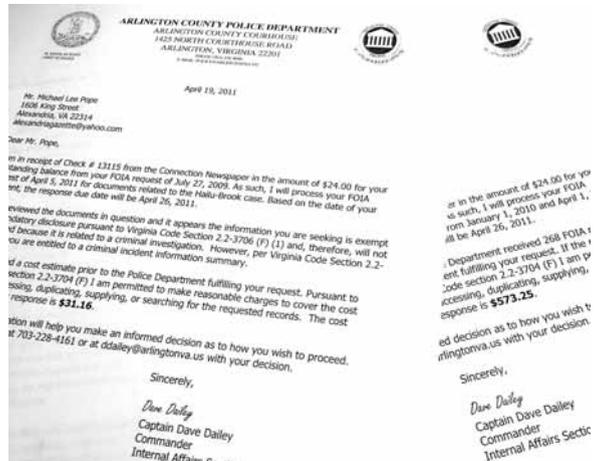
search it, and you have to find the case folder, and you have to go through it, and you have to summarize it."

ACROSS VIRGINIA, very few details are available to the public about crime that happens every day. From petty larceny to murder, Virginia police officials routinely deny access to basic documents such as incident reports. In the case of Hailu Brook, his father Brook Beshah can't even get a copy of the investigation conducted by Arlington County officials detailing how Fairfax County police officers shot and killed his son — even though the case is closed.

"The refusal to provide access to closed investigative files in these kinds of circumstances creates a lack of trust in the department," said Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia. "And I think police agencies ought to be concerned about that."

Last year, the Center for Public Integrity gave Virginia a failing grade for transparency because the public has such limited access to information. As part of a partnership with Global Integrity and Public Radio International, the State Integrity Investigation ranked and graded each of the 50 states on government accountability, transparency and corruption. Virginia got an F. Now advocates for open government say Arlington County's system of nickel-and-diming the public and the press serves as a barrier to public access.

"Most do not charge for a simple one- or two-page copying task," said Ginger Stanely, executive director of the Virginia Press Association. "As more and more publications run multiple pages of mug shots, this is becoming an area where police and sheriff departments are starting to find ways to



Unlike other police agencies in Northern Virginia, the Arlington County Police Department has a practice of charging for staff time associated with providing public information in a variety of cases. On the left is a cost estimate of \$31.16 for a six-line summary of a report police officials refuse to release. On the right is a cost estimate of \$573.25 for all the Freedom of Information Act requests the police department received in a year.

charge and slow down the process."

WHEN THE FORMER ALEXANDRIA chief of police was arrested for drunk driving in Arlington in 2009, the department received seven media inquiries for the booking photo. According to the former commander of the Internal Affairs Department, all seven organizations were sent an invoice of \$24. Only four of the news organizations were willing to pay the fee, creating a revenue stream of \$96 to the department for a jpeg image.

"The actual staff time to collect all the pertinent information related to this case was about 1-2 hours," wrote former Internal Affairs commander Patrick Donahue in an email explaining the charges. "However, in the interest of fairness, we did not want to 'punish' the first requester and charge only them and give the subsequent requesters free responses. So each response was billed the same amount."

Critics say that's not how the law works. The Virginia Freedom of Information Act

gives Arlington the right to charge for the "actual cost" of supplying the information. Because the actual cost of retrieving the information had already been paid by the first media organization, subsequent media organizations were billed in the name of fairness even though the charge did not reflect an "actual cost."

"That seems to me to be really pushing the limits of the law because it's supposed to be the actual cost," said Mark Caramanica, Freedom of Information director at Arlington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "If you went through the whole search and review process yesterday, then the next day — even if you find it inequitable to do so — you are bound by the law to charge only your actual costs."

ARLINGTON POLICE officials now say they have changed their practice for booking photos, and that they will now make them available free of charge. But they will continue to charge for staff time associated with tracking down public information. For example, a 2011 request for copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests over the course of a year was met with a cost estimate of \$573.25. When asked to explain the charge, Arlington police officials explained the amount was calculated by charging an hourly rate of \$57.35 for 10 hours of staff time. "It should not take hours for a staff person to retrieve this," said Thomas Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University. "They don't have to charge you fees. In fact, there's a little noticed provision in a lot of agencies' regulations that says if it will cause more work to correspond back and forth about your fee status than it would just to produce the material then you should just produce the material and not worry about the fees."

For now, the Arlington County Police Department is standing by its practice of charging for access to public information.

"Our goal is to be transparent, and to be transparent and be in compliance with the FOIA statute," said Dailey. "And I think we meet both of those goals."

Legislators Consider \$2 million for Mental Health First Aid

FROM PAGE 3

ment of Mental Health. Instructors explain how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness in an interactive 12-hour course. The overview of mental illness and substance-abuse disorders introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems.

"Being on the front lines, you don't always know if someone has mental illness or if they are just having a bad day," said Evelyn Quiles, an administrative assistant who works in the Alexandria JobLink office. "This training taught us to not pass judgment so quickly, which could lead to the wrong conclusions."

CONSIDER THE SCENERIO: A woman enters a government building and begins acting strangely. She is bald and disoriented, explaining that she can't remember where she parked. The woman behind the front desk calls Adult Protective Services, which dispatches Alexandria social worker Sue Ellen Mawhinney to the scene. If the front desk worker had been a graduate of Mental Health First Aid, Mawhinney says, he or she might have been able to handle the situation without calling in reinforcements.

"I think the sense was that this was some sort of medical crisis, when in actuality it wasn't," said Mawhinney. "I think this train-

ing would equip the average person to not necessarily think that this would be something beyond their scope to deal with and to give folks tools that they might not otherwise have to respond to people who are in some sort of crisis."

The 12-hour course has been presented to primary care professionals, employers and business leaders as well as school officials and nursing home staff. Many graduates of the class have gone on to become certified instructors in Mental Health First Aid, expanding the universe of people with the skills to help diffuse situations before they escalate out of control.

"The first think you do is listen patiently,"

said Alexandria caseworker Wilma Roberts. "You don't argue. You don't make it seem like they are a liar."

If the Senate approves the appropriation, Krupicka says, he wants to fund the training programs for school staff across Virginia.

"People need to be aware of the complexity of mental-health issues, and they need to know how to identify them and be sensitive to the challenges that go along with them," said Krupicka. "Having a Mental Health First Aid training program in place can really help people get the support and services they need so that we can prevent someone from going undiagnosed or unidentified."

LIVING LEGENDS

Martin's Artistry Makes Its Mark on Alexandria

From businessman to activist to volunteering.

BY MAX ROTERMUND

David M. Martin moved from Delaware to Alexandria in 1981, intrigued by the quality of life along the Potomac. In his bags were the beginnings of an artistic career in jewelry design. He also brought with him a strong interest in helping the people around him.

When Martin established his jewelry design studio, Gold Works, on upper King Street, he didn't know he would become a political activist.

"I am not going to fight you, but I am not going to go away." These were the words Martin said to members of the Alexandria political hierarchy as he strove for recognition of the new shops, including his own, springing up on upper King Street during the early 1990s.

Lower King Street had for years received major attention from the Alexandria government. A business locator map, distributed by the then Alexandria Tourist Bureau, stopped at Route 1. For the holidays, lower King Street had decorated light posts, sparkling lights strung through the tree branches, parades and more. The attention stopped at Route 1. The enterprises on King Street between there and the George Washington Masonic Temple felt neglected.

Working with other members of the King Street Metro Enterprise Team (KSMET), Martin succeeded in helping to gain recognition and visibility for the business community near the King Street Metro. Today banners and tree lights extend along the entire length of King Street, from the waterfront to King Street Gardens Park. Every 15 minutes, the free King Street Trolley shuttles visitors between the King Street Metro Station and the waterfront, with 20 stops in between. Banners and signs point to the shops and attractions on upper and lower King Street.

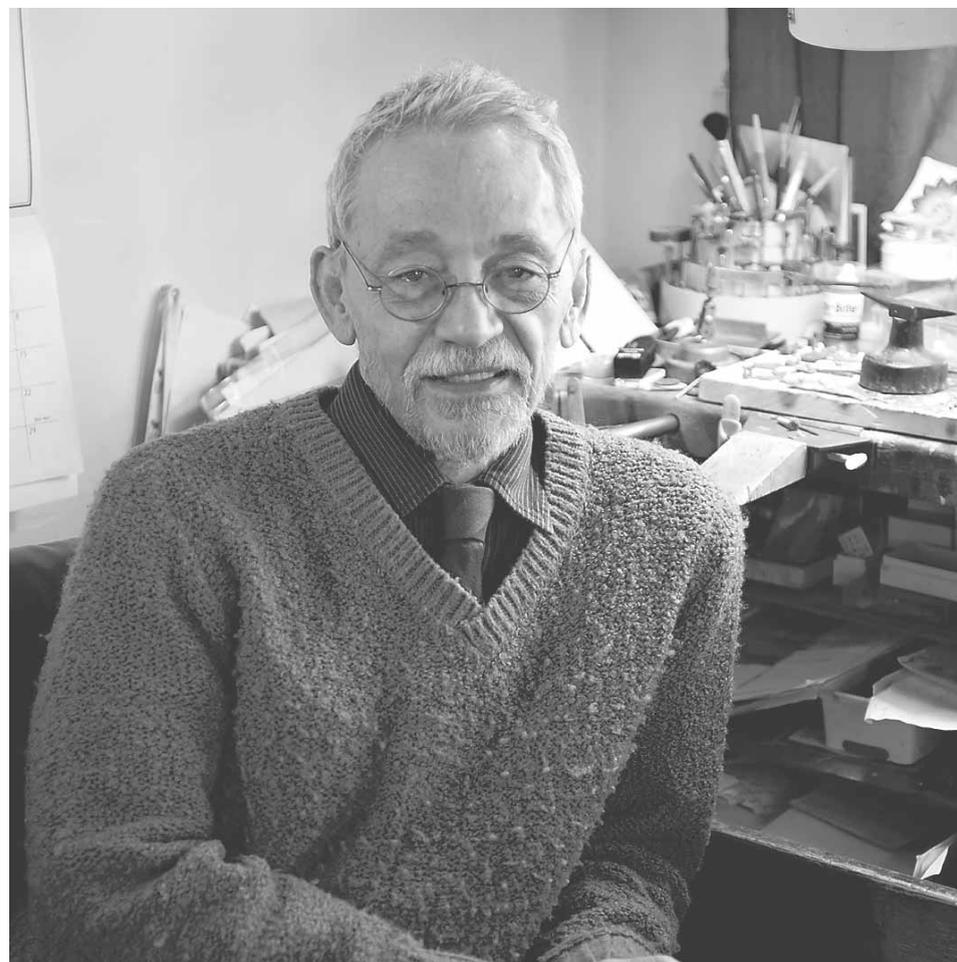


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Martin had lobbied Alexandria officials for over a year before the city's first trial installation of banners on King Street in July 2004.

Martin had lobbied Alexandria officials for over a year before the city's first, trial installation of banners on King Street in July 2004. A joint effort with KSMET and the Old Town Business Association (OTBA), the banners helped transform King Street into a more attractive, friendly and vital main street. (KSMET and OTBA later merged and became the Old Town Business and Professional Association, (OTBPA).

Martin has brought his artistic, entrepreneurial and political skills to many Alexandria organizations. He serves on the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Government Relations Committee and on the board of directors of OTBPA, of which he was president in 2005. For the past four years

he has served on the Alexandria Commission of the Arts, recently evaluating applications for the position of Alexandria's poet laureate. He is also a board member of the King Street Garden Park Foundation.

Martin donated the design of the "Alex" Award, a bronze star bestowed by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts on those who have made superior contributions to the arts. For the past two years, he has donated the presentation stars for the awardees. He also designed and shared the cost of producing the medallion worn by Alexandria's mayor on ceremonial occasions.

His jewelry designs have won first place in competitions in Delaware and in local

Living Legends: The Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; Club Managers Association of America; Goodwin House, Inc.; McLaughlin Ryder Investments; Renner & Company, CPA, P.C.; the Rotary Club of Alexandria; and SunTrust Bank.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com.

competitions sponsored by the Washington Guild of Goldsmiths. His creative talents have found occasional other outlets. In 1981 he was invited to design and build the Zwaanendael Heritage Society float for the parade celebrating the 350th anniversary of the founding of Lewes, Del.

Serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War years, Martin worked as a registered clinical laboratory technologist at Andrews Air Force Base and at Homestead Air Force Base. He attributes this highly detailed medical work to teaching him the necessity and beauty of precision. When he left the service to continue his education, he had attained the rank of staff sergeant.

Martin earned an associate degree in art from Miami Dade Junior College and later trained in jewelry design and manufacturing. In Iowa he learned computerized design. He studied at the Gemological Institute of America, and eventually taught casting and jewelry fabrication.

Another side of Martin is working with people who have been struck with misfortune, whether illness or drug dependency, helping them to reintegrate into the community. He prepared for this work by training in drug counseling with the Washington Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. He has volunteered for support the groups New You and the ManKind Project of United Community Ministries.

Gadson To Keynote Friendship Veterans Breakfast.

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Fire Engine Association and chairman of the George Washington Birthday Celebration committee. "He's truly a remarkable individual and inspirational leader."

A 1989 graduate of West Point, Gadson took command of Fort Belvoir on June 25, 2012, making history as the first double amputee to take the reins as garrison commander of a major Army installation.

"I am thrilled and privileged to be part of the Fort Belvoir community, but at the same time I'm very humbled to be reminded of all those who helped me through to this point in my career," Gadson said as he took command last summer. "Whatever I've done

to reach this point in my career is more testament to the soldiers, leaders and employees for which I serve and certainly the patience and support of my family."

Gadson, a breakout star in the 2012 blockbuster movie "Battleship," has served in every major American conflict of the last 20 years including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has a master's degree in policy management from Georgetown University and was formerly the director of the Warrior Transition Command Army Wounded Warrior Program, the official Army program that assists and advocates for the most severely injured veter-

ans and their families.

In addition to Gadson, the annual Friendship Breakfast will feature the presentation of the Ben Lynd Distinguished Service Award and the first appearance of the day by Gen. Washington.

Held at the Holiday Inn and Suites at 625 First St., the breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and serve as the start of festivities that will include the Armed Forces Community Covenant at Market Square at 11 a.m. followed by the nation's largest parade in honor of George Washington.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the breakfast, visit www.friendshipfire.net.



COURTESY UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Col. Gregory Gadson, featured in the film "Battleship," will be the keynote speaker at the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association breakfast Feb. 18.
www.friendshipfire.net

USO Facility Opens at Fort Belvoir

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Ambassador to the United States His Excellency Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

“A lot of you may be wondering why I am here,” said Al-Sabah as he addressed the crowd of dignitaries, wounded warriors and USO supporters. “But if not for the United States Armed Forces, I would not be standing here today as a representative of a free nation. Contributing to this building was an opportunity for my country to give back 20 years after our liberation.”

Other major donors to the project included Lowe’s, JC Penney, Jeep, The Coca-Cola Foundation, BAE Systems, the Anschutz Foundation, the Timken Group, News Corporation and actor Charlie Sheen.

Open to all active duty military, not just wounded warriors, the center officially opens its doors Friday and will provide a homelike environment for service members and their families to relax or receive training, education and job placement services needed to move forward in life.

“The USO is committed to providing for our service members,” Gadson said. “My family and so many other families are in a better place because of the efforts of the USO.”

Workmen put the finishing touches on the foyer of the new USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir Feb. 4.



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BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 6

danielle.marshall@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3523.

Alexandria Community Service Board Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Community Services Board, 720 N. St. Asaph St. Contact Donielle Marshall, danielle.marshall@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-3523.

Art/History Waterfront Implementation Committee. 7 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Lance Mallamo, lance.malla.m.o@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-4702.

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

Alexandria Beautification Commission. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Judy Lo, 703-746-5940.

FEB. 7, MARCH 25, APRIL 11, MAY 9, JUNE 6

Homebuyer Training Seminar. 6:30-8 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Advanced registration requested. Visit www.homeseminar.org for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Commission for the Arts - Executive Committee. 3 p.m. Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. Contact Diane Ruggiero, diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5565.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Youth Master Plan. 10 a.m.-noon at T.C. Williams cafeteria, 3330 King St. The plan will set long-term, community-wide priorities for young people to ensure they are healthy and safe, academically and vocationally prepared, and socially and civically connected. Public comments for the Youth Master Plan may be submitted to Ron Frazier at ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov or by calling 703-746-5967. To attend a forum or request language interpretation assistance, call 703-746-5970.

Town Hall Meeting on Beauregard Housing. 9:30 a.m. William Ramsay Elementary School, 5700 Sanger Ave. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

SUNDAY/FEB. 10

Kickoff Rally. 6:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Participants and volunteers can gather to hear speakers and more. To join a Relay For Life call 703-937-1919, or visit RelayForLife.org/AlexandriaCityVA.

MONDAY/FEB. 11

College Workshop. 7 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. Parents can learn how to navigate the various opportunities to pay for higher education. There will be discussions, question and answer sessions and more. RSVP to krysta.jones@mail.house.gov. Hosted by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

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Transportation Requires Regional Approach

This is part of a continuing series of columns, coordinated by former council member Lonnie Rich, that includes other past city leaders writing on governance and politics.

BY LOIS WALKER
FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Alexandria is not an island. It is a group of communities inside a geographic area in a region in a state in a country. It is necessary to connect these communities from within the city and from without the city. In order to do this, regional cooperation is essential.

Transportation is an issue that cannot be discussed without agreement between neighboring jurisdictions. Alexandria has some systems in place, some that are proposed but still has communities that are not attached. Alexandria has not had high-level regular meetings with counterparts in Arlington County or Fairfax County. These regular meetings would be able to set an agenda for a year of cooperation. This type of cooperation is essential in an area which is regional. We must build connections between our communities within and without Alexan-

dria. It seems that we force a person to own a car and then complain about the traffic. If you want to go to George Mason University you need a car. Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria campus has a big parking problem even though it is in a highly populated area. You must drive.

Even though Alexandria has one of the most dense populations in the United States, we still are a city made up of suburban areas approachable only by car — yet surrounded by roads and centers that we want to use to travel, shop, work. But we are unable to reach these areas without driving ourselves, walking long distances, or staying home. If you wish to shop in Alexandria — get groceries at Foxchase, Bradlee, shop at Potomac Yard or Old Town — each destination should not only be designed for access by pedestrians, cars but also by public transportation — either by those who can no longer drive or by families that wish to use their cars less.

I have many friends in Arlington County which touches Alexandria's borders all along the north. There is almost no way to get to Arling-

ton except by car. One way to travel to Ballston, in the center of Arlington, is to take the 10B Metrobus from Hunting Towers, or from the Braddock Road Metro Station up Mount Vernon Avenue, along Glebe Road into Shirlington, up Walter Reed Drive back to Glebe Road and up to Fairfax Drive. If you take this service at 6 a.m. on a weekday and head north to Ballston you will get there around 7 a.m.

As an alternative you can walk or drive to the King Street or one of the other Metrorail stations in Alexandria. You can then take the blue Metrorail to Roslyn and change to the orange Metrorail to Ballston. You can take a DASH bus to a Metrorail station in Alexandria. But you cannot take a DASH bus to Arlington. Arlington has its own ART bus system. When Arlington finishes its streetcar/light rail system in Crystal City and its streetcar/light rail system along Columbia Pike to Bailey's Crossroads — the system will stop at the Arlington/Alexandria border. A passenger will have to leave the streetcar and transfer to the Alexandria bus.

Our transportation solutions need a regional approach.

Help Craft City's First Youth Master Plan

BY TAMMY L. MANN, PHD
CHAIR, CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES
COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION

Alexandria is a community that supports and enhances the well-being, success, and achievement of children, youth and families: True or false?

That statement is from Goal 4 of the City's Strategic Plan that was adopted in 2010. The question posed about its accuracy is one that I invite readers to evaluate. As the chair of the newly formed Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission, I can confidently say that our raison d'être is centered on working together to ensure that there are tangible data points that validate the city's commitment to this goal and that the results we seek for our children and families are overwhelmingly evident. That Alexandria is rich in resources certainly comes as no surprise to most residents. These resources come in many forms and include parents, investments made by our elected officials in our schools and community-based organizations, businesses that provide opportunities for employees to volunteer time to support programs that benefit children and youth, faith-based organizations, and private citizens that mentor and support young people. As a commission, a great deal of our work will focus on how to best use our resources to ensure that more children and their families are thriving.

Recent findings have made it very clear that we must act with great urgency to address the needs in our community. Last fall Venture Philanthropy Partners released a report entitled Capital Kids, which examined the well-being of children and youth across our region. The report cited increased rates of poverty among children as one of the most challenging realities facing communities in our region, noting that between 2005 and 2010 the child poverty

rate in Alexandria quadrupled — currently more than 1 in 10 children in our community lives in poverty. In addition, Alexandria City Public Schools has the highest dropout rate (13 percent) in Northern Virginia. Alexandria's 2010-2011 reading and math proficiency scores for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students consistently had fewer percentages of children scoring in the proficient or higher ranges when compared to other school districts in Northern Virginia. On many occasions, our superintendent of schools has highlighted the extraordinary degree of diversity reflected in the student body — noting the benefits and challenges associated with meeting the needs of such a diverse group of students.

Fortunately our challenges, while significant, are not insurmountable when the community unites to help solve these problems. In fact, it is in our collective best interest to do so. When we have strong schools, adequate supports for working families including affordable housing, and high quality academic, social and physical enrichment opportunities for children and youth, it is associated with reductions in many

negative outcomes including school failure, crime, teen pregnancy, gang activity, and disengaged/disconnected youth. These negative outcomes can adversely affect the economic vitality of a city with businesses electing to locate in safer communities and families choosing to live in other communities where schools and programs that serve children are accessible, affordable

and high quality. While approximately 12 percent of households in our city may be actively parenting children, 100 percent of our residents can be adversely affected when children and youth disengage and become involved in activities that undermine their development and the safety and well-being of themselves and others.

This month you can come out and share your thoughts as we work to craft the first ever Youth Master Plan. Three Community Forums have been planned for citizens to come out and help shape the elements to be included in our plan. Sessions will be held on Feb. 8, 11, and 23 in various locations around the city. Please visit <http://alexandriava.gov/CYFCC> to learn more.

COMMENTARY

Community Forums

♦ **Feb. 9**
10 a.m.-noon
T.C. Williams Cafeteria
3330 King St.

♦ **Feb. 11**
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe St.

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10 a.m.-noon
William Ramsay Center
5650 Sanger Ave.

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LETTERS

Raises for Teachers

To the Editor:

In the Alexandria Gazette's Packet article titled "Raises for Teachers?" in the Jan. 17, 2013 newspaper, it states that "State Sen. George Barker (D-39) hopes that his Senate colleagues will agree to a 3 percent raise in teachers' salaries this year. Barker said increasing teacher salaries will help close achievement gaps in Virginia." Which one? Student achievement or teacher achievement? There is no correlation.

I was a teacher in VA for 30 years. Never once did dollars dictate my dedication and work ethic in giving my all in teaching. That's not to say teachers should not receive raises. But closing achievement gaps comes about due to the heart and soul of the educators giving all to their profession. Money does not drive dedication. Is this typical of Mr. Barker's lack of understanding as to what closes educational gaps? In the same article, it states that Mr. Barker said, "We'd like to go higher than that, but we want to operate within the budget constraints that we have." In other words, if the budget was very well supplied, giving even higher than 3 percent would help close the gaps even more. Mr. Barker appears quite misinformed as to what closes achievement gaps.

Richard Vis
Alexandria

applied to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria in order to help pay for college. I've visited the math and writing center during lunch for assistance with confusing calculations and essay revisions. Without these resources, where would I be? Without any of the numerous services offered by the city, where would our youth be?

The question is, what issues regarding youth must be highlighted? With your voice, you can bring to light the primary needs of our city's youth, so that these priorities may be included and resolved in the master plan. There are no requirements or prerequisites to be part of this critical initiative — everyone is welcome.

Forums will be held Feb. 9 (10 a.m.-12 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School), Feb. 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Charles Houston Center), and Feb. 23 (10 a.m.-12 p.m. at William Ramsay Elementary School). For more information, call 703-746-5970, or visit alexandriava.gov/DCHS.

Emma Beall

Emma Beall is a senior at T.C. Williams High School and a youth representative on Alexandria's Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission, a group dedicated to creating a Youth Master Plan for Alexandria's youth.

Bicyclists' Fair Share

To the Editor:

Imagine my surprise when an environmentalist policy wonk in D.C. emailed me to note my ap-

pearance, along with Justin Wilson, on radio WAMU. The subject was Alexandria's considering bike registration and fees. As my radio comments were based on a public comment session at City Hall, this was appropriate. However, what followed the next day was a policy statement, not from Alexandria's Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) department, but from the City Attorney's office observing that registration was probably no longer needed in our modern times for bike recovery purposes. True — as the National Bike Registry, now on the city's web site, clearly demonstrates.

We can now consider ourselves half way there. No longer does the city have to spend the time and money to register bikes in Alexandria; and bicyclists' property is protected. This is a plus. However, there is still the issue of annual fees from cyclists who rightly expect road and bike facilities to be safe and maintained in good condition. At this time, unlike all other vehicle owners who use the roads in Virginia, bicyclists are "free riders," an economics term used to identify those people who use a common resource without incurring any cost to do so.

The T&ES department is now undertaking a comprehensive review of Alexandria's Municipal Code and Ordinances for bicycle usage to ensure they comply with state regulations and support and reflect regional "rules of the road" for cyclists. This is an excellent way to make a fresh start and put bikers on improved footing, as

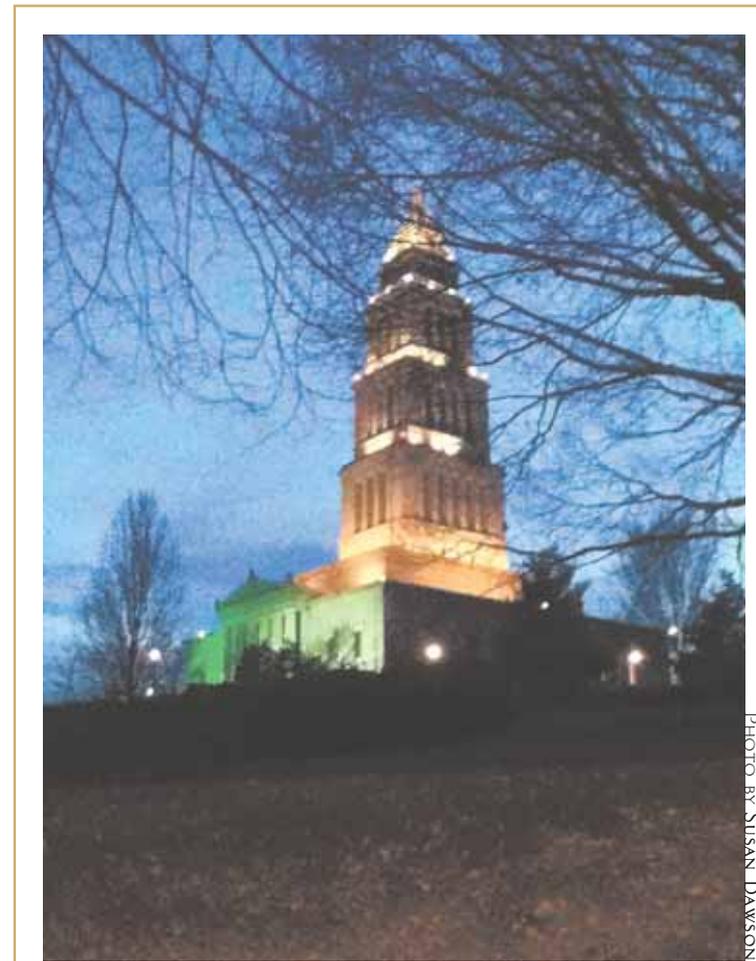


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Snapshot 6 p.m., Jan 29, from King Street.

they move through the region and state.

It is also an excellent time to create and suggest policy frameworks in Virginia that can ensure all road users are treated equitably on pay-for-use. An annual fee for bicycles should be instituted at the state level and distributed for building

bike facilities at cities' request. Another funding option is one being proposed here in Old Town, i.e., developer contributions as part of building a new hotel. Although that will not alleviate urban sprawl and may contribute

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Help City's Young People

To the Editor:

It takes a village to raise a child. That's why I'm urging you to add your voice to an exciting plan to secure the future of our city's children and youth. Your input is vital for the design of Alexandria's first Youth Master Plan, which will address the needs of our city's young people and build a solid foundation for generations to come.

As a youth and lifelong Alexandria resident, I urge you to attend one of three community forums sponsored by the Children, Youth and Family Collaborative Commission. It is our responsibility to provide guidance to our leaders so that vital resources for youth are included in this action plan.

Young people want to be successful, but they need appropriate support. For example, as a T.C. Williams senior, I've used the college and career center to strengthen my applications. I've



Inspiration For a Poem

Frame for the mind:
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and the roar of the wind
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and the shores a-far ...
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ocean of ice and snow
at land like pearls of cotton
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— GERI BALDWIN
ALEXANDRIA

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to already overtaxed streets in Old Town, it is an option. A much better use of developer “amenities” would be to require (not suggest) that all new commercial buildings and residential housing developments throughout the city include bike facilities. This is not currently being done.

So, I hope when the T&ES review and recommendations on bike usage in Alexandria are available for public review and adjustment — prior to council vote — that we are presented a comprehensive policy and legal framework that is equitable and forward looking for everyone who shares the roadways, including pedestrians. If done right, this comprehensive set of recommendations could serve as a model for other cities, and in Virginia for state action on a new fee structure to support increased bike use. We all need to quickly do our part to go car-free in the near future. The planet deserves it.

Kathryn Papp

Address Gun Violence

To the Editor:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports 31,672 firearms deaths during 2012. That is far and away more firearm deaths than in any other western democracy.

We all have an obligation to act now to

enact the legislation and provide the funding to begin to reduce this appalling epidemic of gun violence. We all have an obligation to our children, our neighbors, ourselves to act — not in the expectation of ending this scourge but with the certainty that we can save lives.

The present day merchants of death, represented by the gun industry and its front organization, the NRA, would have us believe that proposals to reduce gun violence are bound to be ineffective.

Those of us who have lived in Western European countries that have strict and effective gun laws know that the number of gun deaths is a fraction of ours while their democracy is just as vibrant as ours while their young people look at the same violent videos as do ours.

The most recent 2007 Swiss-based Small Arms Survey is the most complete worldwide comparison of gun fatalities. It shows that in 2007 there were 9,146 gun homicides in the U.S. (It was 11,078 by 2013). That was 2.97 gun homicides per 100,000 residents. In Australia there were 30 gun homicides and a rate per 100,000 of 0.14. Canada had 173 homicides and a rate of 0.51. England and Wales came in with 41 homicides and a rate of 0.07 while France had 35 gun homicides and a rate of 0.06.

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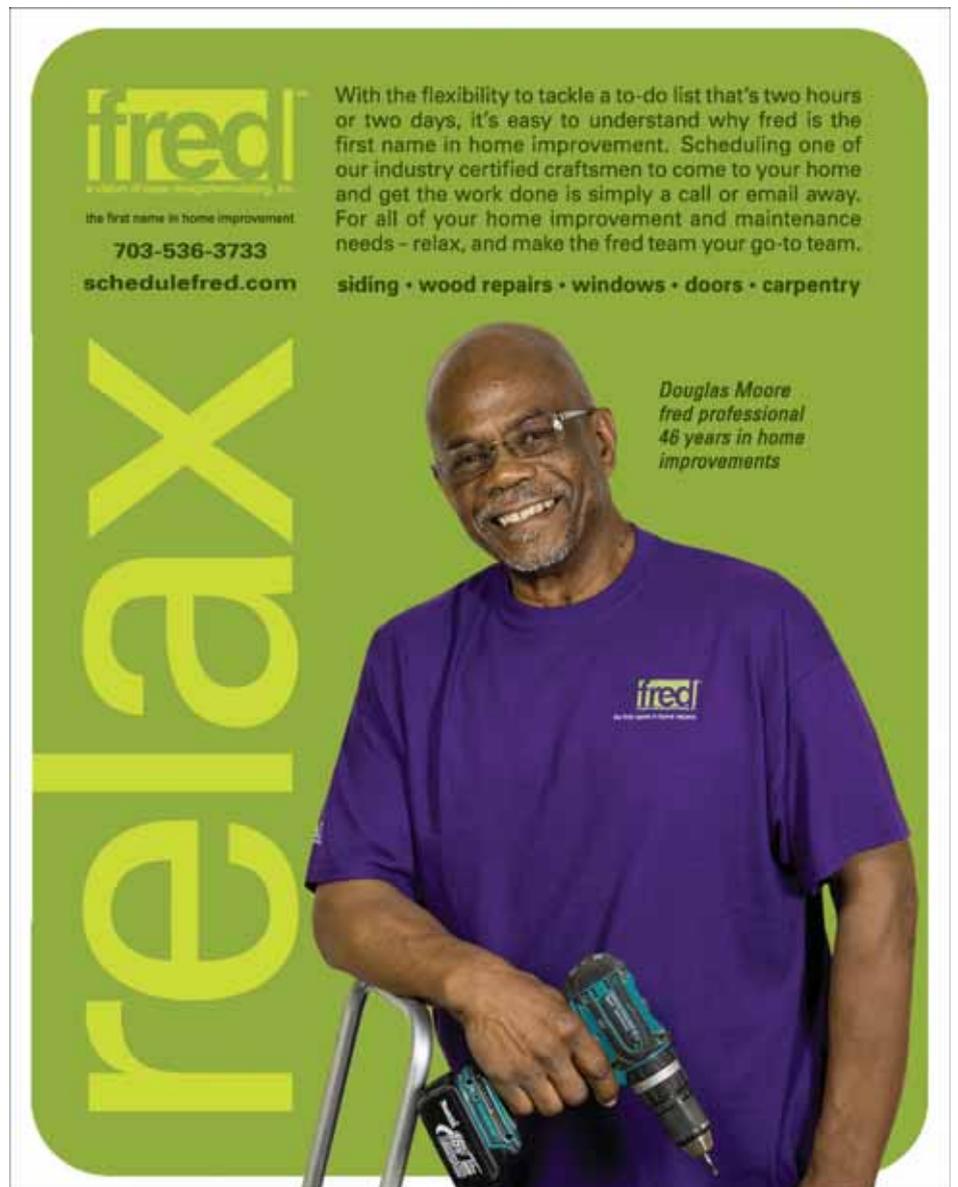
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Medicaid Expansion, Transportation and Uranium Ban

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



RICHMOND REPORT

This week's General Assembly session included "Crossover" on Tuesday — after which the House and Senate may only work on bills approved by the other body. I am pleased that 10 pieces of my legislation have advanced to the House of Delegates for further consideration — including measures to improve the electoral process by simplifying absentee ballot applications and disqualifying fewer of those ballots; and to codify nondiscrimination in state employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Senate Finance Committee's budget proposal was unveiled on Sunday. Though it has some merit, I was extremely disappointed that federal Medicaid expansion

funds were not accepted in the document. Because of this omission, all Finance Committee Democrats united to oppose the draft budget. The expansion of Medicaid in Virginia could cover an additional 400,000 currently uninsured Virginians, resulting in savings from increased preventive care and fewer costly emergency room visits, and create an estimated 30,000 health care jobs. One hundred percent of the funds for expansion would come from the federal government for three years, and 90 percent thereafter. That money comes from federal income taxes paid for by Virginians, whether or not we accept this "Obamacare" (Medicaid) option. My Democratic colleagues and I will be working hard to win some Republican votes to accept the funding in the final Senate budget.

With regard to the Governor's transportation plan currently being debated, I agree that bold steps must be taken to address our transportation needs but do not believe the governor's bill would adequately serve the Commonwealth as a whole or Northern Virginia. In years past I have argued against using the General Fund (spent on education, public safety, healthcare etc.) to fund transportation (which has its own dedicated fund). Governor McDonnell's plan to eliminate the 17.5¢/gallon gas tax and replace it with an .8 percent sales tax increase would go against that principle. Further, if the gas tax is eliminated and replaced by an increased sales tax, Virginia would lose the revenue currently collected when out-of-state drivers buy gas. Instead residents would pay a higher sales tax. We cannot afford this self-inflicted wound to Virginia's economy.

One notable bill that was scheduled to

be heard in last week's meeting of the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee was a measure that would have lifted Virginia's 30-year moratorium on uranium mining. Our climate is distinctly different than that of most locations where uranium is currently mined, and I believe that lifting the ban could have posed serious threats to the Southside Virginia water table and resulted in other significant environmental concerns. After counting the votes of members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources members, including mine, the patron of the legislation decided to strike the bill, laying the issue to rest for this session.

To read more about what I'm up to, visit www.adamebbin.com. Your input helps me represent you better. Call my office at 804-698-7530 or email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov to share your opinion or if we can be of assistance.

Governor's Transportation Plan on Wrong Path

BY CHARNIELE HERRING
STATE DELEGATE (D-46)



Monday evening in Richmond, we witnessed something that has been in short supply — bipartisanship. The deep flaws in the Governor's transportation proposal united Democrats and Republicans in opposition to an unprecedented statewide tax increase and de-facto funding cuts to health, education and public safety. Even under the best case scenario laid out by the Governor, these cuts would not raise enough money for Virginia's roads. Together, we proposed solutions that would find fair sources of revenue, empower regions to find local transportation solutions, and leave the general fund intact. Unfortunately, most of the proposals that would have improved the plan failed.

Many of my colleagues agree that complete elimination of the gas tax in exchange for an increase in the sales tax is not a good policy decision. Simply, we are not at a crisis level when it comes to revenues from the sales tax because of fuel-efficient and hybrid vehicles. There are currently only 91,000 alternative fuel vehicles, which make up less than 1.5 percent of Virginia's vehicles. Additionally, according to the Federal Highway Administration, vehicle fuel use per year in Virginia actually increased by 7.8 percent from 1987 to 2010, and gas tax revenues have increased by more than 81 percent since the gas tax was last increased in 1987. Moreover, the Governor's own transportation briefing projects that growth will continue for at least the next five years.

The plan excluded real alternatives for regional funding. It contained only provisions

for a review and report near the end of the year. This is not good enough. Everyone is aware the state's biggest transportation needs exist where population is growing, in what is known as the Urban Crescent — Northern Virginia, Richmond and the Hampton Roads regions. The transportation plan fails to give these regions authority to raise local revenue for transportation. This is an issue that has been discussed and worked on by delegations of elected officials from these regions. However, there still seems to be a reluctance to include a real and tangible plan to address regional needs. A review and report is not good enough. The time to act is now, before areas driving our economy are further impacted.

The bottom line is that this is bad policy. In addition to reliance on Congress to pass legislation for the collection of a large portion of these funds in the Governor's plan, I

cannot in good conscience raise taxes on the backs of my constituents in a patently unfair and regressive way. I hope you will stand with me in the coming weeks as we fight for better solutions that will meet our needs and not unfairly burden those who value the environment by using alternative fuels or by choice, economic or otherwise, elect to use transit. It's been a quarter century since we raised the gas tax, and 17.5 cents buys less than half as much today as it did then. But it stills buys something. Clearly we need examine our needs and our revenues, but we must do it without siphoning money away from our schools, hospitals, and police.

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Seeing Forward Movement on Variety of Bills

BY ROB KRUPICKA
STATE DELEGATE (D-45)



The General Assembly has been as busy as ever this past week as we approach crossover and I wanted to take a moment to send you a brief update on what is going on here in the capital as well as tell you about an upcoming event back in the 45th District.

First, I hope you will join me for a Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. I'll be taking comments and questions at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, located at 901 Wythe St. in Alexandria. Senator Adam Ebbin will be there as well. There is a small parking lot on site and street parking all around the recreation center. No RSVP necessary, come for all or

part.

The House of Delegates passed a transportation package this week. This is one of many steps in a long process to come up with a final transportation package for our state. I voted against this version because it takes money from education, which is reprehensible after years of state cuts in per pupil spending. It removes the gas tax, which most economists say is the most effective and reasonable user fee for transportation. It doesn't have anywhere close to enough money for NoVA's needs. And it gives too much power to VDOT to direct how money is spent. I will keep pushing for a plan that will give us more local control over our transportation needs. I've been told that the conference committee is committed to working towards that goal. I

don't expect the final bill will be perfect, but if it gives us real revenues for our local roads and transit and it gives us more local control, then it will be something I will seriously consider. I continue to appreciate the comments and input from my constituents on this important issue and I encourage you to keep it up.

My restaurant charity bill (HB 2262) passed the House this week. This bill removes the need for special permits or fees to be filed when a restaurant wants to donate food to a local non-profit. This will help the large number of non-profits in our community and around the state to work with their local restaurants on fundraising and other charitable activities. I appreciate the number of local non-profits and restaurants that helped me on this bill, especially Mike Anderson of Mango Mike's who made a trip

to Richmond to testify.

And lastly, I'm pleased to report that the House Appropriation's committee has included \$1.85 million of mental health first aid training funds in their budget proposal. This is a huge step for the Commonwealth. Mental Health First Aid training will play an important role in community safety as well as to help people get access to the mental health services they need to live constructive lives in our state. I will be working hard to make sure this is in the final budget.

I am always interested in hearing your thoughts. Please contact my office with any questions, concerns or ways in which I could be of service. You can contact me at DelRKrupicka@House.Virginia.gov or by calling 804-698-1045 during session or 571-357-5762 if you prefer a local number.

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drastically reduced the number of those using tobacco. We have ended slavery, ended the disenfranchisement of blacks, drastically reduced racial, sexual and religious discrimination. We have overcome the ban on inter-racial marriage and begun to accept same sex marriage.

These are huge societal changes in our continuing commitment to

“life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Some have taken hundreds of years to achieve. Others have been achieved in astonishingly short time.

It is now time to address gun violence. It can be reduced if we insist that the Congress act now to embrace the President’s long overdue proposals.

Thomas Fina

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Alexandria’s Historic Preservation division is seeking volunteers to assist with an architectural survey of the Old and Historic Alexandria District. This survey will be the first of its kind in the country using an exciting new GIS-based mobile application designed to expedite the surveying process and facilitate data sharing between the City of Alexandria and other cultural resource organizations. Surveying will begin in early March, with training taking place in late February. Approximately two days of training and approximately 5-10 days of field surveying. Contact Mary Catherine Collins at preservation@alexandriava.gov.

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium needs volunteers to tutor kindergarteners and first-graders in literacy skills for 30 minutes once or twice a week through May in Alexandria public schools. Training and lesson plans provided. Call 703-549-6670, ext.

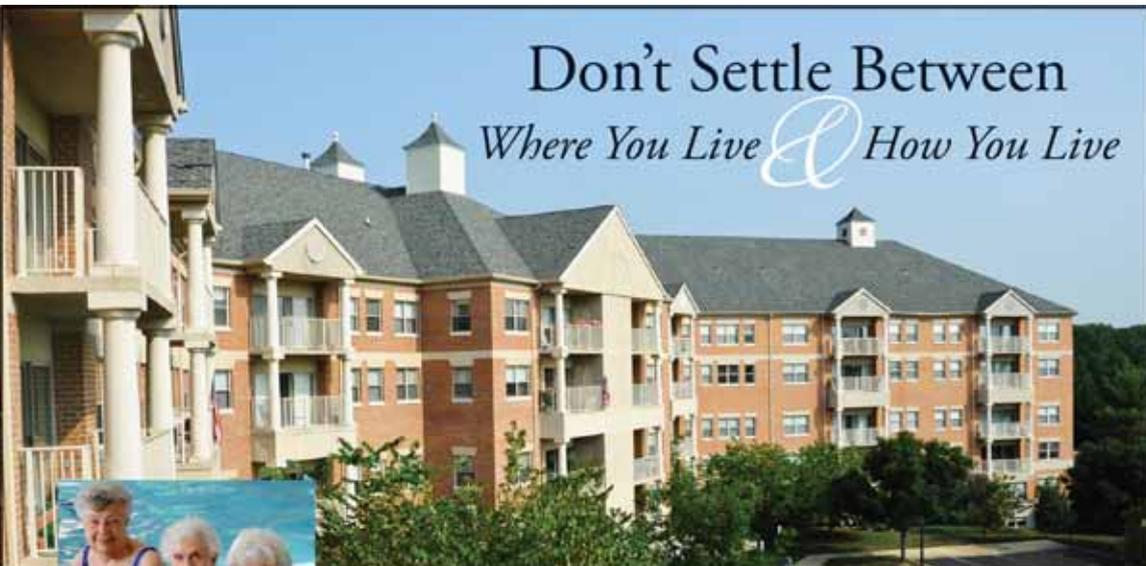
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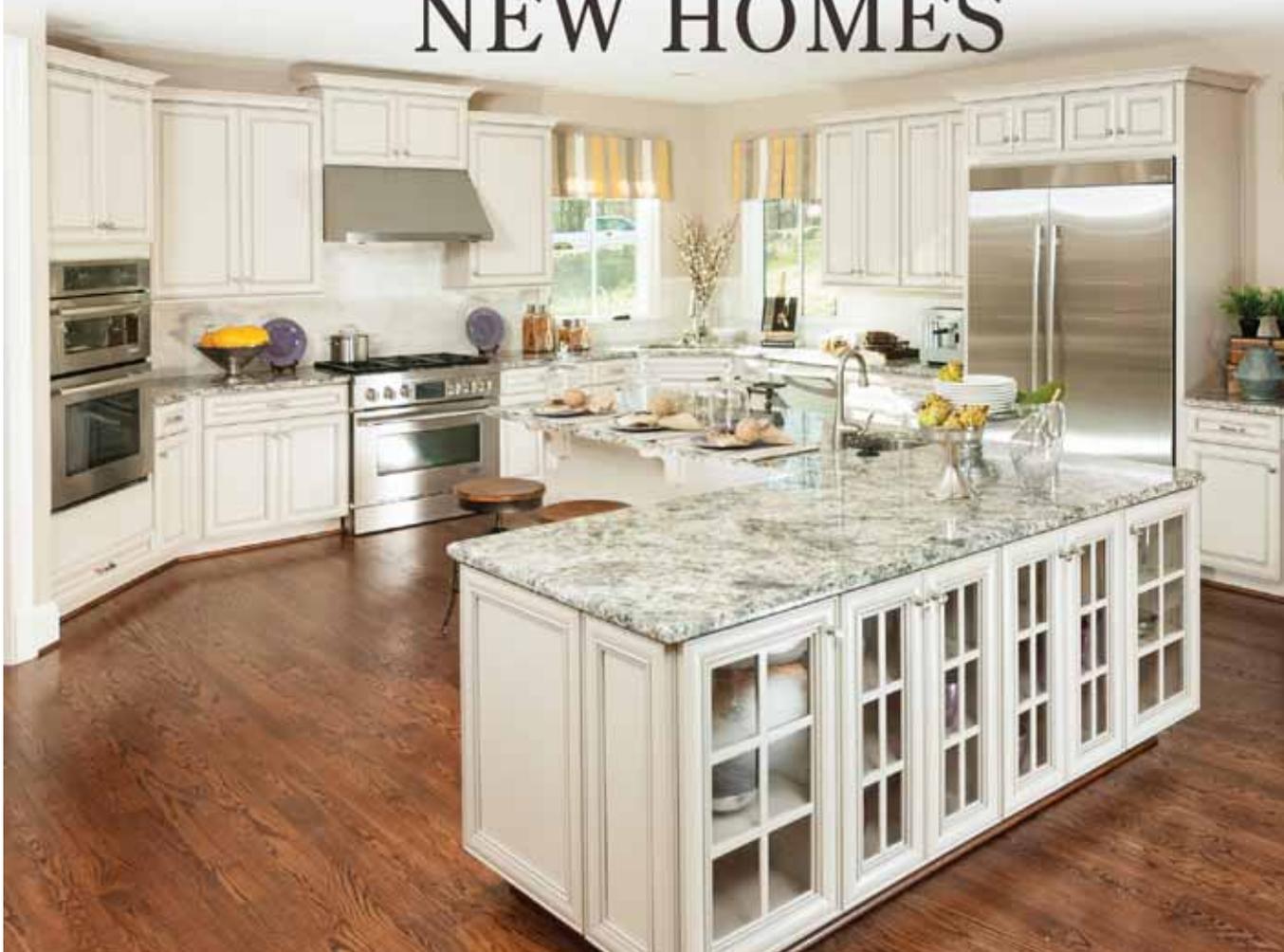
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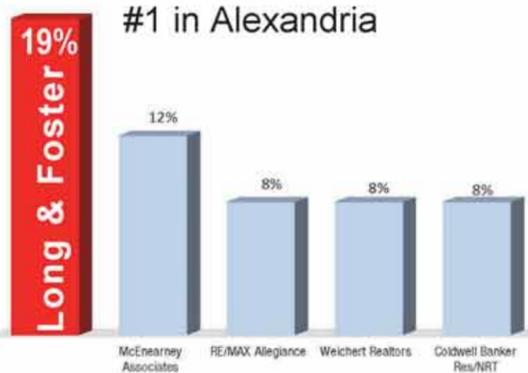
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Budget Proposes Replacing Three Schools, Adding Another

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lion capital request is \$212 million more than the Capital Improvement Program budget City Council approved last year, which was \$145 million. That could mean a pitched battle in the coming weeks as school officials and city leaders clash over what kind of spending is appropriate for the school system in the coming decade. For now, Sherman must persuade School Board members that doubling the capital budget is justified. "I'm certainly not in a position right now where I could say I could vote for it," said School Board member Bill Campbell. "I need to see a lot more justification to make the kind of changes being proposed."

THE DEBATE ABOUT the future of the school system comes at a time when administrators are still trying to recover from last year, when an independent accountant declared the budget office operated in a "dysfunctional environment." City Council members cut the School Board's Capital Improvement Program budget in half, and Sherman installed a new group of budget officials. Now senior administration officials say strict guidelines are in place for documenting procurement.

"It all seems pretty standard," said Tammy Ignacio, chief administrative officer. "I can't tell you why it wasn't done before."

The first new facility will be at Jefferson-Houston, the long-troubled elementary school that has now been transformed into Alexandria's first Kindergarten through eighth grade educational institution.

Construction will begin this summer, and demolition of the existing building will take place after the new facility has opened its doors next fall. Last year, members of the Alexandria City Council approved the \$43 million project, although many neighbors in the Parker Gray neighborhood questioned the scale of the project considering the school system is planning a new school at a location yet to be determined.

"We will be working with the

Four New Schools

◆ **\$50 million** for construction of a new school at a location yet to be determined. The facility would be 120,000 square feet and offer Kindergarten through eighth grade. Budgeting for this project would last from FY2016 to FY 2019.

◆ **\$50 million** for demolition and construction of a new Cora Kelly School, which would be converted to a school offering Kindergarten through eighth grade. Budgeting FY2018 to FY2021.

◆ **\$45 million** for demolition and construction of a new Jefferson-Houston School, which will continue to offer Kindergarten through eighth grade. Construction is set to begin this summer, and the new building is scheduled to open next fall.

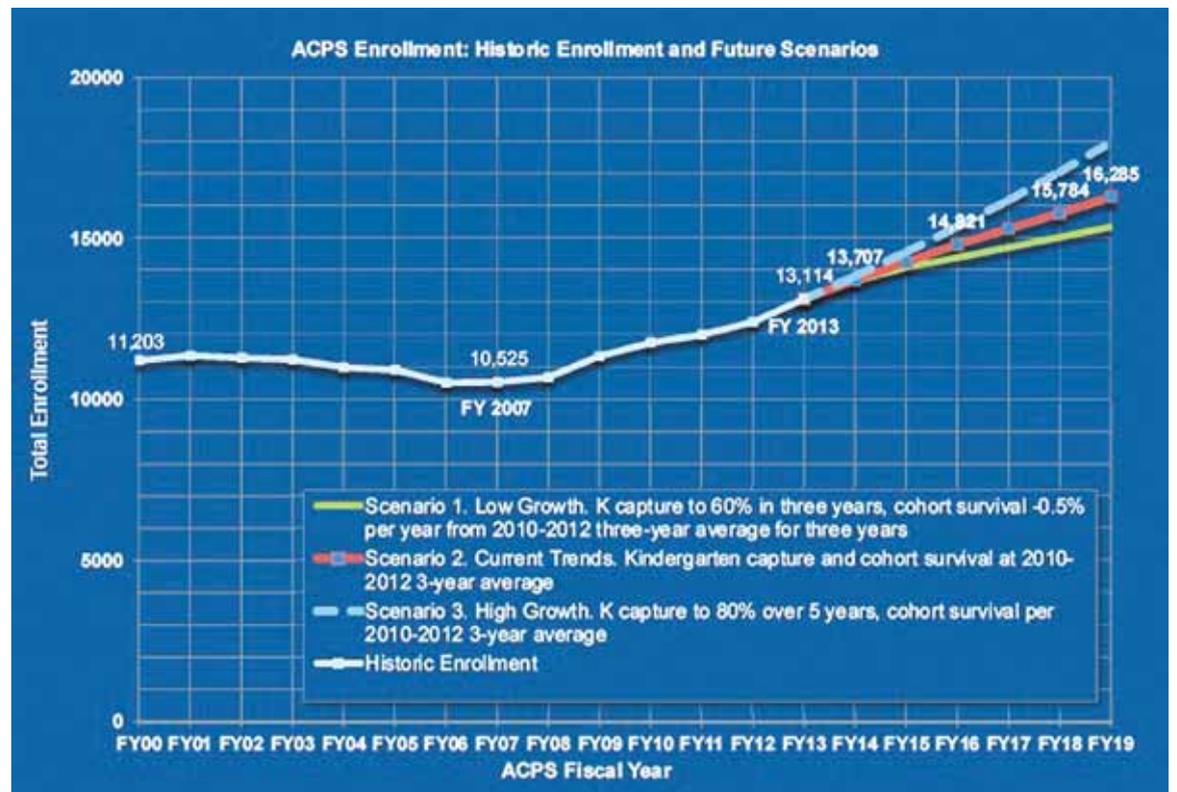
◆ **\$43 million** for demolition and construction of a new Patrick Henry Elementary School, which would be converted to a school offering Kindergarten through eighth grade. Budgeting would last from FY2014 to FY2017.

city to give you a recommendation as to what that site might be," Sherman told School Board members last month.

Even before Jefferson-Houston is demolished, school officials want to start budgeting for leveling Patrick Henry Elementary School and construction a \$43 million new facility that would serve Kindergarten through eighth grade. Two years from now, Sherman wants to start budgeting for a new \$50 million Kindergarten through eighth-grade school at a location yet to be determined. Four years from now, the superintendent plans to start budgeting for demolition and construction of a \$50 million new Cora Kelly Elementary School, which would be converted to offer Kindergarten through eighth grade. By 2020, Alexandria would have four new schools, all serving Kindergarten through eighth grade.

"I can't sit here now and say in the abstract what line items I am or am not comfortable with," said School Board member Justin Keating. "That's just not the way the process works."

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS from the school system show classrooms bursting at the seams, and school administrators scrambling to meet an ever-increasing demand.



ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	FY2013-2022 Final School Board CIP	FY2013-2022 Final City Council CIP	FY2014-2023 Needs-Based CIP	FY2014-2023 Resource-Constrained CIP	Difference in FY14 RC and FY13 School Board Approved CIP	Difference in FY14 RC and FY13 City Council Approved CIP
FY2014	10,410,925	8,926,063	31,356,684	18,137,008	7,726,083	9,210,945
FY2015	14,846,176	15,471,475	56,353,766	55,175,994	40,329,818	39,704,519
FY2016	40,274,942	40,247,182	17,780,923	14,935,277	(25,339,665)	(25,311,905)
FY2017	32,489,685	12,930,643	54,240,406	51,214,046	18,724,361	38,283,403
FY2018	81,937,823	13,000,000	69,244,073	73,556,742	(8,381,081)	60,556,742
FY2019	44,603,339	13,500,000	45,485,071	49,774,841	5,171,502	36,274,841
FY2020	50,755,491	13,366,000	55,102,217	49,851,236	(904,255)	36,485,236
FY2021	14,779,655	13,600,000	12,143,417	11,869,673	(2,909,982)	(1,730,327)
FY2022	11,294,613	13,600,000	25,370,977	19,344,555	8,049,942	5,744,555
FY2023		-	16,330,017	13,582,237	13,582,237	13,582,237
Grand Total	301,392,649	144,641,363	\$ 383,407,551	\$ 357,441,609	56,048,960	212,800,246

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the last six years, Alexandria City Public Schools has increased 30 percent. Over the next six years, enrollment projections show, enrollment figures will increase 3.7 percent each year — adding thousands of new students to the school system. Within five years, senior administration leaders say, the school system will also need to address capacity issues at middle schools and even the \$100 million new T.C. Williams High School.

"As we continue success with dropout and on-time graduation rates, additional high school capacity needs will occur," according to Sherman's proposal.

Sherman's proposed capital budget also includes several modular additions across the city to increase classroom space. Additions are budgeted for Charles Barrett Elementary School, MacArthur Elementary School, George Mason Elementary School, Maury Elementary School and

James K. Polk Elementary School. The proposal also includes \$890,000 to relocate the public school system's central office to an alternate location this year.

"I don't want to spend a penny more on this room," Sherman told School Board members when he presented his proposed budget last month.

"In fact, I'd be happy if I could take you out to all the schools and have board meetings across the community."

BULLETIN BOARD

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Youth Master Plan. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Center, 901 Wythe St. The plan will set long-term, community-wide priorities for young people to ensure they are healthy and safe, academically and vocationally prepared, and socially and civically connected. Public comments for the Youth Master Plan may be submitted to Ron Frazier at

ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov or by calling 703-746-5967. To attend a forum or request language interpretation, call 703-746-5970.

Alexandria Library Board. 4. p.m. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Contact Rose Dawson, 703-746-1701.

Torpedo Factory Art Center Board - Executive Comm. 4:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301

King St. Contact Jeremy McPike, 703-746-4770.

Economic Opportunities Commission - Exec. Comm. 6:30 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Ann Moore, 703-746-5915.

Social Services Advisory Board. 7 p.m. Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Tresniece Perry, 703-746-5668.

Human Rights Commission - Executive Committee. 7 p.m. La Madeleine, 500 King St. Contact Jean Niebauer, 703-746-3140.

Commission on HIV/AIDS. 7 p.m. Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St. Contact Nechelle Terrell, nechelle.terrell@vdh.virginia.gov, 703-746-4933.

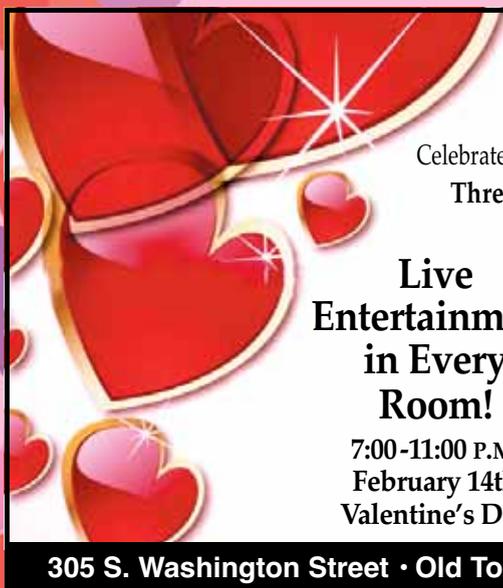
Town Hall Meeting on Draft Housing Master Plan. 7 p.m.

Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Rose Boyd, 703-746-4300.

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron St. Light refreshments and child-care will be provided. Free.

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ENTERTAINMENT



“Love” by juror Maren Hassinger.
Trash Talk at Target

Trash Talk is an all-media exhibition featuring work made from recycled/found objects. The work may include new materials, but 50 percent must be made of found/recycled objects. It is open to all artists nationally and internationally. Deadline for Entry: Feb. 11. Exhibition Dates: April 10-28. Reception: April 11, 6-8 p.m.; Juror Talk at 7 p.m. with Maren Hassinger.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Winter Classes. Beginning Feb. 20 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Art Exhibit. Alexandria artist Francis Seeger will display “People” in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. through Feb. 24. Free. Features a number of the artist’s larger figural paintings. Often appearing to be waiting for time to pass or expressing a touch of boredom, Seeger’s subjects are captured with vibrant palette. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby’s historic ballroom. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 6

Concert Tour. Alfie Boe, who starred as Jean Valjean in the 25th anniversary concert of “Les Miserables” in London will perform at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com/Alfie-Boe-tickets or birchmere.com.

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Dr. Peter Henriques will discuss why George Washington decided to stop being friends with George Mason, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. \$12/person; \$10/GTMS member and volunteer. Reservations recommended. 703-746-4242.

Movie. 6:45 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch a noir romance starring Humphrey Bogart and Gloria Grahame. A discussion will follow at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub. Free. Call 703-746-1705 for title.

Atomic Swing Club. 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH FEB. 6

Picture Writing: Literacy through

Art. 7-8:30 p.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 8-12 will receive an introduction to an approach to writing that integrates visual modes of thinking at every stage of the writing process. \$150/student. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

THURSDAY/FEB. 7

Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m. Printmaking — explore both direct and indirect print-making processes with stamping and mono-print trays. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

Performance. Sera Cahoon opens for Kathleen Edwards at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Creative Writing Session. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Get the creative juices flowing with the help of Camilla Clocker and Julie Ellis. Free, open to the public. 703-765-4573.

Lecture. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Virginia Tech Center for Public Administration and Policy, 1021 Prince St. William Resh will give the lecture. RSVP to www.eventbrite.com/event/5430524846#.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities, more. Free. 703-746-1705.

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

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Classic Film Series. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch “David Copperfield” in honor of Charles Dickens’ 200th birthday. Free. 703-746-1704.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs.



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Details

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall, 3001 North Beauregard Street. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

World Premier of River Poem

ASO debuts new work by Kim Allen Kluge and Kathryn Vassar Kluge

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE, MUSIC DIRECTOR
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

It’s hard to believe that it’s my 25th anniversary as Music Director of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. The centerpiece of my anniversary year will be the world premiere of an epic symphonic piece composed by yours truly and my wife, Kathryn Vassar Kluge. River Poem will receive its premiere at the ASO’s Feb. 9 and 10 concerts. During these performances I will be honoring all of you who have helped me and the ASO during my tenure as Music Director of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, and for me, the most meaningful way to thank you is through music.

The most frequent question that I receive these days is “How exactly do you and Kathryn compose music together? Isn’t that really difficult?” To be quite honest I don’t know how we do it. The whole process of musical creation is such a mystery and it becomes doubly mysterious when creating music with another person. Composing music is the most personal thing that I do, so writing music with Kathryn is an intensely intimate and revealing process and it makes me feel at my most vulnerable.

When we were commissioned by Virginia Bronze to write this big orchestral piece we decided to honor Alexandria. We took our inspiration from a very personal place in our shared lives — our beloved long walks along Alexandria’s magical wa-

terfront. On these daily walks along the Alexandria waterfront we became incredibly fond of the Potomac and more attuned to the many shifting moods of this majestic and historic river as the light changed at different times of day.

Sometimes it seemed almost as if the Potomac was speaking directly to us — sharing its secrets and stories. The stories of past and current Alexandrians seemed to come alive — their spirits and voices living and flowing perpetually through the Potomac.

Bells are used in cultures throughout the world to invoke the spiritual realm, and the bells in River Poem are used to invoke the voices and spirits of Alexandrians — past and present.

At the world premiere the bells will be placed in different locations on the stage and the balcony to simulate the sound of voices rising from the river. Sometimes gigantic bells will be struck with mallets like a surreally oversized xylophone. Sometimes the bells will be rung. Sometimes they will be hit with chopsticks. Sometimes their eerie voices will be initiated like Tibetan singing bowls. But always they will be integrated into the majestically flowing symphonic textures of the orchestra and double chorus, as sung by The Alexandria Choral Society and Heritage Signature Chorale.

River Poem sounds so very dramatic and so personal because its inspiration comes from a very personal place within both myself and Kathryn. What I can say about the joint-composing process is that we collaborate on every aspect of writing, from the initial discussions about the concept and the sound world, to the writing of melodies, to the choice of orchestral colors and instruments. It is sometimes a difficult and complicated process but I can honestly say that we elicit the best music from one another — a gift indeed.

I’ll see you at the concert!

Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Organ Recital. 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road. Kyle Babin, director of music, will present works by Bach, Byrd and more. Freewill offering. 703-549-1980.

Chamber Players Concert. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear the United States Air Force Band brass trio and brass soloists. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or

202-767-5658.

Rock Against Hunger. 7 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Hear music by local band Black Moon Tonic, enjoy pizza, drinks and more. \$15/adult; \$10/student; children under 10 free. Portion of the proceeds benefit UCM.

FEB. 8 THROUGH MARCH 17

Art Exhibit. See Matthew D. Kieh’s “Craft and Character: Wasteland” at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery. See an exploration of pen and ink on paper. Free.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Children’s Art Workshop. 1-3 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704

Mount Vernon Ave. Children ages 5-12 can enjoy expressing their creativity in this hands-on workshop. \$10/DRA member; \$12/non-member. Registration first-come, first served and 30 students max. Register by Feb. 3 at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Music Performance. Celebrate the City of Alexandria with a performance by the Alexandria Symphony, the Alexandria Choral Society and more at 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$5/youth; \$10/student; and start at \$40 for adults. 703-548-0885.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Capital Wind Symphony

What do a professional musician, geophysicist, doctor, music teacher, Ft. Hunt little league baseball president, web designer, engineer and FBI agent have in common? They are all members of the Capital Wind Symphony, a volunteer wind ensemble founded in 1991.

The Capital Wind Symphony is dedicated to celebrating and preserving the great American band tradition, and repertoire for each concert includes transcriptions, classic band works, and contemporary compositions for wind ensemble and wind orchestra.

Today, the Capital Wind Symphony is comprised of some of the finest musicians in the Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. area, more than 75 professional-level wind and percussion musicians. The group includes numerous U.S. service band members and music educators, as well as individuals in non-music related professions who maintain a high degree of musical excellence and a passion for performance.

This season, the Capital Wind Symphony is excited to be performing in the Garwood Whaley Auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria. This state-of-the-art auditorium was built in 1998 and is considered one of the most impressive venues in Northern Virginia.

The Capital Wind Symphony has many connections to the Mount Vernon and Alexandria area. The group's founder and conductor, George Etheridge, led the nationally renowned Fort Hunt High School band from 1977 until its closing in 1985. Several current CWS members performed with the FHHS and Mount Vernon High School bands during that time.

Etheridge has also served as adjunct professor of saxophone at Howard University, Catholic University, Federal City College, George Mason University and the College of William and Mary. He was the Director of Bands at the College of William

and Mary from 1985-1991.

In its 21 year history, the Capital Wind Symphony has performed at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, National Building Museum, St. Matthew's Cathedral, and various Embassies in the Washington, D.C., as well as the prestigious Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

The symphony also gives back to the community by working closely with music educators throughout the metropolitan area. The Symphony Coaching Outstanding and Refined Ensembles program was created by Etheridge, and is an educational outreach program for Fairfax County Schools sponsored by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. Members of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Capital Wind Symphony sit side by side with band students to teach young musicians about music and their roles in the ensemble. In addition, the CWS offers Partners in Performance, similar to the SCORE program, to middle school and high school bands visiting the Washington, D.C. area.

The Capital Wind Symphony will be performing on Feb. 10. The remaining performances this season will be on April 14 and May 12. All concerts will be held at Bishop Ireton's Garwood Whaley Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The program for the Feb. 10 concert includes Suite of Old American Dances by Robert Russell Bennett, Vientos y Tangos by Michael Gandalfi, Four Scottish Dances by Malcolm Arnold, Alfred Reed's The Hounds of Spring, Felix Mendelssohn's Overture for Band, and Richard Wagner's Homage March.

Tickets for the upcoming concert at Bishop Ireton can be purchased at the door, or in advance online at www.capitalwindsymphony.org.

— CAROLYN MURPHY AND PAUL MURPHY

CALENDAR

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Civil War Songs & Letters. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dead Men's Hollow will perform songs of the Civil War and new, original songs about the war; actors will read letters and diary entries from that time period. Reception to follow. \$10/person.

Opening Reception. 3-5 p.m. at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery. Meet Matthew D Kiehl and see his exploration of pen and ink on paper. Free.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance. 7 p.m.-midnight at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Enjoy a cash bar, food and more. Proceeds benefit Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center. Tickets are \$30/person and available at GSCC or Progreso LCC or at the door.

Lecture. 1:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Michael Lee Pope will discuss his new book "Shotgun Justice: One Prosecutor's Crusade Against Crime and Corruption in Alexandria and Arlington." Free. Light refreshments to follow.

Mountain Music Project. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch the documentary "Mountain Music Project" and then enjoy some music. \$20/non-member; free for FSGW members, but donation requested. 301-717-4641.

Civil War Recruiting Day. 1-4 p.m.

at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Learn about period clothing and equipment, watch drills and more. Free.

Saturday Matinee Screening. 1 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Features a Tarzan movie starring Johnny Weismuller and a second film starring Abbott and Costello. Free. Call 703-746-1705 for titles.

Valentine's Day Cookie Workshop. Three sessions at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. at Occasionally Cake, 207 King St. Participants will be able to decorate cookies, get a demonstration and a cookie box to take home. \$25/person. Reservations required at www.occasionallycake.com or 703-647-9638.

Teen Production. 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." \$10 available only at the door.

Balducci's Wine Day. 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at Balducci's, 600 Franklin St. Join professional winemakers, importers and aficionados as they sample various wines, trade recommendations and share stories; 25 percent off 12-plus bottle purchases. www.balduccis.com.

Peace, Love and Chocolate for the Cure. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1200 Croton Drive. Enjoy a fundraiser and ladies' social benefiting breast cancer. RSVP to Holly at hjracer@gmail.com or 703-835-5534

Indoor Fly Fun. West Potomac High School is holding an event at the high

school from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for people who love model airplanes. Free, but a small fee for those who want to fly their plane.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Meditation. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Take a free workshop and be guided through meditation and the proper breathing techniques. 703-746-1704.

Jewelry Workshop. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Shannyn will help people capture the literary inspirations of Jane Austen, Emily Bronte and others in this romance inspired workshop. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1743.

Author Signing. 2-4 p.m. at Grounded Coffee Shop, 6919 Telegraph Road. Pat Britz will read and sign copies of "Animals Need Zz's Too." Free. Visit www.groundedcoffeeshop.com/ or 703-341-6612.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. Noon-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. See a reenactment of 18th-century swordplay, display of weapons and more. Recommended for families with children in grade 2 and up. \$6/person. Reservations required, visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242.

SUNDAY/FEB. 10

10,000 Maniacs. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Visit www.maniacs.com/ The Birchmere

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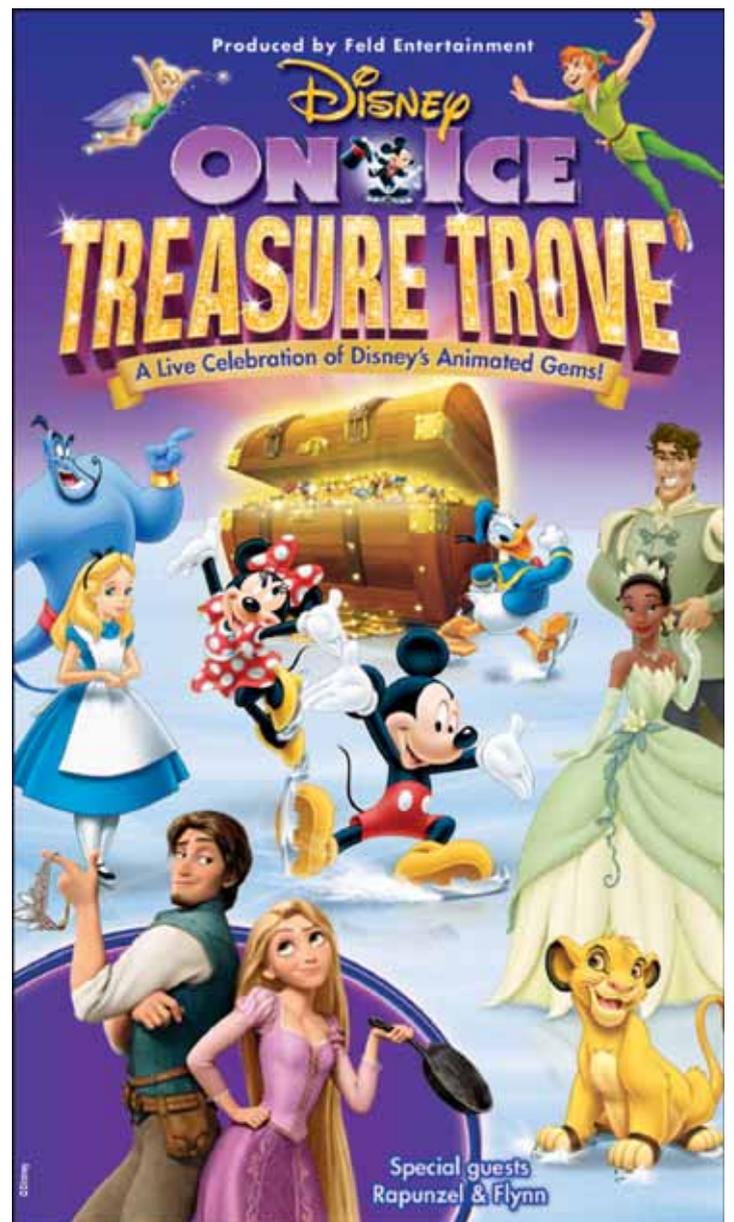
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Burlesque-A-Pades for Valentine's Day

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In the great spirit of classic burlesque and vaudeville, **Burlesque-A-Pades** combines highly choreographed production numbers featuring chorus lines of cuties, sultry strip tease, magic, illusion, live music and even classic burlesque and vaudeville skits in the spirit of Jackie Gleason, Fanny Brice and even Abbot and Costello. The tradition doesn't end there, we are over the moon to announce this year's spectacular will be backed by live music from the **Brian Newman Quintet**. Live music is an integral part of any burlesque show and pays tribute to the history of this great American theatrical art form.

Tickets are \$29.50. Doors open at 6 p.m., the show begins at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Ladies 18th-Century Tea. 3 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Sip the museum's special blend and eat period-inspired delicacies. \$35/person. Reservations required. 703-746-4242.

Music Performance. Celebrate the City of Alexandria with a performance by the Alexandria Symphony, the Alexandria Choral Society and more at 3 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$5/youth; \$10/student; and start at \$40 for adults. 703-548-0885.

Film Day. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch "Akeelah & the Bee" in honor of African-American History Month. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Capital Wind Symphony Concert. 8 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$5 discounts for seniors and students. The program will include works by Robert Russell Bennett, Malcolm Arnold, Wagner and Mendelssohn. For tickets and additional information, see www.capitalwindsymphony.org, or for other questions contact 703-822-8282.

Teen Production. 3 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." \$10 at the door only.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Bishop

Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Hear the world premiere of "I Have Felt To Soar" by Christopher Weiss, winner of the 2012 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association Composition Competition; piano recording artist Anna Balakerskaia and solo violinist Zino Bogachek will perform with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. \$20/general; age 18 and under are free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861 edition of the "New York-Tribune" detailing Col. Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, an

exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

THROUGH FEB. 10

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., has on display "QR Codes." Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

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MONDAY/FEB. 11

Performance. John Mayall celebrates "80th Birthday Celebration Tour!" at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Deadline for Submission. All entries for "Trash Talk" can be submitted to Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

Duncan Poetry Society Meeting. 7 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Discuss the sonnets of William Shakespeare, bring a favorite to read, or, if time permits, read a piece of published or unpublished original work. Free. 703-747-1704.

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

Animal Shelter Visit. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. An employee from the shelter will talk about the animals they have, their habits and more. Animals usually come along. For children in grades K to 5. Free. 703-746-1705.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Interfaith Book Club. 7 p.m. at

Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Read nonfiction works that strive to find common ground through recognizing and celebrating common values. Free. Call 703-746-1743 for title.

Let's Talk Books. 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Discuss "The Black Count" by Thomas Reiss. Free. 703-746-1703.

Auditions. 6 p.m. at Jeb Stuart High School. Audition for The Youth Orchestras of Fairfax. Contact Teresa Smith at teresa@tyof.org to arrange an audition. Audition materials can be found at www.tyof.org.

Tavern Toddlers. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Toddlers, walkers through 36 months old, can enjoy crafts, playtime and more. \$7/group of three which must include an adult; or \$30/5-week pass. No reservations required. Visit www.gadsbys-tavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

TUESDAY/FEB. 12

Antique Furniture: Fake, Fraud or Genuine? 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Dr. Oscar Fitzgerald, local author and professor, will discuss the principles that guide

antique dealers and collectors to distinguish the fake from the genuine and the masterpiece from the mistake. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

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Roberta Hoy Bussard died peacefully on January 30, 2013 in Blacksburg, Va at the Warm Hearth Retirement Village. She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Braaten and Frances Bussard and her granddaughter, Lia Braaten Hager. Roberta was born in 1915 in Alexandria, Va where she resided until 1973. She was a secretary on Capitol Hill, started a business with her husband, Edward Bussard, and later in life, worked for the American Red Cross and as a hospital volunteer. Those who knew her were charmed by her grace, kindness and wit. She was beloved by her daughters and granddaughter whose lives she enhanced with her unwavering love and generosity.

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Gyneth Arthur Kent


Gyneth Arthur Kent, 83, of 10713 Blue Ridge Drive, Hurt died Monday, February 4, 2013. She was the wife of James Paul Kent, Jr.
Shewas born August 23, 1929 in Pittsylvania County, the daughter of the late Albert Howell Arthur and Myrtle Chism Arthur. She was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, a former teacher in the Fairfax County School System, and the owner of Kent Realty.
In addition to her husband, she issurvived by her son, John Arthur Grizzard and his wife Sally of Chantilly; three step-daughters, Eleanor Kent and her husband Will Holliday of Farmville, Susan Mattson and her husband Brad of Charlotte, NC, and Sarah Troiano and her husband Jason of Cary, NC; three grandchildren, Evan, Ross, and Daniel Grizzard; and four-step grandchildren, Andrew and Molly Mattson, and Ella and Naomi Troiano.
A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 2013 at New Prospect Baptist Church by the Rev. Brady Willis and the Rev. Jim Manuel with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery.
The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.
The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider New Prospect Baptist Church, PO Box 547, Hurt, VA 24563.
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**Public Notice
ISSUANCE OF A STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR A PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA CLEAN WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Public Notice No.: VCWRLF-NRO-Woodbridge- EA13-01
First Publication Date: February 7, 2013
The Department of Environmental Quality has issued a Statement of Environmental Review for a wastewater project proposed to be funded through the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF). The applicant is the Alexandria Renew Enterprises (formerly known as Alexandria Sanitation Authority). The proposed Package C includes construction of a Nutrient Management Facility (NMF) and an athletic field, which will be built on an adjacent parcel located due west of Hooffs Run and 1500 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria's Main Wastewater Treatment Plant site. The NMF would consist of concrete rectangular holding tanks, a pump station, an odor control system and electrical facilities to power the new equipment. The NMF tanks will have 18 million gallons capacity and would be part of a partially buried large concrete structure. An athletic field and related amenities would be constructed on top of the tanks. There will be a generator for emergency use.

A review of the Environmental Assessment conducted on this project indicates that either significant environmental impacts would not result from the proposed project or significant environmental impacts have been eliminated by making changes in the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.
Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed decision within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments, including electronically transmitted comments (i.e. e-mail), shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department.

All pertinent information, including the Statement of Environmental Review, the Environmental Assessment and the support documentation is on file and may be inspected and arrangements made for copying at the DEQ Northern Regional Office at 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA, 22193, (703) 583-3903.

Following the comment period, the Department will make its final determination. All comments should be addressed to:
Mr. Walter A. Gills
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COMMENTARY In the coming year — with a focus on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility — the YMCA Alexandria will build on the fruitful efforts of preceding years and, especially, the major accomplishments of 2012. Among the latter was Healthy Kids Day, which attracted over 350 participants to its family-friendly activities, including a baby crawl contest, youth martial arts demo, kids’ yoga and family zumba, pony rides, and various health check-ups— dental, blood pressure, and body-fat analysis. The day also featured the opportunity to “test drive a Dodge,” coupled with that car company’s generous \$2,500 donation to the YMCA’s local community programs.

YMCA ALEXANDRIA CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS 2013

- ❖ Healthy Kids Day, April 17
- ❖ Spring2Action, April 27
- ❖ Summer Camp, June 24-Aug. 30
- ❖ 5K Run/Walk, Oct. 12
- ❖ Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, Oct. 14 – Nov. 25
- ❖ Christmas Angel Tree, Dec. 18

In collaboration with the Alexandria Community Trust, YMCA Alexandria participated in the Spring2Action campaign, with the rallying cry “Send a Kid to Camp!” More than 100 donors responded, and over \$6,000 were raised for scholarships.



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Every October the YMCA’s 5K Run/Walk attracts children, adults, parents with strollers, and seniors. Alexandria’s Mayor, Bill Euille, congratulates long-time YMCA Alexandria member, Maynard Weyers, for coming in first in his age group in a recent 5KRun/Walk.

Another signature YMCA Alexandria fundraising event is its annual 5K Run/Walk. Last year 138 individuals participated in the race (a 50 percent increase over the previous year), and a dozen major donors — principal among them Irina Babb, Re/Max Realtor and the Ragnar Running Group — contributed. Proceeds from participants and donors combined to total \$12,000, which will be used to support an array of YMCA community outreach activities.

In all, last year YMCA Alexandria provided over \$67,000 to those in need of financial assistance in our city. Among other funding projects, \$31,000 went to subsidize family YMCA memberships, \$23,000 to enable children to attend camp, and \$8,600 to provide after-school child care. Some 700 children attended the summer camps, 131 of them on scholarships, where they were able to develop friendships, build skills, and have adven-

turesome fun participating in activities ranging from ballet and modern dance to science and invention, creative arts, cooking, and swimming.

As it has in years past, the Thanksgiving Food Drive proved a huge success again last November. Partnering with Alexandria’s Lee Center, the Northern Virginia Urban League, Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC), and Tenants and Workers United (TWU), YMCA Alexandria collected over \$2,100 as well as in-kind donations to assure that 150 local families would have a bountiful holiday meal.

In December another 150 local families celebrated with YMCA Alexandria as part of its Annual Christmas Carnival — complete with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and the gifting of toys and bikes for all the children who had made “angel tree” wishes. Joining forces with the YMCA Alexandria for this joyful event were, again, the Lee



Thanks to the donations of YMCA Alexandria members and staff — totaling more than \$2,100 and in-kind offerings — some 150 families throughout the city were able to enjoy a bountiful feast on Thanksgiving.

Center, AHDC, and TWU as well as the Alexandria Community Shelter/New Hope Housing.

For more information on participating in YMCA Alexandria’s program of activities or on becoming a member or volunteer:

- ❖ Contact us at 703-838-8085
- ❖ Check us out at www.ymcadc.org/alexandria
- ❖ Drop in for a visit at 420 Monroe Avenue.

The success of these activities comes in great measure because of YMCA Alexandria’s two exceptional pillars of strength: its members, many of whom give generously to its programs and regularly serve as volunteers, and its staff, all of whom are notable for their commitment to service, including regularly donating to our fundraising endeavors. Together, they constitute a powerful force at the YMCA in its quest to care for the Alexandria community.

Generations of Parents and Children Making a Difference

BY MONICA BELL
FORMER BOARD MEMBER,
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

COMMENTARY

An old Chinese proverb says “If you want happiness for a lifetime — help the next generation. According to that proverb the honorees at this year’s Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) Gala will all have a full lifetime of happiness to look forward to. Senior Services of Alexandria provides services and programs that help foster Alexandria’s seniors’ independence and self-sufficiency enabling them to age with dignity. This year’s gala will take place on March 23 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. For more information about the gala and to purchase tickets please call 703-836-4414, ext. 11 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Three of Alexandria’s families will be honored at this year’s gala and according to Janet Barnett, SSA’s executive director, this year’s honorees have been selected because

“the parents set an example for their children to give back to the community through volunteering, advocacy and ensuring that each generation carries the torch for the next one.”

All of this year’s honorees not only give back to the community but they also lead others to give of themselves and contribute to the community. This year’s honorees include two father/daughter teams and a father/son/granddaughter combination. These honorees have touched and enriched the lives of thousands in Alexandria for more than 75 years through their leadership, dedication, and contributions to youth sports, education, therapeutic recreation, public service, faith communities, and many civic and charitable endeavors. SSA will also pay special recognition this year to Judy Drewry.

Sanden Swanson and his daughter Lindsey Swanson are inspiring leaders. They

are both civic-minded and physically active, serving on the boards of many charitable and community foundations. Their leadership and actions inspire others to get involved with the community. Lindsey helped establish the Kelly Cares Foundation in 2006. SSA is especially grateful to Sanden because he is an original founder of SSA in 1968. Thank you, Sanden.

Kerry Donley and his daughters Kristin, Kaitlin, and Colleen contribute their talents and time to civic, local and national charitable organizations, and community youth athletics. Kerry has served on City Council twice since 1988. Between 1994 and 2003 he served as Alexandria’s mayor twice and vice mayor once. Youth sports programs, Girls on the Run, Head Start, the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church are just a few of the groups that have benefited from Kristin, Kaitlin, and Colleen’s talent, energy, and leadership.

This year’s list of honorees is rounded out

by Nelson Greene, Sr., his son Nelson, and granddaughter Nina who all demonstrate through their actions that to them “service to the community is a way of life.” The list of community, civic, charitable, and service organizations that the Greenes have contributed so much to over the years is very long, indeed, and includes Meade Episcopal Church, Alexandria City School Board, Alexandria YMCA, and Omega Psi Phi.

Senior Services of Alexandria is proud and pleased to have The Jen Walker Team of McEneaney Associates as the presenting sponsor of this year’s gala. In a recent interview, Sue Kovalsky, a member of the Jen Walker Team, said, “Alexandria’s seniors have contributed so much to the evolution of this community and The Jen Walker Team believes it is important to support our seniors, whatever their needs are. Senior Services of Alexandria is incredible at making that happen. The Jen Walker Team is happy to support Senior Services of Alexandria’s mission to care for Alexandria’s seniors.”

Lake Braddock's Butler Too Much for TC

Senior totals 29 points, 22 rebounds in OT victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team this season snapped a nine-game losing streak against West Springfield, twice beating the three-time defending Patriot District champion during the month of January.

Defeating West Springfield for the first time since 2009 gave TC an opportunity to earn the No. 1 seed in this year's district tournament. But the Titans' journey to the top of the district standings was derailed on Tuesday night by Lake Braddock's 6-foot-4 matchup nightmare.

Natalie Butler scored 29 points, grabbed 22 rebounds and blocked seven shots as the Bruins defeated the Titans 56-54 in overtime on Feb. 5 at T.C. Williams High School.

Along with being a force in the paint, Butler, a 6-foot-4 senior who will play at Georgetown University next season, made four clutch free throws to help Lake Braddock move into a second-place tie with T.C. Williams. West Springfield sits atop the district standings with an 11-2 record, followed by the Bruins and Titans at 10-3. Lake Braddock would win a head-to-head tiebreaker with TC, having won both regular-season meetings with the Titans.

Lake Braddock led 53-52 when junior Caitlyn Mandela went to the free-throw line with 13.6 seconds remaining in overtime. Mandela made her first attempt and missed the second. Butler grabbed the rebound, drew a foul and put the game out of reach by knocking down both foul shots. The Titans added a meaningless bucket in the closing seconds.

"I knew that the crowd was going to be loud and that there was going to be lots of distractions and a lot of pressure," Butler said about her game-clinching free throws. "I just really wanted to win and the team did a great job and I didn't want to let the team down. I sort of blocked everything out and just told myself, they're just two free throws — make them and move on."

Butler also made a pair of free throws to tie the score at 45-all with 41.4 seconds remaining in regulation. She finished the evening 7-for-9 at the foul line.

While Butler came up clutch at the charity stripe, it was her production in the paint during the second half that gave the Bruins a chance to win. After Butler totaled just five points in the first half, including a scoreless second quarter, Lake Braddock coach John Giannelli said the Bruins made an effort to get the ball inside.

"In the first half, we didn't look inside at all and we didn't swing the ball at all," Giannelli said. "We came in at halftime, we talked to Nat and we decided we need to



T.C. Williams sophomore Rejoice Spivey scored 26 points during an overtime loss to Lake Braddock on Feb. 5.

swing the ball quicker and then Nat switches from post to post and then we get the ball inside or we swing it back. Our main goal was to get the ball inside to Nat. The more we swung the ball, the better chance we had to get it into her."

Butler responded with nine points in the third quarter, nine in the fourth and six in overtime.

T.C. Williams head coach Kesha Walton said the Titans tried to keep Butler from catching the ball down low. Six-

foot sophomore Grace Patterson and 5-foot-10 senior Baylee Simpson battled in the paint, but it wasn't enough. In the teams' first meeting, Butler scored 40 points and grabbed 31 rebounds during a 76-65 victory against TC on Jan. 11, according to stats from the Washington Post's Web site.

"Baylee fought as hard as she could. ... Grace got out there and did the best that she could as far as banging [Butler]," Walton said. "That was our game plan: we knew we had to contain her if we wanted

to come out successful tonight. ... She's a legit 6-4. Even if she catches the ball, there's nothing we can do but foul, so our goal is to try to keep it away from her as much as we can."

"It's a tough loss and we have to see them in order go to the district championship."

— T.C. Williams girls' basketball coach Kesha Walton

winning streak to five games. Tuesday was Giannelli's fourth game as head coach while Leigh Janis is on maternity leave.

Butler said the Bruins have handled the coaching transition well and she's pleased with the team's success. Lake Braddock finished 7-15 her sophomore season and 9-15 last year.

Giannelli, who came to Lake Braddock from Centreville this season, started the year as a varsity assistant and the head JV coach.



T.C. Williams senior Baylee Simpson battles for the ball against Lake Braddock junior Caitlyn Mandela on Feb. 5.

Junior guard Betsy Gallier scored 11 points for Lake Braddock. Junior guard Aryn Burrage scored six points and sophomore guard Christine McGrath finished with five.

Lake Braddock improved to 14-5 and extended its

"Being on varsity since [I was] a sophomore, we weren't a threat," Butler said. "It's unbelievable to be a threat now in my senior year. It's great experience. There's a lot of pressure that comes with it, but I love it and I can't wait to play in the next game. Coach G has done a great job with Coach Janis. I think he blended perfectly with the team. There were no issues whatsoever. The girls respected him as a head coach and we all came to practice every day ready to work."

TC fell to 13-8. The Titans entered the contest having won their last three games and six of their previous seven. Sophomore guard Rejoice Spivey led TC with 26 points. Patterson finished with 11 points, and senior guard Christian Roberts and junior guard Angie Schedler each added six. Simpson finished with two points and 10 rebounds.

TC will close the regular season with a road game against Annandale at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. Lake Braddock will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

"I told [the Titans] to keep their heads up [after the game]," Walton said. "Remember this feeling because we'll have to see them again. It's a tough loss and we have to see them in order go to the district championship."

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WELLBEING

Beating the Winter Blues

Locals offer suggestions for finding cheer during the cold-weather doldrums

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When the snow falls and temperatures drop, but you can't hit the slopes, there are still plenty of indoor options for fending off the doldrums.

Try warming up your wardrobe. Susan Gerock of Zoe Boutique in Old Town Alexandria, recommends tying on silk-cashmere scarves by Chan Luu in spirited colors like poppy red or Caribbean blue: "They're a great winter doldrums pick-me-up and they feel awesome."

Alexandria-based jewelry designer Allison Priebe Brooks adds, "We always suggest a pop of color around the face to brighten it. Wear a bold, fun accessory over a turtleneck. An earring or a necklace [or both] in a jewel-tone like bright blue or emerald green is a must."

Do the same for your house, says Ann O'Shields of the Nest Egg in Fairfax. "Adding throws to your sofa or chairs would be useful this time of year, but they can also add a pop of color." O'Shields explains that comforting fabrics in vibrant shades are ideal for chasing away winter blues: "There are also small cubes or slip-covered ottomans in fun fabrics that make a great accent piece in a room when things seem stale in the winter."

You could also try making your own throws and scarves. For those who turn into homebodies during the winter, knitting, crocheting and cross-stitching are good options for beating boredom, says Annandale resident Anne FitzSimons of Uniquities Yarn Shop in Vienna. "Of course, fall and winter are the biggest season for knitting and crocheting," she said. "When it is cold outside, [those activities are] more inspiring. They are popular all year around, but there is seasonality to it. You can equate it to hot chocolate: It is good all year round, but it is more satisfying in winter." (If you don't already know how to knit or crochet and want to learn, Uniquities offers classes in both. See <http://uniquitiesyarnshop.com/> for more information.)

Then, retreat to the nearest fireplace and curl up with your new throw and a good book, perhaps even a book about knitting. Erin Barker at Hurray for Books in Old Town Alexandria recommends "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett: "It's a cute story about a girl who starts knitting for everyone and her yarn never runs out. It's a lot of fun. Kids love it."

Another winter-themed book that Barker suggests for young children is "Cold Snap" by Eileen Spinelli: "It is a relatively new book and it has a winter theme,"



Throws and colorful pillows are inexpensive ways to drive away the winter blues.

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For those who turn into homebodies during the winter, knitting, crocheting and cross-stitching are good options for beating boredom.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE FITZSIMONS

she said. "The illustrations are whimsical and charming. It has a cute cover with bright colors."

For teens, Barker suggests Elizabeth LaBan's "The Tragedy Paper." Set in a boarding school, it's a "tragedy that involves winter, a mystery and a love triangle."

For adults, Eileen McGervey of One More Page books in Arlington recommends suggests picking up three tomes — two of them non-fiction — to beat the winter blues. "I'm usually a fiction person, but these two non-fiction books are too good to pass by," she said.

"Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief" by Lawrence Wright is at the top of her list: "This book has been flying off the shelves," she said. "Wright did years of research and conducted many interviews to put together this comprehensive, riveting and at times unbelievable book about Scientology, its history and its founder, L. Ron Hubbard."

A memoir, "Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan, also gets McGervey's endorsement. She calls it "scary and fascinating, in great part because Cahalan does not remember large chunks of her illness and pieces the story together from friends, family and videos from her hospital stay."

McGervey also gives a nod to "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. "There was a lot of buzz about this book before it came out and our first copies were snapped up by staff and local bloggers," she said.

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HISTORY

George Washington: Father of the American Mule

George Washington was not only the “father of our country” but also of the American Mule. General Washington was a renowned far and wide as a horseman, but also an innovative farmer. Surprising to many is his special interest in mules. He knew they were superior to horses in many ways. They were hardier, lived longer, and ate less, so he believed they were what farmers needed to plow their fields and use in other agricultural work. He set out to create an excellent breed of mules, but the problem was obtaining proper breeding stock.

The best mules in the world resided in Spain, but were the exclusive monopoly of the King Charles III of Spain, who guarded them against any export. By 1795, Washington was an international celebrity. When the King heard of General Washington’s quest for the best breeding stock of mules, as a gesture to the famous man, he sent him two of his finest Spanish Jacks as a “Royal Gift.” Only one survived the cross-Atlantic journey, landing safely in Boston. It was followed by several more from the King and two additional ones from Lafayette that were acquired from Spain by questionable means.

Celebrating George’s Birthday

George Washington Birthday Parade and Weekend Festivities will be held Feb. 16-18. Largest parade in the country celebrating the 281st anniversary of the birth of the nation’s first president takes place on Washington’s Birthday holiday, Monday, Feb. 18, 1 to 3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. Part of a weekend of events includes the Birthnight Banquet & Ball and a Madeira Wine Tasting at Gadsby’s Tavern, a 10-K race, a 1-mile race just before the parade, plus free open houses at historic attractions on parade day.

Washington arranged for 30 mares of his own and more from his neighbors to be bred by the “Royal Mule.” Within a couple of years there were 57 new mules at Mount Vernon. Washington farmed them out across the country to improve the nation’s stock, and they formed the basis for the American mule. Until supplanted by the internal combustion engine, mules performed invaluable services on countless American farms. The famous American Army mules that were in military service through World War II were descendants from this stock.

Submitted by the George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Washington’s Decision To Mandate Inoculation of Troops

One of the most significant decisions that General Washington made during the Revolutionary War was to inoculate the army against smallpox. Without doing so, it is not likely that Washington could have kept his army in the field.

In Europe there were outbreaks of smallpox in every generation. It is a disease that confers lifelong immunity to survivors. In America the population was widely scattered and therefore with few such out-

breaks. That all changed during the war. Concentration of large numbers of men created the environment for smallpox epidemics to ravage the army and threatened its existence.

The question was whether to try to inoculate the Continental Army.

Inoculation required taking a bit of matter from one of the pustules of a smallpox victim and introducing it under the skin of someone who had never had the disease. The resulting case of smallpox was much

lighter and greatly decreased the chances of death and scarring. The process was serious in that, unless isolated, those who had received inoculation would be contagious to others, and one out of 20 who were inoculated actually died of the disease they were trying to avoid.

There was another major problem with inoculations: the process took weeks to accomplish and had to be done in isolation. It meant that large portions of the army would be out of commission and vulnerable to

British attack for many weeks. Washington decided to make inoculation mandatory in great secrecy of all troops who had not had the disease. This decision is viewed by historians as a pivotal one that enabled the Continental Army to return to the field at full strength. This is the subject of “The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775-82” by Elizabeth A. Fenn, a past speaker at the GW Chapter of the SAR.

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OBITUARIES

Dudley Barber

Dudley Barber, 86, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., husband of the late Lois Jane Barber died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013 at his home. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, in the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Mount Pleasant Chapel, 1494 Mathis Ferry Road. Interment will be at a later date. The family received friends on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the funeral chapel.

Mr. Barber resided in Alexandria, Va., where he worked for the Pentagon and various other governmental agencies for 33 years. He was a member of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church in Alexandria.

He is survived by his son, Robert Barber and his wife, Mary of Florence, S.C.; his two grandsons, Harrison and Chandler, two sisters Charlotte Barber and Maylene Long. He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles.

Memorials may be made in Dudley's name to the MUSC Brain Research Bank, 173 Ashley Ave., Suite 403, Charleston, SC 29425 or Odyssey Hospice, 5965 Core Ave Suite, 603, North Charleston, SC 29406.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting the website at www.jhenrystuhr.com.

Mary Neale Garrett

Mary Neale Garrett died Jan. 29, 2013 in Alexandria, Va.

She was born Sept. 10, 1928 in King William County, Va. to Clyde Neale Garrett and Mary Robinson Garrett. She attended King William County public schools, Longwood College (bachelor's degree - 1949) and William & Mary (master's degree - 1953).

She began her teaching career in Henrico and King William Counties, moving in 1954 to Alexandria, Va. where she taught French at George Washington High School. In 1956 she transferred to the new Francis C. Hammond High School where she taught French and later became department head for Foreign Languages and English as a Second Language.

In 1971, she transferred to T. C. Williams High School where she became head of the Foreign Languages and ESL Department and later was appointed curriculum specialist for the school



system's Foreign Language and ESL Departments, a position held until she retired in 1988.

In retirement, she became an active member of the Alexandria Retired Teachers Association and the Virginia Foreign Languages Retired

Teachers Association. She was a life member of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century. She continued her favorite pastimes of reading, gardening and entertaining.

Predeceased by her parents and sisters Natalie Garrett Mitchell and Lucille Garrett Kelly, she is survived by nieces and nephews Ann Mitchell Ransome, Scott Mitchell, Jack Mitchell, Dan Kelly, Clyde Kelly, Peggy Kelly Johnson and their children and grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at Jerusalem Christian Church Cemetery, 1902 Powhatan Trail, King William, VA 23086.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jerusalem Christian Church.



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Students and alumni of the University of Virginia sing together at the conclusion of the afternoon races.

Erg Sprints

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Olympics and is now the Varsity Lightweight Rowing Coach at Georgetown;

❖ Emma Preuschl, who won a Silver Medal as a member of the 2008 U.S. Paralympic women's rowing team in Beijing and competed in 2012 London games as well;

❖ Linda Miller, who rowed for T.C. Williams and George Washington University and went on to become a member of the 2000 U.S. Women's Olympic Rowing team in Sydney;

❖ Lisa Schlenker, a member of the 2000 and 2004 Olympic

rowing teams who is now the Head Coach of the University of Wisconsin's Women's Varsity lightweight rowing team;

❖ Giuseppe Lanzone, a member of the last two U.S. Olympic rowing teams and currently the men's lightweight rowing coach at Georgetown;

❖ Brett Sickler, who was a Team USA alternate for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and is now Assistant Women's Rowing Coach at UVA; and,

❖ Simona Campbell, who won a silver medal as the coxswain on 2008 U.S. Paralympic women's rowing team in Beijing.

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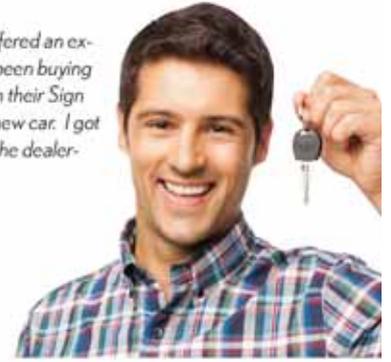
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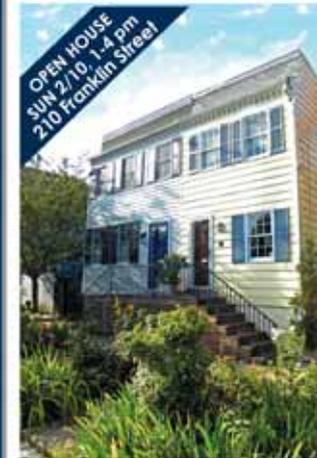
Extraordinary Waywood Home

This beautiful, updated Colonial is warm and inviting! Popular floor plan, three full levels. Huge bedroom, master bedroom with balcony, main level family room with gas fireplace, chef's kitchen, cafe area and dining room. Entertainer's dream, sparkling sunroom opens to multi-level party deck and gorgeous yard. Custom updates, newer windows, AC/furnace.

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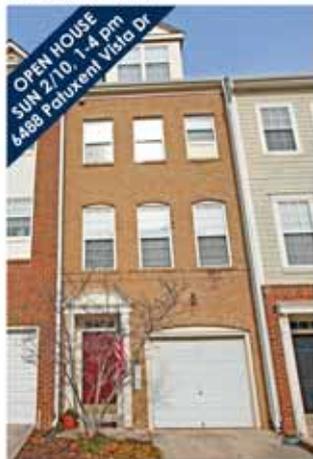
Absolutely Adorable!

Semi-detached home in desirable southeast quadrant with bright eastern exposure. Hardwood floors, long list of upgrades, new windows, move in ready. Lower level fully finished with family room + bonus room that could used as bedroom. Lots of room for expansion! Side garden and deep fenced back yard. Walk to Lee Street Park, shops, restaurants, river and King Street metro.

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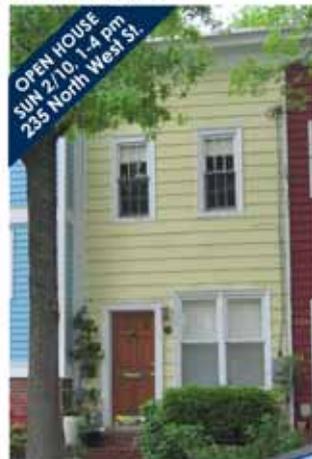
Great Find in Alexandria

Fantastic townhome with amazing features such as 42-inch maple cabinets and a centre island in the kitchen. A large deck perfect for outdoor entertaining. An entire level master suite and bath with separate shower, soaking tub, and duel sinks. Loft area perfect for an office or to use as an additional guest bedroom with a full bath. Located inside the beltway which creates ease for commuters. Community has clubhouse & pool!

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Great opportunity to be walking distance from King Street/ Braddock Road Metro. This charming two level rowhouse has been recently updated with modern Euro kitchen. Property features nine foot ceilings, living room built ins with electric fireplace and flat screen TV. Lovely deep garden with lush landscaping will be a Spring surprise when in full bloom. Just two blocks to Old Town's unique shops and restaurants. See photos at www.noelk.com.

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