



Natasha, who attends Aldersgate Preschool, got the hang of the figure skating event.



Riley participates in the relay as the rest of his class cheers.

Preschool Olympics

Aldersgate Preschool held Olympic-style events for students on Feb. 10 and 11.



Charlotte prepares to give the broad jump her best try.



Oliver gave the balance beam his best effort.



Henry pops out of the tunnel and heads to the next part of the obstacle course.



After the Preschool Olympic events were over, the classes lined the hall of the school. They waved flags, cheered, and passed their Olympic Torch along, until everyone had a turn.



After the closing ceremonies, students went back to their classrooms and received medals and certificates. Here, Hanya Collins shakes Amanda's hand after she receives her medal.

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Mental Health Crisis

Fewer people are receiving community services across Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Virginia is in the midst of a mental health crisis. Even as lawmakers in Richmond debate the best way to deal with a crumbling system of public services for some of its most vulnerable residents, community services boards across Northern Virginia are offering services to fewer and fewer residents. Since the global economic crisis began gripping local governments in 2009, the number of people receiving services from community services boards has dropped. Nowhere is the decline more jarring than Fairfax County, the largest jurisdiction in Virginia.

The statistics, outlined in the county's most recent comprehensive annual financial report, are dramatic. Since 2009, the number of people receiving mental health

services in Fairfax County has declined by 39 percent. Alcohol and drug service have dropped 43 percent. Services for those with intellectual disability have declined 39 percent. Arlington and Alexandria have managed to keep their numbers steady, which makes Fairfax an outlier in the region.

"We've had to become a very lean machine," said Jane Woods, vice chairwoman of the Fairfax County Community Services Boards. "Things had to be done more creatively, and services have been somewhat cut for those who have another funding source even though it might not be quite as robust as what the county would have done in prior years when money was much more available."

The number of people who receive mental health services has also gone down in Arlington, although not nearly as dramatically.

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School Board Votes For Longer SLEEP

Money saved from annual bus route review will be earmarked for implementation of later start times.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

According to SLEEP, a local group advocating for later high school start times in Fairfax County, 72 out of 92 counties in Virginia have a high school start time of 8 a.m. or later.

Many students and parents say that the 7:20 a.m. start time of high schools in Fairfax County is having a devastating effect on stu-

dents' health and well-being.

"There is concrete evidence proving that teens with adequate sleep have improved learning, better memory, and a brighter outlook," said Beth Steel, who advocated for later start times on behalf of SLEEP at a recent school board hearing.

As a follow-up motion to approving the FY 2015 budget, the school board passed a motion rec-

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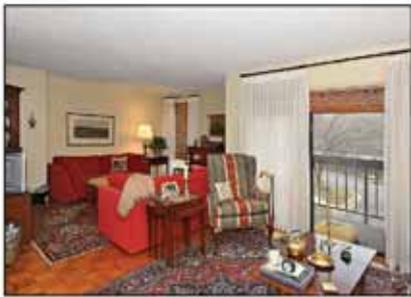


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UCM Marks 45th Anniversary Organization will increase outreach this year

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Many people think of United Community Ministries as just a food bank and a thrift store, executive director Shirley Marshall said.

“That is all they know about us. A lot of what we are trying to do this year, on our 45th anniversary, is say, there’s a little more to us than that actually,” Marshall said.

As UCM marks its 45th anniversary, Marshall said the organization is increasing outreach efforts to make sure they are known in the community.

“We’re starting to get back out and remind people that we are here, and to see the amazing programs we have going on. It’s an invitation to be part of what we are doing. And it’s an education,” Marshall said. “If you live in certain parts of our community, and you go up and down the parkway for work, you don’t even know that some of these needs are here, because it’s not in front of you, it’s not visible, it’s in the background. We want to make it more visible that there are needs here, and people can help.”

The organization is also unveiling a new logo that Marshall said represents the goals of UCM.

“We wanted to have a look that said who we are now, and where we are going, not just where we’d been,” Marshall said.

UCM spent several months brainstorming a new logo, as Marshall said they wanted something that newcomers to the community could relate to.

The new logo includes three figures holding up a red heart, with the tagline “at the heart of community.”

“It’s a red heart for caring, because when we’ve done surveys internally and externally, that is one of the words that came up again and again—people felt the staff and volunteers here are so caring,” Marshall said. “It’s got three people because none of us do anything alone.”

As for the tagline, Marshall said that it represents the original mission of UCM.

“We felt that tagline really spoke to who we are, and who we would like to be — the bridge between the people who want to help and the people who need help,” Marshall said.

Marshall said that UCM is striving to make everyone in the community feel welcome.

“It’s not just about welcoming donors, it’s not just about welcoming clients, you want to welcome everyone who comes through the door. You never know when you might be the client, or you might be in the position to be a donor,” Marshall said. “We have one wonderful donor who was a client 15 years ago, and now he’s a donor, because he can give back and he knows what it is like to need something.”

Diane Hill, UCM development and communications officer, has a similar story from a back-to-school drive that took place in August.

“Over the summer, we had some West Potomac High School kids that were volunteering. One of the young men very generously told me his parents got divorced when



Volunteers Kevin Elznic, Alfredo Aguilar, Jose Castello and UCM executive director Shirley Marshall work in UCM’s food pantry. According to Marshall, the food pantry is able to serve so many clients because of the work of volunteers.

he was in fifth grade and he knew about UCM because his family came in to get supplies from UCM. That thrills us that kids who got help from UCM are coming back to volunteer,” Hill said.

As UCM continues in its 45th year, Marshall said the outreach will remind people that there is still a level of need along Route 1, even if it may seem less visible.

“This area used to have literal shacks where people lived in. It was people living close to Route 1 in a falling down shack, and you could see there was a real need there. You could see people on the street,” Marshall said. “Now what is really needed is the longer term support. It’s a different kind of need.”

Marshall said that UCM is always in need of volunteers, who



UCM executive director Shirley Marshall and Board President Gigi Hyland unveil UCM’s new logo at the organization’s Capital Steps Benefit in January.

keep the busy food pantry running.

“I volunteer here because I like helping and giving food to the homeless,” said Kevin Elznic, a

senior at Hayfield High School who has been volunteering at the food pantry for three weeks.

The Friends of UCM will be hosting their gala on March 29.

Thirty Travel To Richmond

VIC raises issues of the poor.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

Calling for expanded mental health services and greater access to Medicaid for the most vulnerable in the Mount Vernon community, a 30-member delegation from VIC traveled to Richmond, Feb. 6, to speak with area legislators.

The 30 represented Ventures in Community, an interfaith organization first organized 40 years ago among the congregations of Mount Vernon and the

Route 1 corridor.

“Their mission is to promote a welcoming and diverse community by organizing the congregations in the community to serve those most in need,” said the Rev. Keary Kincannon.

Katie Esser, VIC chair person and director of the Social Justice Ministry at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, led the 30-member delegation. Fifteen were from Rising Hope; others were from Good Shepherd Catholic



State Sen. Adam Ebbin, center, stands with the VIC delegation at the General Assembly.

Church, Aldersgate UMC, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Groveton Baptist Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Touring the General Assembly, they spoke with Del. Scott Surovell, Sen. Adam Ebbin and a representative of Sen.

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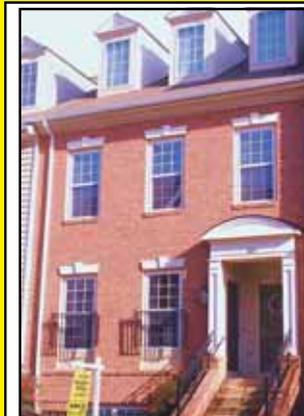
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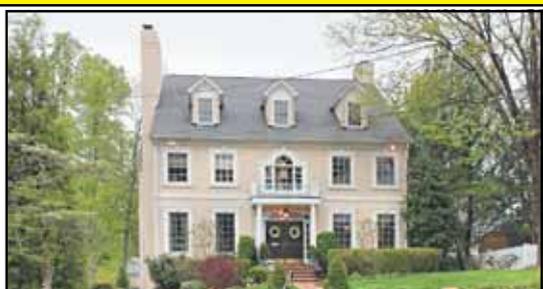
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From left, Jerome Smith, Crain Thomson and Garde Johnson from Rising Hope try out the desks in the Old House Chamber.

VIC Raises Issues of the Poor

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In addition to mental health and Medicaid, they called for limiting auto-title lenders who, said Kincannon, "prey on the poor."

The group also called for permitting Virginia's Earned Income Tax Credit to give refunds, allowing resident immigrants to attend Virginia schools at in-

state tuition, and continuing the Housing Trust Fund.

The trip was organized by Kincannon who is pastor at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church which aids the homeless and needy along the Route 1 corridor with church services, hot lunches, a food pantry, clothing closet, employment help and emergency services.

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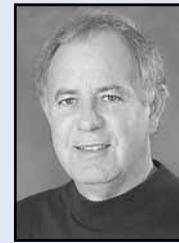
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The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations released the following summary of their work in 2013. Standing committees of the council that provided the substantive work on a given issue are shown in italics. Source: mvcca@listserve.com

- ❖ Recommended the county adopt a 1.095 percent tax rate and establish an online "checkbook" where citizens can monitor county expenditures *Budget and Finance*
- ❖ Recommended pro-rating storm water county taxes based on commercial property runoff amounts *Budget and Finance*
- ❖ Recommended establishing an additional farmers market *Consumer Affairs*
- ❖ Recommended a State and County moratorium on future auto title loan businesses. *Consumer Affairs*
- ❖ Recommended that individual residents own the sewer line only up to their property boundary line
- ❖ Recommended an increase in the school budget *Education*
- ❖ Supported a meals tax to support Fairfax County schools *Education and HHS*
- ❖ Recommended taking action to restore Dyke Marsh and Huntley Meadows *Environment*
- ❖ Supported a local bag fee as part of an anti-litter campaign *Environment*
- ❖ Supported the establishment of an off-leash dog park at Westgrove Park *Environment*
- ❖ Supported the construction of a levee in Huntington *Environment*
- ❖ Monitored county regulations on

Residential Studio Units *HHS*

- ❖ Provided regular information on illegal housing, blighted property, hoarding, and unpermitted construction and the launch of a radio station to provide emergency information during incidents *HHS*
- ❖ Participated in several transit studies, e.g., Route 1 multimodal analysis and meetings on electric vehicle charging station infrastructure *Transportation*
- ❖ Recommended the Board of Supervisors complete the Fort Hunt Trail between Belle Haven Road and North of Huntington Cove Place *Transportation*
- ❖ Recommended the BOS, VDOT, DRPT and FCDOT make Richmond Highway a priority for all required transportation studies to be funded and completed by 2015 so that the citizens and businesses in this area have the benefit of mass rail transit in order to enhance revitalization and their way of life *Transportation*
- ❖ Secured the Board of Supervisors Approval of the North Gateway Comprehensive Plan Language change. This change will stimulate mixed use redevelopment of the North Gateway Community Business Center to include retail, office, hotel and residential components. 12 other redevelopment comprehensive plan changes were approved previously. *Strategic Planning*
- ❖ Sponsored a presentation to the Spring Bank community on comprehensive planning and site plan processes. *Strategic Planning*

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Board Earmarks Bus Route Savings for Later Start Times

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ommending that Superintendent Karen Garza identify savings from the 2014 annual bus route review and earmarks those savings to offset the possible cost of implementing later high school start times.

THE MOTION was introduced by Mason District School Board member and SLEEP co-founder Sandy Evans.

"I offer this motion as a very modest approach to earmarking some transportation funds to help implement later high school start times," Evans said. "We find efficiencies in our bus service. If we find these efficiencies, it simply makes sense to recognize that these resources may soon be needed to implement improved bell schedules." Evans stressed that the motion does not change the transfer request of the FY 2015 proposed budget, and does not take money out of any other budgets. "As we look at the best approach to make sure that all of our students, K through 12, have healthy schedules, it's important to show that we're looking ahead and moving in the right direction," Evans said. "The community has been waiting a long time for this. This is a small way for us to say that we do indeed care about and are committed to the physical, emotional and academic health of our teen students." Springfield District School Board member Elizabeth Schultz and Provi-



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE GAZETTE

SLEEP advocate Beth Steel speaks in favor of later high school start times at a recent school board public hearing.

dence District School Board member Patty Reed referred to an April 2012 resolution adopted by the board, which aimed to start high schools after 8 a.m., as a reason to approve this motion.

"We have the opportunity right now to demonstrably put our foot down and say, as we identify savings, we are going to make strides to fulfilling the promise that the resolution set more than a year ago. We're not going to do it with no money. This is the time for us to say, we choose to take the next step," Schultz said.

SLEEP, which stands for Start Later for

Excellence in Education Proposal, has been advocating for later start times in Fairfax County since 2004.

"It was April 2012 that this board set the goal of later start times for high schoolers. This board has also established the goal of physical health and safety and well-being of our students. For those reasons, I feel that we need to be pursuing this with added haste and zest," Reed said.

SLEEP ADVOCATES voiced their concerns for implementing a later start time as soon as possible at the last public hearing on the

budget on Jan. 27.

"In some respects, this is the longest running community engagement project that FCPS has ever had. Now, it is time to act," said SLEEP advocate Phyllis Payne.

Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck was among the supporters of Evans' motion.

"All we are asking for is that with any savings that we have, from now on in a sense, at least in this budget year, that we will invest that in the way that this board has already said that we should invest it, which is in our kids, giving them an opportunity to get a little more sleep at night, to be a little more rested and do better in school frankly," Storck said.

"There is concrete evidence proving that teens with adequate sleep have improved learning, better memory, and a brighter outlook."

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OPINION

On Mental Health **Why are localities providing much less for people who need mental health services?**

While the General Assembly is making progress in fixing some of the egregious shortcomings of the way Virginia provides emergency services to people in mental health crisis, many fewer people are receiving mental health services in Northern Virginia.

State Sen. Creigh Deeds' son died of suicide late last year after the limitations in both the law and local communication resulted in him being released while still in the midst of crisis.

Deeds reports the progress on the bill that has passed the State Senate: "The omnibus bill will require subjects be held up to 24 hours under an emergency custody order, create a database of available psychiatric beds, and ensure people in need of hospitalization cannot be 'streeted' by establishing state hospitals as providers of last resort."

These are important steps.

Services to people with mental illness are provided on the local level by community services boards, and in Fairfax County in particular, those services have been dramatically cut back.

Reporter Michael Pope reports this week that since 2009, the number of people receiving

mental health services in Fairfax County has declined by 39 percent. Alcohol and drug service have dropped 43 percent. Services for those with intellectual disability have declined 39 percent.

Officials quoted cite the recession and declining property tax revenues in explaining the reductions, along with some changes in the way services are counted.

No matter how services are counted, there is no question that they have been reduced significantly during a recession, a time when research shows the need for mental health services and alcohol and drug services actually increases.

In Arlington, the number of people who receive mental health services has declined by 6 percent. The number of people who receive substance abuse services has decreased by 13 percent.

"Stresses associated with rising unemployment, poverty and social insecurity will lead to upward trends in many national suicide rates, as well as to less readily charted increases in the prevalence of psychiatric illness, alcohol-related disorders and illicit drug use," according to a 2011 overview study on economic recession and mental health cited by the Na-

tional Institutes of Health. "At the same time, mental health services are being cut back as part of government austerity programs. Budget cuts will thus affect psychiatric services adversely just when economic stressors are raising the levels of need and demand in affected populations."

As for blaming the budget, it's hard to see from raw numbers why the most vulnerable should be suffering.

In 2009, before the effects of the recession, Fairfax County's budget expenditures were \$5.36 billion.

The adopted 2014 budget calls for expenditures of \$6.75 billion.

"Proactive fiscal and social policies could, however, help to mitigate the health consequences of recession," the overview study reports. "Economic mental health care could best be achieved, not by decimating services but by planning and deploying these to meet the needs of defined area populations."

Elected officials and others in county government who have signed off on a set of priorities that punishes the most vulnerable populations have some moral accounting to do.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why Not Recycle Sand and Salt?

To the Editor:

I was pleased to read Mr. Spiegel's independent invention of recommended Action C1-2 in Chapter IV of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan of 2004. (Available at fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/littlehuntingcreek.htm) The plan was adopted by the Fairfax

County Board of Supervisors in February 2005. This recommendation was not acted upon.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District cautions that ... "the sand and salt we use to keep our roads safe in snowy and icy conditions can also be very dangerous for stream ecosystems. Sand can cover stream habitat, and rapid changes in salinity can be fatal to microorganisms. Residents are encouraged to sweep up and store sand, salt, and

debris from storm drains to use again in the future." But a more centralized recycling effort by an agency of local government would probably require careful study of several issues before implementation. Those might include:

How is the sand currently scattered on the streets and roads of Fairfax County dealt with? Who sweeps it up and what do they do with it?

What is the responsibility of the agency which applies the sand on

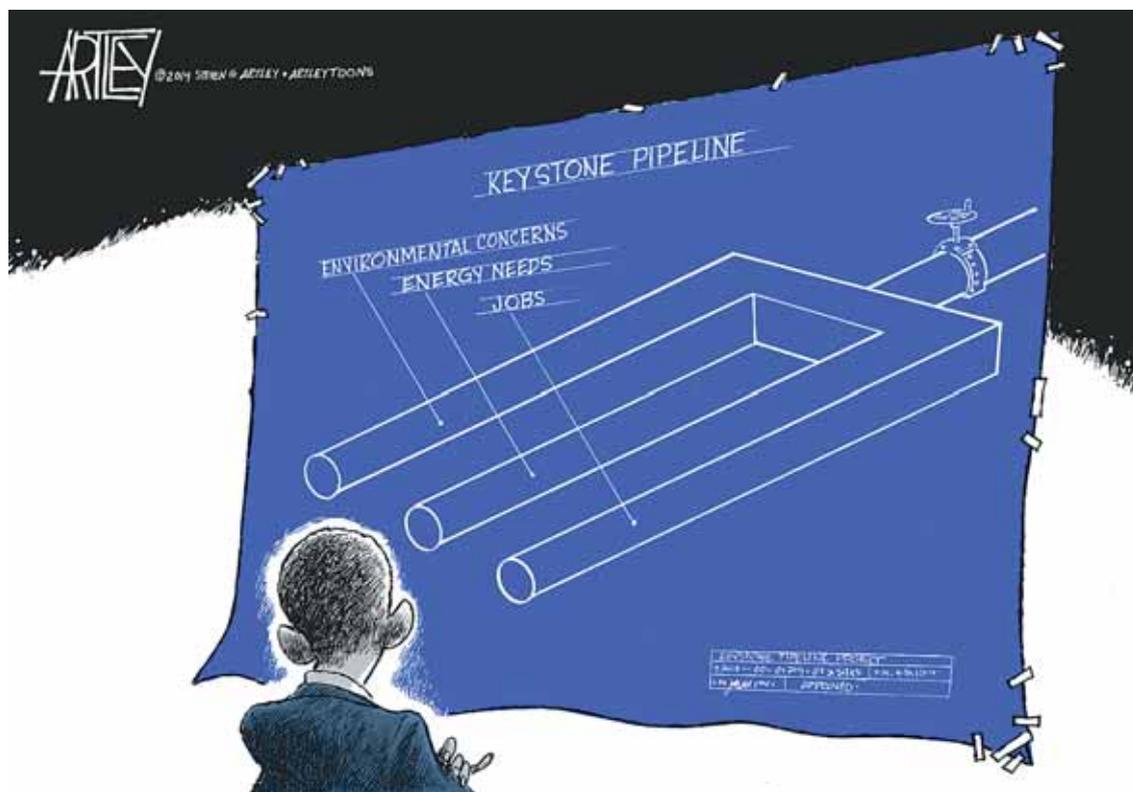
roadways? Most of it is applied by VDOT or its contractors. Fairfax County applies sand to the parking lots of schools and other facilities, but very few miles of road.

Is recycling the sand from roadways from one year to the next ecologically sound? In addition to salt and other chemicals, sand swept from the streets may contain contaminants (e.g., motor oil, cigarette butts) which could on balance, be more harmful than helpful when re-applied or used in your garden. And does the environmental degradation avoided justify the expense? (For example, is sand mentioned in the county's current MS4 requirements?)

Is recycling road sand economically viable, with or without considering the environmental costs of current practices? Mr. Spiegel offers to donate the 13 gallons of sand he collected last year to the county. Clearly the cost of sending a truck to pick up Mr. Spiegel's collection far outweighs the benefit, but there might be some net benefit were a neighborhood or a community to undertake its own concerted collection.

These questions ought to be taken seriously by those concerned about the environment and the watershed they inhabit. I welcome Mr. Spiegel dedicating his not inconsiderable energy and ingenuity to this problem.

Paul Siegel
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OPINION

Seven Bills To 'Crossover'

BY LINDA T. "TODDY" PULLER
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The 2014 Session continues to roll along with new excitement every day — we've tackled issues as diverse as ethics reform and hunting on Sundays. I've been proud to support my good friends Senators Creigh Deeds and George Barker in their campaign to bring reforms to the mental health system in Virginia and bring much needed help to those suffering without a way to get the help they need. As Creigh said on the Senate floor, "The brain is part of the body but we treat mental illness so much different than the rest ... we must do better."

COMMENTARY

I am happy to share that seven of my bills with "cross over" on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and be considered in the House of Delegates. The seven bills are:

❖ SB 11: Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots

Allows for secure electronic voting for military overseas by using common access cards by active-duty military personnel. This eases the process of absentee voting for military members who are often unable to vote by paper absentee means currently available. This bill was SB 830 in 2013 and improved upon by the Cyber Security sub-

committee of JCOTS. This has been a top priority of the Joint Leadership Commission on Veteran Service Organizations [JLC] for several years. This bill has widespread, bipartisan support and it looks like it might pass both Houses this year.

❖ SB 60: Joint Commission on Health Care extends sunset provision

Extends the sunset provision for the Joint Commission on Health Care [JCHC] from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2018.

❖ SB 62: Livable Home Tax Credit; increases total amount granted for program

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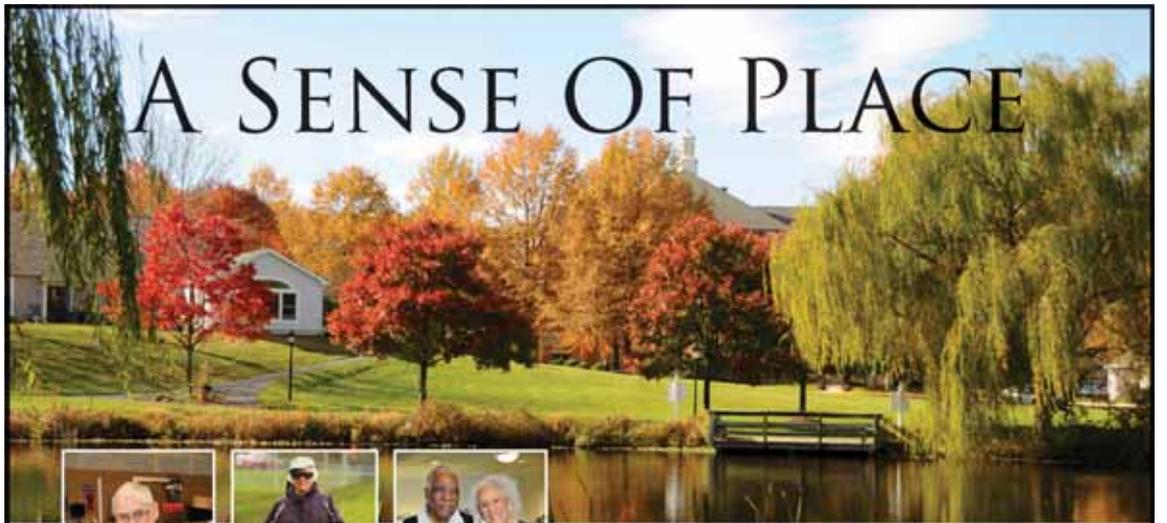
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Session Midpoint: Twelve Bills Marching On

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

As we approach the midpoint of this session, I have more good news. Twelve of my bills have passed the House, are poised to pass, or are causing changes:

- ❖ Repeal of the tax on hybrid vehicles passed two weeks ago.

- ❖ Legislation to allow parents to “freeze” their children’s credit through age 16 passed the House unanimously.

COMMENTARY I introduced this after my 13 and 11-year-old daughters received credit card solicitations. Children are easy targets for identity theft because it is not discovered until they are much older. Virginia is now poised to be the sixth state to adopt such legislation.

- ❖ My bill clarifying who controls a real estate brokerage on death of a broker passed unanimously. This will help protect consumers and the deceased owner’s family.

- ❖ Legislation to add Marines and members of the Coast Guard to serve on juries

passed unanimously. I noticed that current law only includes active duty, non-Virginia domiciled members of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

- ❖ My legislation to allow Fairfax County to charge \$5 per traffic ticket to purchase electronic traffic ticketing systems passed last week and will save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Passage of several others bills by Tuesday looks promising:

- ❖ My bill prohibiting gifts to the Governor during the negotiation of Governor’s Opportunity Fund Grants was included in the majority omnibus ethics legislation.

- ❖ My legislation to limit gifts to state and local elected officials and employees during the procurement process was included in the omnibus ethics legislation.

- ❖ My legislation to allow 911 tapes to be admitted in court without a live witness is likely to pass soon. Enactment of this bill will help our 911 dispatchers focus on doing their jobs.

- ❖ My bill to prohibit part-time local government employees from performing political activities as part of their official duties will likely pass the House this week. A

Loudoun County grand jury suggested this bill after a member of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors used his part-time government employee to perform the supervisor’s political activities.

My legislation to clarify that Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exclusions have no bearing on court subpoenas is poised for passage.

Several other bills are stimulating change without actually passing. I introduced legislation prohibiting circuit court clerks from charging a new filing fees in a case after a confessed judgment is set aside and a case instituted on the docket for trial. These can cost as much as \$400. The Supreme Court has changed their clerk’s manual in light of my bill to prohibit the practice.

After I introduced legislation to expand FOIA to the State Corporation Commission (SCC), the SCC worked with the regulated industries and developed a bill seeking to make most of the same information publicly available, but not through FOIA. The SCC’s approach suffers from serious flaws, but it is better than nothing.

I introduced legislation modeled on Colorado’s successful “solar gardens” to al-

low groups of homeowners in communities with heavy tree cover to pool their money, rent roof space from a church or school and net the energy generated from the panel against the energy on their home electric bills. While my bill failed, Dominion Resources has agreed to work with me after this session to develop a plan without changes to Virginia law. I am optimistic that people in the 44th District will be able to invest in and choose renewable “green” power for their homes in the near future.

Tuesday is “crossover” — the day that each body must complete work on their own bills before they start to work on bills from the other body and serious negotiations begin over the budget.

There are also many unsound bills going through which I will address in my next column. Also, by the end of next week, we should have news on the budget including Medicaid expansion and funding to continuation of the preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the U.S. 1. Cross your fingers. Over 500 people have responded to my survey. Keep the responses and the feedback coming or send me an email at scottsuovell@gmail.com.

Ethics Reform Falls Short in Richmond

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

An ethics reform package passed the Virginia Senate on Monday. Unfortunately, the bill lacks teeth and is only a small step toward restoring public confidence in state government. I offered 14 amendments to strengthen the legislation and close some loopholes. I was able to change the membership of a proposed Ethics Council to include former, rather than current, legislators. However, my amendments ensuring gifts to all dependent children from lobbyists and guests of public officials would be reported were rejected. I was deeply disappointed that my amendments to limit gifts of travel solely to trips with educational value or those promoting

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trade with the Commonwealth were also rebuffed. In my view, the Rules Committee did not give this major legislation the attention it deserved.

This Tuesday, Feb. 11, marked “Crossover Day” for the legislative session, meaning that the Senate may only consider bills already passed by the House of Delegates and vice versa. Ten of my bills have passed the Senate and await consideration by the House.

Now that the Democrats control the Senate, we have been able to stop a number of regressive proposals from the other side of the aisle. One such bill was SB607, which would require the use of the electric chair for capital punishment cases when lethal injection drugs are unavailable. The electric chair is a relic of the 1800s and has since been ruled by multiple state Supreme Courts as violating the 8th Amendment,

which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. Virginia is one of only four states that still use the electric chair. Fortunately the bill was re-referred to committee and is unlikely to reemerge this session.

Democratic control of the Senate also means that we are able to pass positive pieces of legislation. I have co-sponsored Sen. David Marsden’s SB590 to raise the minimum wage which I was proud to vote for as it passed the Commerce and Labor Committee. It was sent to the Finance Committee from which I hope it will reach the Senate floor for a full vote.

There has also been passionate discussion about bills put forward by Sen. Don McEachin of Henrico and Del. Rob Krupicka of Alexandria to eliminate the checkbox on initial state employment applications asking applicants if they had been convicted of certain crimes. There would still be an

opportunity to check if applicants have criminal records later in the employment process. Too often, applications are dismissed when the box has been checked. Without giving ex-offenders full consideration, the struggles of long-term unemployment are perpetuated.

If we are serious about reducing recidivism, we need to offer them a real chance at employment.

Please join Del. Rob Krupicka and I for a Town Hall Meeting at the Charles Houston Recreation Center (905 Wythe Street, Alexandria) this Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Seven Puller Bills To ‘Crossover’

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out the money up front. The Department of Housing and Community Development will administer the tax credit and grant programs.

❖ SB 201: Health insurance; prescription drug formularies, notices

Requires any health insurer in Virginia that applies a formulary to specialty-tier prescription drug benefits provided to provide 60 days written notice to each individual covered under that policy when a drug, or drugs, are moved from one tier to another. This bill was amended in committee and the notification requirement is now 30 days.

❖ SB 340: Amended Requirements for Group homes of eight or fewer

Upon request from a local government chief administrative officer, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services will provide a list of licenses issued in the preceding month for group homes and residential facilities housing eight or fewer persons.

❖ SB 481: Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; residency

requirements

Extends requirements for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program, for spouse or children of soldiers killed or 90 percent+ disabled, who can prove they lived in the state of Virginia for at least 5 years can be eligible for the education benefits. Currently families must establish residency and maintain that for at least 5 years. This bill is now a Department of Veteran Services bill, which means they are able to speak to the bill and support it in committees and to members.

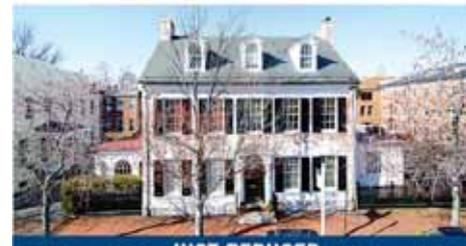
❖ SB 605: Alcoholic beverage control; mixed beverages license for Virginia State Fair

Updates the license for the Virginia State Fair and county fairgrounds with lower square footage requirements in regards to liquor licenses to sell mixed beverages.

As always I am honored to represent the 36th senatorial district of Virginia and look forward to working hard for my constituents. Anyone with an issue or concern should contact my office in Richmond at district36@senate.virginia.gov or by phone: 804-698-7536.

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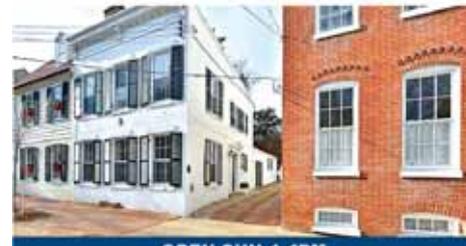
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\$529,500
Curb Appeal Galore!
Character abounds in this fabulous Cap Cod, lovingly maintained and significantly updated. Many fabulous features include: 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail, custom built-ins, updated kitchen and finished lower level. Gorgeous setting on magnificent half acre lot just steps to acres and acres of Fairfax County parkland. **OPEN SUN 2/16, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate, R-second Old Mill; R-Buckner; R-Stillwell.**

JUST LISTED **OPEN SUN**

4200 Ferry Landing Rd
\$698,500
Spacious Colonial- Shows Like Model!
Unique opportunity! This gorgeous 4BR Colonial is in impeccable condition, located on large lot and is loaded with upgrades. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan. Fab features: main level study and family room, large kitchen, breakfast area, finished LL, sumptuous master suite, stunning Brazilian Cherry floors, "Andersen" thermal windows, and 2 car garage. Property provides unique combination of size, condition and prime location. **OPEN SUN 2/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Ferry Landing.**

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8888 McNair Dr
\$749,500
Five Bedroom Colonial- Prime Location!
Stately three level Colonial in gorgeous setting on spacious landscaped lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac in heart of Mt. Vernon. Property is exceptionally well maintained with many updates. Special features include main level library, open kitchen and family room, hardwood floors, 5BRs, luxury master suite with sitting room. Thermal windows and 2 car garage. Large deck overlooks gorgeous fenced grounds. Super value! **OPEN SUN 2/16, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; R-Old Mill; L-McNair.**

OPEN SUN

9412 Old Mount Vernon Rd
Craftsman Masterpiece!
\$1,198,950
Former model by Wakefield Homes loaded with options and upgrades. Many fabulous features include: open floor plan, high ceilings, three finished levels, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, 2 car garage. Gorgeous location on elevated lot with extensive landscaping and custom stonework. Priced thousands below current price list. **OPEN SUN 2/16, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Old Mount Vernon Rd to house on Right.**

OPEN SUN

8428 Old Mount Vernon Rd
\$859,000
Large Home- Totally Updated!
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JUST LISTED

9309 Reef Ct
\$645,000
Three Level Colonial- Near River!
Exceptionally attractive property on magnificent half acre grounds fronting quiet cul-de-sac in one of area's premier neighborhoods. Special features include: 3LVL, 4BR, 2.5BA, family room with fireplace off kitchen, gorgeous stained hardwood floors, economical gas heat and hot water, and oversized 2 car garage. Major upgrades include thermal windows and glass doors. Unique opportunity!

CONTRACT

9009 Captains Row
\$665,000
Great Opportunity!

JUST LISTED **CONTRACT**

9410 Coral Ln
\$649,500
Yacht Haven- Near River!

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1938 Shiver Dr
\$625,000
Totally Updated!

JUST LISTED **SOLD!**

4325 Adrienne Dr
\$598,950
Southwood Gem!

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\$775,000
Alexandria City
315 VASSAR RD

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Emily Capelli 703.472.1282

\$ 510,000
Alexandria
"COMPLETELY RENOVATED & UPDATED"

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Sean Satkus 703.731.8086

\$ 689,000
Alexandria South
"NEW LISTING"

Beautifully remodeled and customized in 2010, this 5BR/2.5BA Colonial is sited on a great street. Spacious rooms, separate dining room and breakfast room. First floor family room has a gas fireplace. Hardwood floors. Year round porch/sunroom and level backyard space just perfect for outdoor activities.

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\$ 339,900
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15654 WILLIAM BAYLISS CT

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Bob Wood 703.244.0505

OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!
\$ 255,000
Alexandria
6927 MARY CAROLINE CIR #C

2BR / 2BA condo. Updated kitchen, baths, flooring, light fixtures and the list goes on... Plenty of parking. Manchester Lakes amenities plus Kingstowne shopping / eateries / movies. Near Ft. Belvoir, Metro, I-495, and minutes to Old Town and DC.

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Alexandria
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Debra Bell 703.350.9750

OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4!
\$ 300,000
Alexandria / South
8523 ENGLISIDE ST

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Alexandria South
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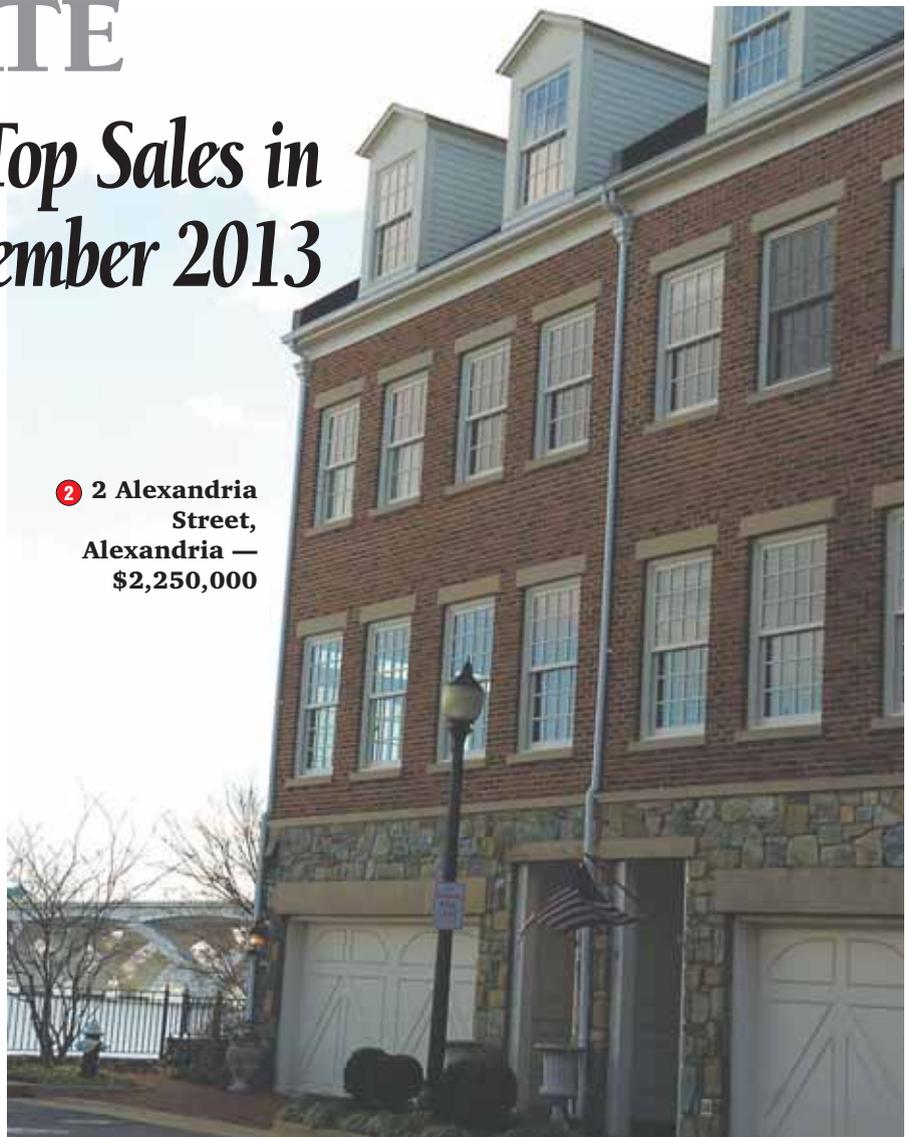
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Alexandria & Mount Vernon Top Sales in November and December 2013



2 2 Alexandria Street, Alexandria — \$2,250,000



9 414 Alexandria Avenue East, Alexandria — \$1,310,212

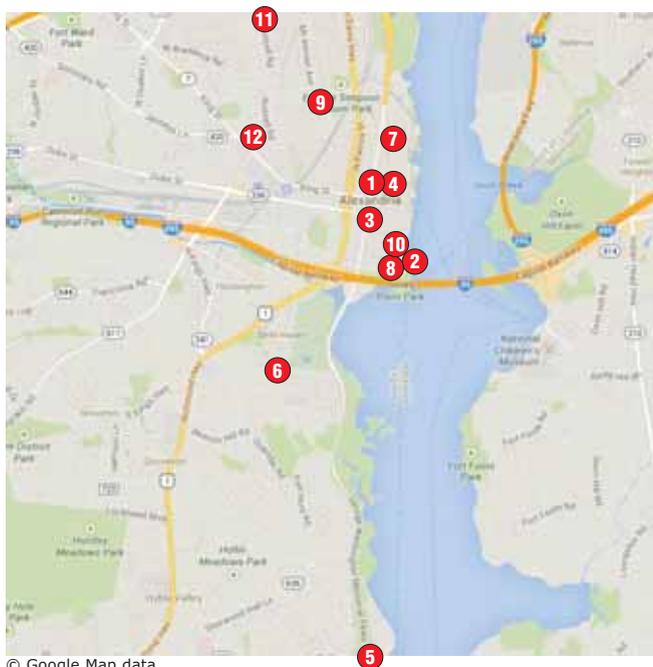


11 2805 Russell Road, Alexandria — \$1,255,000



12 308 Masonic View Avenue, Alexandria — \$1,210,000

10 711 Union Street South, Alexandria — \$1,375,000



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1 212 SAINT ASAPH ST	5	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,800,000	Detached	0.17	22314	OLD TOWN	11/25/13
2 2 ALEXANDER ST	3	..	3	..	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,250,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	FORDS LANDING	11/30/13
3 317 SAINT ASAPH ST S	5	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,000,000	Detached	0.14	22314	OLD TOWN	11/21/13
4 221 ROYAL ST N	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,950,000	Townhouse	0.08	22314	OLD TOWN	12/06/13
5 8108 BOULEVARD DR E	5	..	4	..	1	MOUNT VERNON	\$1,750,000	Detached	0.99	22308	WELLINGTON	12/19/13
6 1911 WINDSOR RD	5	..	6	..	2	MOUNT VERNON	\$1,657,500	Detached	0.48	22307	BELLE HAVEN	12/30/13
7 400 MADISON ST #2206	3	..	2	..	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,525,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	12/16/13
8 724 UNION ST S	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,375,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	12/31/13
9 414 ALEXANDRIA E	5	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,310,212	Detached	0.15	22301	DEL RAY	11/01/13
10 711 UNION ST S	4	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,300,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BACKYARD BOATS	11/15/13
11 2805 RUSSELL RD	5	..	4	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,255,000	Detached	0.23	22305	DEL RAY	11/20/13
12 308 MASONIC VIEW AVE	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,210,000	Detached	0.24	22301	ROSEMONT	11/20/13

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Home Design: What the Pros Know

Inside the homes of some of the regions' top builders.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Remodeling industry professionals spend their days helping clients create dream homes, adding quartzite counter tops and outdoor, stacked stone fireplaces, turning ideas and photos into functional, chic living spaces.

But what about their homes? What materials do they choose for themselves? How do they make the most of their living spaces? Three local professionals from BOWA Builders, Inc. opened their doors and shared the secrets of their renovations.

When principal and owner George Hodges-Fulton and his wife, Alexandra, decided to remodel the galley kitchen in their Reston home, they decided to expand and change the flow of traffic, keeping the safety of their 6- and 10-year-old daughters in mind.

"We wanted to open the house up more," said George Hodges-Fulton. "We took out a wall between kitchen and the dining room."

Alexandra Hodges-Fulton, a serious cook, added, "The sink and the stove were across from each other. Now the sink and the stove are next to each other, so I don't have to walk across the kitchen carrying hot pasta."

The new kitchen also includes additional counter space. "I have more prep space," she said. "And everything I need is within arm's reach."

When it came to choosing finishes, "everything came from wanting to work with the [existing maple] floor," said George Hodges-Fulton. "We wanted to choose classic colors that weren't going to go out of style."

The project took a mere five weeks to complete. "Everything happened perfectly," added George Hodges-Fulton. "Having on-site supervision and knowing the end goal helped."

He says that having undergone his own renovation project, he now has additional insight when advising clients. "It makes a significant difference," he said. "We can say 'In my house I did this.' or 'I did this wrong in my house, so you might consider this.'"

When principal and owner Steve Kirstein first moved into his Potomac, Md., home with his wife

and three children, he spotted several missed design opportunities. "We needed some of the spaces to do different things," said Kirstein. "We wanted a family gathering space and a display space upstairs."

The home had a two-story foyer, which Kirstein saw as the perfect location for a second floor family room. He added "flooring, sheetrock walls, built-in bookcases and display cases. Now it's a gathering space for the family upstairs and we still have a dramatic foyer downstairs."

Next, Kirstein turned what he called, "a big wasted space" adjacent to the garage into a mudroom. "We put a cubby and drawer for each child and a bench for taking off shoes. We added a half wall across from the cubbies so you can't see all of the cleats and lacrosse sticks all over the floor. We also added a powder room."

Founder, cochairman and owner Josh Baker grew up in Great Falls and when it came time to raise his

family, he remained there. He even built a custom home where he plans to live long-term. "A lot of planning went into the future," said Baker. "The concept behind it was we would create a fun space for our children that their children could eventually enjoy."

He advises his clients to similarly plan ahead and think about how their needs might evolve. "To make it a long-term home is to not think about just what you need now, but what you might need in the future," he said. "We designed a guest suite on the first floor with the idea that my wife and I could live on one floor once we're empty nesters." There is enough space for friends and extended family.

Baker said each time he and his wife updated the house, they did so judiciously. "We made smart decisions about small things that make a big difference. For example, we changed tiles to make it up-to-date without a huge remodel," he said.

Baker's experience as a builder



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Steve Kirstein, principal at BOWA Builders, Inc. turned what he called "a big wasted space" into a mudroom complete with a cubby and drawer for each child.

helped him decide on the room sizes and layout of the house. "In terms of design, a lot of our house has a focus on lines of sight, informality and lots of light. ... On our first floor, there are no partition walls in the common area."

The rooms in the house are generous and comfortable and space was used wisely, Baker said. "We

focused on the feeling and functionality of the room rather than the size of the room," he said. "None of the rooms are oversized, but they are functional."

"We're informal folks," said Baker. "We like to entertain, so we developed our landscaping to include an expansive entertaining area and a swimming pool."



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Fuse Box Lights Up the Wammie Awards

Five teenagers from Alexandria nominated for Best New Artist at this year's Wammie awards.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE GAZETTE

Among the eight acts up for new artist of the year at this year's Washington Area Music Association Wammie Awards, most won't have to worry about getting up for high school the next morning.

Fuse Box, five musicians — seniors and juniors at St. Stephens & St. Agnes and T.C. Williams high schools in Alexandria and Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. — who discovered their love of music at a young age, have been playing together in some form or another for several years, and as a fully-fledged band for nearly four years.

But ask them the first song they learned to play, and it's music that predates them by decades.

For bassist Augustus "Auggie" Koch, it was either "Just Got Paid" by ZZ Top or "Twist and Shout" by the Beatles. Luis Milburn, the band's rhythm guitarist, learned the classic rock staple "Smoke on the Water," by Deep Purple, the rest of the band nodding in acknowledgment that most people teach themselves the six opening notes when first picking up a guitar. Keyboardist and rhythm guitarist Perry Connor first learned Cream's "Sunshine of Your Love."

The battle for most embarrassing first song learned comes down to singer and drummer Kent Jenkins, and lead guitarist Ian Lloyd. Jenkins learned the song "Five Fat Turkeys Are We," which he performed as an audition piece for a role in "Ragtime" (he got the part). Lloyd learned the newest song among the group, Paolo Nutini's "New Shoes."

For the five teenagers, classic rock from the '60s and '70s is the foundation upon which they've built their band and from which their original compositions are inspired.

Led Zeppelin is "probably the most influential band for us," Jenkins said.

"I remember being in Luis' basement lis-



Fuse Box, a band from Alexandria, is one of eight bands up for Best New Artist at the Washington Area Music Association's annual Wammie awards this week. From left are Perry Connor, Luis Milburn, Ian Lloyd, Kent Jenkins and Augustus "Auggie" Koch.

tening to the 'Mothership' album, and that's when we decided to start a band," Koch said.

Fuse Box started playing covers, including a lengthy list of classic rock covers like Led Zeppelin's "Houses of the Holy" to Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" and Jimi Hendrix's "Fire," but are evolving into writing their own songs and playing more of them in their live sets.

"I for one prefer, and I think I speak for all of us, to play our own songs," Lloyd said. "It's an expression of our musical interests."

Playing covers was a necessity when they were first starting out, but the ratio is starting, slowly to tilt, Jenkins said. Being young and not having as much life experience yet, that might restrain the ability to write autobiographical songs, but it's something he, and the rest of the band, look forward to trying out in the future.

Their EP, "The Fuse Box EP," contains six original songs and was submitted by the band for consideration in the Best Rock Song category in this year's Wammies. But instead, they are in the running, with eight other bands, for best new artists.

When they got the news a few weeks ago, they were blown away, the five musicians agreed. It was fully unexpected, but a complete thrill.

"I had to jump back," Connor said.

"It was amazing," Milburn added.

"It's a nice label to put on things," Koch said, like how actors can be billed as Oscar-nominated or musicians can be touted as Grammy nominated. It's a nod of quality.

While winning would be extraordinary for them — they'll find out Feb. 16, being nominated is enough to make them even more excited to keep performing.

"We're going to keep making music, keep playing. We want to keep writing songs," Milburn said. Now that some of the band members have college applications out of the way, that frees up some school time for band work. Already the band practices, faithfully, once or twice a week.

Milburn and Lloyd are also interested in behind-the-scenes work, becoming "amateur sound engineers" in the process, Milburn said.

They're also eager to get back into the studio, but will have to write a few more songs first.

The members of Fuse Box are excited to

see where the future takes them, regardless of what that might sound like. As they're growing up and expanding their musical interests and tastes, it's a great mystery and adventure what their sound will be like next month, or next year.

"I think we've already evolved a little," Koch said.

"If we can blend things together, I think it's worth a try," Conner said.

The songs yet to be written will be "an expression of our creativity, an expression of our development, for who we are as artists," Jenkins said.

"For each of us, it's a different thing."

"It can't feel forced," Lloyd added.

There's one thing the band is certain of: Their

families have their backs. Each of them went to great lengths detailing the amount of time and energy their parents and teachers have spent encouraging them, supporting them, doing the less thrilling work like writing press releases and fliers for gigs and embracing their dream of being musicians.

"Look at everything we do and there's a parent behind us," Milburn said.

Details

Just ahead of the Wammie Awards, Fuse Box will perform at DC Productions' show and video shoot — 4 the Love of Rock. Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.-2 p.m. at 2375 Lewis Avenue, Rockville, Md. \$10. Call 301-672-8007.

For more information on Fuse Box and to hear some of their songs, visit www.fuseboxband.net.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. See a solo photographic exhibit "Darkness Visible" by Timothy Hyde at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union

St. Runs Jan. 7 through Feb. 16. Hyde's photography examines the mysteries hidden in the shadows. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Theater Performance. Arts on the Horizon presents "Under the Canopy," a 20-minute interactive, nonverbal show for children up to age 4. Performances are Feb. 12-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23 at 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$5/

person. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets. They can be purchased at the door.

Celebrate Black History Month. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Through Feb. 28 at Mount Vernon Estate. In observance of Black History Month, George Washington's Mount Vernon highlights the lives and contributions of the slaves who built and operated

the plantation home of George and Martha Washington. A wreathlaying and presentation occurs daily at the slave memorial site throughout the month of February. Black History Month activities are included in admission: adults, \$18; senior citizens, \$17; children age 6-11, when accompanied by an adult, \$9; and children under age 5, free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-

2000.

Art Exhibit. See "Reincarnations" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features art from salvaged items, art from encyclopedias and more. Free. Runs through March 2. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Frances Gallardo: Meteorology" through March 2 at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo

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Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Art Exhibit. See "Songs of the Shore," archival inkjet prints by Chantilly resident Peter Toth in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through March 16. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. See Katie Runnerstrom's drawings and paintings through March 16 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The show reflects her exploration of several areas of science such as mycology and the study of jellyfish. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Theater Performance. See "Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., through March 16. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets may be ordered by calling 1-800-494-8497 or online at boxofficetickets.com. For group sales and information call the theatre at 703-548-9044. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "7th and H Streets, NW: The Hidden Refrain of Inner City DC" by Fred Zafran at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Feb. 18-March 30. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/ for more.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

Art Exhibit. "Portraits of Pop Culture art exhibit will be on display at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see artists' interpretation of pop culture, featuring compelling cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians, pundits and other pop figures. Show runs March 7-30. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs March 3-June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon opening Feb. 22 through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Metro Club After-School Program. Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center,

9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metroartisans.org.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Dance Classes. Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Drive, #4, will hold adult classes starting in February. Ten percent of the fees will be donated to American Heart Association. Visit www.metroartisans.org or 703-339-0444 for a schedule.

CONTEST

Spotlight on Pet Adoptions. From Jan. 27 to Feb. 14, ACTion Alexandria is holding a photo contest for animal lovers in Alexandria. Participants are asked to post a photo of their adopted pet on ACTION with a short description of their pet. All contest participants are encouraged to sign up to be a Social Media Animal Ambassador for an animal who has been in either King Street Cats or the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria for a longer period of time. To participate visit actionalexandria.org.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Attics and Alleys Tour. Tickets are now on sale for the Attics and Alleys tour, a three-hour walking tour featuring rarely seen spaces of four sites — the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Tours will be offered every Saturday in May from 9 a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Reception. 6-8 p.m., curator talk with Laura Roulet at 7 p.m. at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Book Making Celebration. 6 p.m. at Jefferson Houston School, 1501 Cameron St. Parents and children can create their own family history book.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Singer/guitarist Bill Thomas performs with Larry Tapper on harmonica. \$10/door or in advance. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

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

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Music Performance. 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Alexandria Harmonizers will perform. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Benefit. 3-7 p.m. at Ten Thousand

Villages, 915 King St. Browse chocolate, coffee, candles, jewelry and more. A percentage of sales will be donated to the Fair Trade Alexandria campaign. Visit www.fairtradecampaigns.org.

Valentine Tea. 1:30-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children age 3 and up can sample different teas, sweets and make a valentine for someone special. There will also be music to dance to. \$15. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Armerding will open for Eddie from Ohio. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Teen Production. 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See MVCCT's production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." \$12. Visit mvcct.org for more.

Speed Dating. 8 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Enjoy art viewing, conversation, goodie bags and more. Must be 21 and older. \$5/person. RSVP by 5 p.m. day of. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 15

George Washington's Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m., with the ball to open at 9 p.m. in the ballroom at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. The re-creation celebrates the famous party held for Washington's birthday and includes dinner, dancing, desserts, character re-enactors and more. \$120/person or \$50/ball only. Ticket options for dining in a room or at the same table with the Washingtons. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

Teen Production. 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See MVCCT's production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." \$12. Visit mvcct.org for more.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Armerding will open for Eddie from Ohio. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Author Discussion. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology, 105 N. Union St., #327. Meet authors Char McCargo Bah, Christa Watters, Audrey P. Davis, Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson and James E. Henson Sr. for a discussion of their new book. Experience the narratives of Alexandria's African Americans who helped to shape not only their hometown but also the world around them. Free.

George Washington's Birthday Celebration. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. There will be a hoecake judging contest and samples given out while supplies last, enjoy a dancing demonstration, stories, and more. Everything is included in admission \$18/adult; \$9/children age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Kim Allen Kluge presents "To Be Passionate," featuring works by Gershwin, Wagner, Debussy and more. \$5/18 and under; \$10/student; \$20+adult. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for tickets or 703-548-0885.

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SUNDAY/FEB. 16

George Washington Classic 10K or 2K Fun Run. 8 a.m. at Eisenhower Ave. \$40/10K; \$10/2K. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday to register.

George Washington's Birthday Celebration. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. There will be a hoecake judging contest and samples given out while supplies last, enjoy a dancing demonstration, stories, and more. Everything is included in admission \$18/adult; \$9/children age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Revolutionary War Re-enactment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Park. Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

George Washington Goes to the Theatre. 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy a community play reading of "Cato" by Joseph Addison, George Washington's favorite play. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

Downton Abbey Tours. 2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The current owner of Highclere Castle, the real world castle where Downton Abbey is filmed, is a direct descendent of the original owner of Lee-Fendall House. The tour will compare similarities between people and places within the world of the television series and those of Lee-Fendall House and also include the rarely seen servant's wing and kitchen area. \$5/advance; \$7/day of. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or 703-548-1789 for tickets.

Madeira Tasting with President

Washington. 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Taste four Madeira wines (George Washington's favorite drink) and get insight into their production plus food pairings. \$45. Visit

www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

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Music Performance. 3 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform Rachmaninoff and more. Pre-concert discussion at 2:15 p.m. \$20/adult; free for children 18 and under. Visit www.wmpmusic.org or 703-799-8229.

Documentary. 6:30 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Watch a free documentary of "Dark Side of Chocolate." Visit www.tenthousandvillages.com or www.darksideofchocolate.org for more.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Singer-songwriters Julie Clark and Lara Herscovitch will perform. \$18/general; \$15/advance or member. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-380-3151.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Armerding will open for Eddie from Ohio. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Walk with Washington. 2 p.m. at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Tour some of the sites associated with George Washington. Free. 703-746-3301.

MONDAY/FEB. 17

President's Day Celebration. Alexandria resident Bill Young will portray a gentleman named William from Virginia's colonial days and discuss life on the nearby Mount Vernon plantation. Located Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living Community, 3709 Shannons Green Way. Visit



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ENTERTAINMENT



'Much Ado'

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing." Originally published in the 1600s with the main characters returning from war, the MVCCT production moves into 1982 Italy as the characters return from the World Cup. Performances are Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Visit www.mvcct.org.

www.springhillsmountvernon.com or call 703-650-0779.

George Washington's Birthday Celebration

Enjoy free admission at Mount Vernon Estate in honor of George Washington's birthday. From 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. There will be a traditional wreathlaying at 10 a.m., followed by patriotic music and military performances. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Breakfast and Meeting

9-10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, this annual tradition at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria Hotel features "George Washington's" first appearance of the day, plus an address by a distinguished speaker and breakfast. Tickets: \$30. Ticket information at www.friendshipfire.net or at 703-751-6416.

Tomb Ceremony

From 11 a.m.-noon Colonial military and civilians honor the soldiers of the Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

Open House

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S Alfred St. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or call 703-838-3891.

Historic Alexandria Open Houses

Times vary. Admission is free at these historic Alexandria sites: Carlyle House, Christ Church, Friendship Firehouse Museum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and the Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday for more.

George Washington Birthday Parade

1-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. This year's Parade Grand Marshal is Pamela Cressey, the first City Archaeologist of Alexandria. Free.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Special Tour. 1:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Take a special tour of the new Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington. Included in admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ or 703-780-2000.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

Summer Camp Fair. 5:30-8 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. More than 60 exhibitors will represent a wide range of day and overnight camps for children of all ages. There will be art, academics, sports, engineering, special needs and more. Free. Pizza available for

purchase. Visit www.acps.k12.va.us/ptac/summer-camp-fair.php.

Square Dance Lessons

7:30-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. All ages can enjoy dancing taught by Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. Free. Visit www.boomerangsquaredance.org for more.

Music Performance

7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The United States Air Force Symphony Orchestra will perform. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

THURSDAY/FEB. 20

African Jewelry Making

5:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Rec Center, 905 Wythe St. Families can learn about the history of African jewelry while create their own piece.

Lecture Series

7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Excavations at the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery and the Concept of the Proper Coffin in the Mid-19th Century" is the topic.

Performance

7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. The sixth-graders will perform "Burgundy on Broadway: Heroes and Legends," a musical revue that spans "Spamalot" to "Footloose" to "Hercules." \$5/person; \$1/child at the door.

FRIDAY/FEB. 21

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SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Show

Max Major will perform his show "THINK: An Evening of Mind Reading and Magic." Major uses a combination of magic, mind-reading, psychology, hypnosis, and suggestion to demonstrate the untapped powers of the mind. At Old Town Theater, 815 King St. \$32/general; \$49/VIP. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets and times.

SUNDAY/FEB. 23

Wedding Open House

11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kimpton's Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Couples can tour the hotel and see the ballroom, courtyard and guest rooms, taste food, meet with wedding professionals and vendors and more. Raffle prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Couples can RSVP to weddings@monaco-alexandria.com.

Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com or www.jackson20.com for more.

Walk with Washington

2 p.m. at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Tour some of the sites associated with George Washington. Free. 703-746-3301.

Downton Abbey Tours

2 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The current owner of Highclere Castle, the real world castle where Downton Abbey is filmed, is a direct descendent of the original owner of Lee-Fendall House. The tour will compare similarities between people and places within the world of the television series and those of Lee-Fendall House and also include the rarely seen servant's wing and kitchen area. \$5/advance; \$7/day of. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or 703-548-1789 for tickets.

Music Performance

3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear chamber music of Brahms and Beethoven. \$10 suggested donation. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Dance Performance

4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See "I Missed It" by Jane Franklin Dance Company. \$20. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

TUESDAY/FEB. 25

Swing Dance

9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Dance to music by Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-359-9882.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

Book Making Celebration

6:30 p.m. at Cora Kelly STEM School, 3600 Commonwealth Ave. Parents and children can create their own family history book.

Talk

7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. "Archaeology of the War of 1812: From Barney's Flotilla to Bladensburg." Presented by the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Historical Society.

DJ Dance Party

9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Swing dance to music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and more. \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-359-9882.

THURSDAY/FEB. 27

Benefit

6-10 p.m. at Virtue Feed and Grain, 106 S. Union St. Portion of the proceeds benefit the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Hear live music by Molly Winston duo. Visit www.alexandriaseaport.org for more.

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Kim Allen Kluge will conduct from the piano at the ASO's Valentine's weekend performances, when "Rhapsody for Lily" will debut.

Inspired: 'Rhapsody for Lily'

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE
MUSIC DIRECTOR,
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A friend recently shared with me, "When a child is born you celebrate not only the birth of the child, but also the birth of father and mother." The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's upcoming Valentine's Day themed concerts on Feb. 15 and 16 at the Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center are extraordinary concerts for me, and extra-personal ones, as I conduct these programs as a new father, and will be premiering an original work composed by me and my wife Kathryn, inspired by the birth of our child.

For these Valentine's concerts I have also programmed our most often requested symphonic "love music" including music from Prokofiev's "Romeo & Juliet," Wagner's "Tristan & Isolde," Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," where I will be performing double-duty as pianist and conductor.

As composers, Kathryn and I tried to imagine and musically illustrate what our daughter Lily was hearing from the womb in our composition, "Rhapsody for Lily." Music inspired by children certainly exists but to my knowledge "Rhapsody for Lily" is the first instance of music inspired "from the womb." The idea for our piece came to us from Lily's ultrasounds. Kathryn and I were completely enthralled by the primal and otherworldly sounds emanating from the womb. We were utterly fascinated and captivated by this wondrously exotic, mysterious and powerful "music."

In "Rhapsody for Lily" we conjure the astonishing range and sheer musicality of this magical "amniotic fluid music" — sometimes gently swooshing, other-times quite thunderous indeed, like a mighty ocean. At times the music is very fast ("molto allegro") and loud ("fortissimo") like Lily's own heartbeat in the ultrasounds. In "Rhapsody for Lily" one can also hear and feel the omnipresent, relentless and comforting beat of Kathryn's heart.

Throughout the pregnancy Kathryn and I were absolutely delighted to learn just how much Lily could hear from the mysterious "world without" and

her ability to recognize and differentiate between different music and melodies, even months before being born. Lily was able to discern voices, especially the sound of her mother's voice. To familiarize Lily with my voice I would nightly lay close to her head and serenade her. I would also do nightly "dramatic readings." ("Frog and Toad" was one of Lily's favorites. She would immediately stop kicking and delight in the adventures of her beloved imaginary friends.)

Lily has had a very special relationship to the piano from the very beginning. Daily she would hear Kathryn's piano students but she seemed to respond most when Kathryn played and sang. Sometimes Lily heard the music of past masters — she liked tempestuous Beethoven and appassionato Chopin — but Lily seemed most enamored when Kathryn would improvise her own music at the piano. Kathryn has an extraordinary gift for melody (not surprising — Kathryn's middle name is Foster, named after her paternal ancestor, the legendary Stephen Foster, America's first great tune-smith.) Her voice is a lyric coloratura — a fancy way of saying it is high, light and flexible, with the purity of a boy soprano.

So Kathryn's engaging piano melodies and the "boys choir" sound of her voice are suggested throughout "Rhapsody for Lily." These elements not only underscore the visceral relationship between mother and child but also the very genesis behind the naming of Lily Katarina YungAe Kluge. Katarina is my nickname for Kathryn (because we were married in Italy) and YungAe (which means "Flower of Love") is my deceased mother's name. Kathryn and I wanted to give Lily a name that honored several generations of the remarkable women in her lineage.

The entire piece has a hypnotic "underwater" quality to it. Perhaps most mesmerizing and comforting of all are the sounds that we imagine Lily perceiving from the "world without" — her mother's voice and piano music — muffled, mysterious, beckoning...

Lily was born just two hours past Christmas — the most precious Christmas gift ever. "Rhapsody for Lily" was composed with much love and affection, and Kathryn and I are so pleased to present this gift to you as a musical Valentine at these love-inspired Valentine's weekend concerts.

See you at the concerts.

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The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria will be holding a Valentine's Day Adoption Event, Friday, Feb. 14, from 1-8 p.m. The AWLA has many different types of pets available for adoption, featuring dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets and guinea pigs. A select number of adoptable animals will have their adoption fees waived for the event as part of the Adopt It Forward program.

All adopted animals will go home with a gift bag. Every animal adopted from the AWLA is spayed or neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated. Normal adoption guidelines will apply. Consider bringing the whole family to pick out a pet.

The AWLA also invites those who are not currently able to adopt to share some "Valentine's Day Love" with the animals this Valentine's Day. Many small animals will be available and would love to get some special attention. There will be homemade treats and Valentine's candy for all visitors.

Call 703-746 4774 or visit www.alexandrianimals.org.

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John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Real Children Read. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 10-13 can talk to other teens about books that are currently being read. Free. Registration required.

Movies at Martha. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults and teens age 13 and up can enjoy a movie. Call for title. 703-768-6700.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Baby Artsplay Class. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children up to age 4 can enjoy music, drama and movement. The first of 10 classes and families are expected to attend all 10 classes. Registration required.

SATURDAY/FEB. 15

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

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NANOWRITER Writers Group. 1 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Inspired by National Novel Writing Month, this group will explore new avenues of writing, including fiction and non-fiction. Free.

Penguin Winter Reading Club Wrap-Up Celebration. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. All ages can enjoy a puppet show and more. Free.

MONDAY/FEB. 17

Fairfax County Public Libraries Closed. All day.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Harambee Readers. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. For adults. Discuss "Mom & Me & Mom" by Maya Angelou. Free. Registration required.

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Discuss "The Grace of Silence" by Michele Norris. Free.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

Fun for 2s & 3s. 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free.

Registration required.

Kingstowne Historic Club. Noon at Kingstowne Library. Meet and discuss various topics. Free.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Children in grades 1-3 can bring a book or check one out at the library and then read it to an older Reading Buddy. Reservations required for a 20-minute slot. For children age 5-9.

THURSDAY/FEB. 20

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Discuss the poetry of Richard Blanco. Free.

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required.

MONDAY/FEB. 24

A to Zoo Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

Rainbow Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Registration required.

Reading Buddies. 3:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Children in grades 1-3 can bring a book or check one out at the library and then read it to an older Reading Buddy. Reservations required for a 20-minute slot. For children age 5-9.

TUESDAY/FEB. 25

Martha's Mystery Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults can discuss "There Was an Old Woman" by Hallie Ephron. Free.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

Who is Sleeping? 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Stories and activities about animals in winter. Appropriate for children age 2-3. Free. Registration required.

THURSDAY/FEB. 27

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Families can enjoy a family friendly movie. Call for title. 703-768-6700.

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West Potomac senior DeMornay Pierson-El signed with Nebraska on Feb. 5. Pictured from left: (front row) Stephani Carter (mother), DeMornay Pierson-El, (back row) Amber Carter (sister), Valerie Diggs (God mother), William O. Carter (grandfather), Aaron Helmick (director of student activities), Imani Carter (sister), Jeremiah Davis (former West Potomac football coach).

Pierson-El Signs with Nebraska

West Potomac senior DeMornay Pierson-El on Feb. 5 signed a national letter of intent to play football at the University of Nebraska.

Pierson-El, who played receiver, running back, quarterback, defensive back and returned kicks during his time with the Wolverines, will play receiver and return kicks for the Cornhuskers.

As a senior, Pierson-El primarily played quarterback and was a dual-threat option. He threw for 876 yards and seven touchdowns, while rushing for 1,007 yards and 20 touchdowns. He was selected to the VHSL 6A all-state team as an all-purpose defensive player. The elusive Pierson-El also continued to be used in the return game.

During his junior season, he rushed 181 times for 1,658 yards and 26 touchdowns.

He also caught 10 passes for 127 yards, and helped his team to a 6-5 record. In addition to his offensive stats, Pierson-El earned Virginia AAA second-team all-state honors as a kick returner from the Virginia High School Coaches Association.

As a sophomore, Pierson-El focused his time at receiver and caught 49 passes for 781 yards and 15 touchdowns. His play helped West Potomac to an 8-4 record and a trip to the region semifinals. Pierson-El is regarded as one of the top 100 receivers in the country by Rivals.com and Scout.com, and he is ranked as one of the top 25 overall prospects in Virginia by Rivals.com. The 247 Sports composite rankings listed him among the top 70 "athlete" prospects in the nation. Pierson-El also plays basketball and runs track for the West Potomac Wolverines.



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Health Fair

Head Start students were invited to West Potomac Academy's Medical Assistant and Pharmacy Tech classes for a Health Fair, during Feb. 4 and 6. One of the goals was to show children what happens during a check-up with their doctor.



Sania (left), Hannah Latif (center) and Emma Alvarez, work together getting the height and weight of one of their visitors as part of the Health Fair at the West Potomac Academy.



Andrea learns about heart rate and blood pressure from the Medical Assistant students.



Pharmacy Tech students Jonathan Krisnitski and Ailen Garcia-Sanillan read the book "I Am Sick" to a group of children from Head Start.



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Ramsey Signs With ASU

Mount Vernon senior Kurrion Ramsey on Feb. 5 signed a national letter of intent to play football at Alabama State University. Ramsey has been a standout receiver and defensive back for the Majors. Pictured from left: (seated) Barry Wells (head football coach), Kimberly Ramsey, Kurrion Ramsey, Ronald Ramsey, (standing) CaSandra Davis Perrilliat (chairwoman for the MVHS HPE department), Mrs. McGrigg, Carlton Griffith, Nardos King (MVHS principal) Joshua McGrigg, Kiano Hill, Jordan McGrigg, Bob Maxey (MVHS DSA).

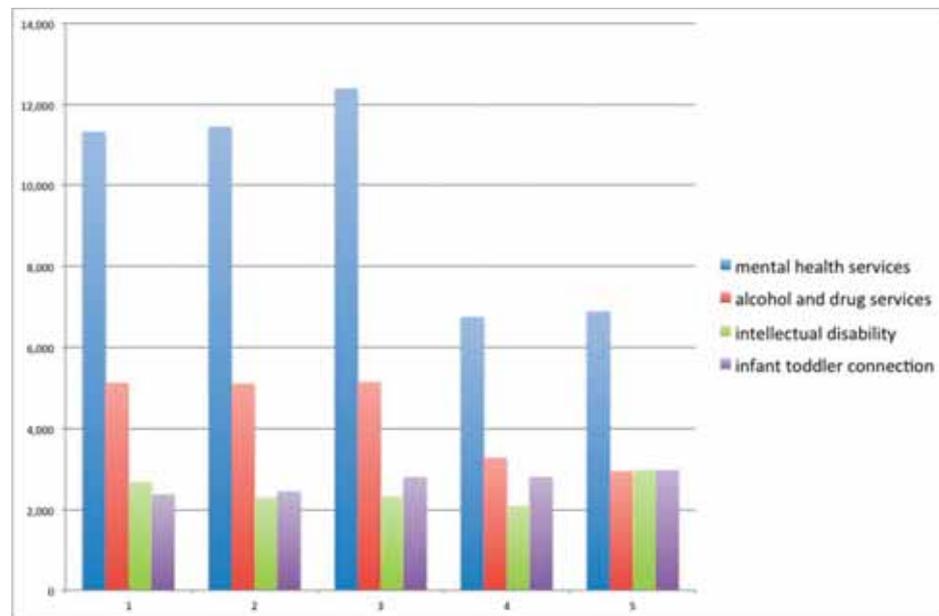
Mental Health Services Decline in Fairfax County

FROM PAGE 1

According to county statistics, the number of people who receive mental health services has declined by 6 percent. The number of people who receive substance abuse services has decreased by 13 percent, although the number of people who receive services for intellectual disabilities has increased 17 percent.

"People with severe mental illness are the least able to afford services, and they are in most need of them," said Ann Wroth, a member of the Arlington Community Services Board. "But there isn't as much money coming from any place for people to receive mental health services."

Alexandria is the only local government that has actually increased services offered through its community services board since the Great Recession. According to statistics provided by city officials, the number of people who receive mental health services actually increased 7 percent since 2009, and the number of people with intellectual dis-



abilities has increased 6 percent in that time. And even though the number of

people who receive drug and alcohol services has declined by 38 percent, city officials say the decline represents a change to how the numbers are reported. Since 2010, they say, the number no longer includes individuals who receive "limited" services, which are now considered outside the program area.

"The state of Virginia never funded very well to begin with, which is why we rank 47th," said Mary Anne Weber, former chairwoman of the Alexandria Community Services Board. "And the local governments have to make up the difference."

FAIRFAX COUNTY officials say a number of factors have contributed to the steep decline in recent years. One is methodological. Fairfax County leaders say people who receive emergency mental health services are no longer counted in the statistics, which may explain some of the decline in the count of those who receive mental health services.

"We have reorganized," said Laura Yager, director of the partnerships and resources development. "We are trying to make our data more accurate."

A more immediate explanation for the decline is financial. As state leaders struggled to balance the books during a time

of declining revenues, funding for community services boards across Virginia were some of the first to take a hit. People who are the most vulnerable and least able to help themselves are facing the new economic reality with fewer services, especially in places like Fairfax County. Unlike Arlington and Alexandria, Fairfax land values are less recession proof.

"The impact of the recession was felt for a shorter period of time, particularly in the commercial sector, in those two jurisdictions than in Fairfax," said Woods. "And that shows."

Shortly after the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007, a commission recommended that more than \$40 million in additional spending be added to the mental-health budget every year. Legislators took a first step by adding about \$30 million to the annual budget the first year, but then the economic downturn tightened spending. Funding levels fell down to where they were before the massacre. In the last two years, some funding has been added back. But the commission's financial recommendation remains unfulfilled.

"What we have to do is to make sure that we are providing as comprehensive a set of services as we can to help people with mental illness stabilize themselves," said state Sen. George Barker (D-39). "We need to help them get on the road to recovery so they can manage their situation as best as they can and hopefully never get to that crisis."

Now the issue has taken a new sense of immediacy. Late last year, state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) was stabbed in the face by his son, who later committed suicide. Although the senator was able to get an emergency custody order for his son, it expired before a psychiatric bed could be located in the rural western part of the state. That tragedy has prompted a new discussion about mental health in Virginia, one that will culminate at the end of the General Assembly session when lawmakers put the final touches on the budget.

"I certainly can't believe that the need is less," said Weber. "Not when we see the statistics about suicides in the military for example."

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THURSDAY/FEB. 13

After Hours Networking. 5:30-7 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 8837 Richmond Highway. Hosted by Mount Vernon Rotary Club. Free to chamber members and their guests. \$10. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.

Planning for the Future. 6-8 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School. Assistant Superintendent Deb Tyler and other speakers will cover topics including the International Baccalaureate Program, financing college, West Potomac Career and Technical Academy and more. Free. Childcare, refreshments and translation services will be provided. E-mail majohnson4@fcps.edu for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Business Network Event. 8:30-10 a.m. at SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. Learn about government contracting on the federal, state and local levels. Coffee and light breakfast will be served. RSVP by e-mailing info@sfdc.org or visit www.sfdc.org.

MONDAY/FEB. 17

Listening Tour Date. 6:30 p.m. at Twain Middle School, 4700 Franconia Road. Fairfax

County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza invites parents, students, employees and community members to share their thoughts about the school system. Free. Visit www.fcps.edu/news/listening.shtml to sign up and indicate if an interpreter is needed.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The meeting will feature a presentation "From Newcomers to Natives: The 19th Century American Experience of the German-Jewish Immigrants of Temple Beth El, Alexandria, VA" by Jennifer Hammond. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or 703-866-2478.

Training Session. 7-8 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Learn the aspects of trap-neuter-return program from Community Cats. Free. RSVP to animals13@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

Talk. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Oscar Fitzgerald, adjunct professor at GMU and author of "Four Centuries of American Furniture." His topic will be "Furniture Fakes and How to Spot Them." 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free. Call Ann Connell at 703-360-4979.

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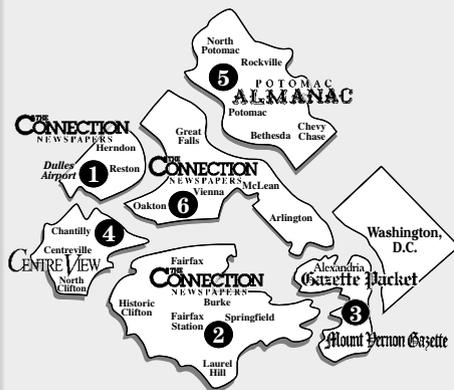
The family will receive friends on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA, with a viewing to occur from 10-11 a.m. Interment will follow at Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Alexandria, VA.

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The West Potomac High School Science Fair was held on Saturday, Feb. 9, in the cafeteria. The first place Science Fair winners are joined by administrators and teachers.

Students Honored at Science Fair

The following West Potomac High School students received awards for their projects at the school's science fair on Saturday, Feb. 9:

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Grand Champions

At Brooke Point's Dance Invitational in Stafford, Va., on Jan. 25, the Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team competed in the middle school category against local dance teams from Fairfax County and Prince William County. The Carl Sandburg Dance Team won the Grand Champion title for receiving the highest score out of all middle school routines. Additionally, the team won first place trophies in the following categories: Captains, Jazz, Pom and Hip Hop. Eighth grader Charlotte Anderson won 5th place for her Jazz solo.

The Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team is led by 8th grade student captains Nikki Alderman, Charlotte Anderson, Connie French, Rebekah Jenne, Madison Smith, and Ashleigh Roddey. The award-winning routines are choreographed by Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team Alumni: Emma Anderson, Brit-tany Johns, and Avery Woods.

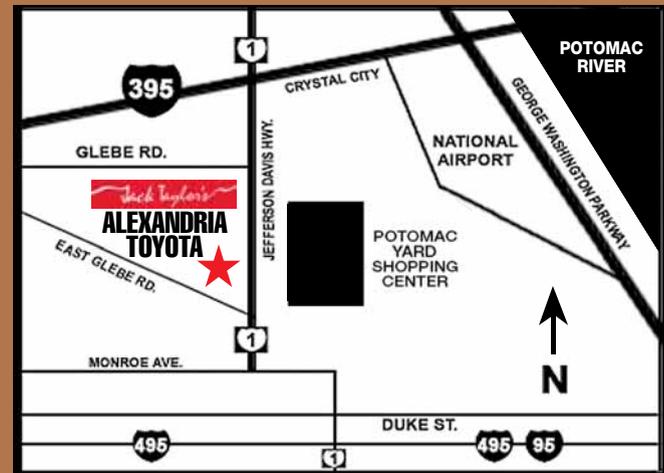


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<p style="text-align: center;">OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$8⁰⁰ OFF</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VARIABLE DISCOUNT</p> <p style="font-size: small;">\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99 \$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99 \$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99 \$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99 \$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WINTER DETAIL SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$119⁹⁵</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Prepare your car's paint for the harsh winter road conditions. A full exterior buffing, paint sealant and wax, along with a vacuuming of the interior. Vans & SUVs add \$20.00.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BRAKE SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$79⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">PADS</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$79⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">PREVENT UNEVEN WEAR</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$1⁰⁰</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">TIRE</p> <p style="font-size: small;">GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BASIC MINOR SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">PERFORMED EVERY 5,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$75⁸⁸</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">2003 & NEWER</p> <p style="font-size: small;">INCLUDES: Replace engine oil, replace engine oil filter, drain plug washer, check & top off fluids(as needed), inspect brake linings/drums & brake pads/discs, rotate best tires to front, clean brakes(if applicable), perform multi-point inspection, & road test vehicle(as needed).</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$129⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Does not apply to hybrid batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WE WILL MEET OR BEAT</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IS YOUR CHECK ENGINE LIGHT ON?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DON'T GET STRANDED... LET US CHECK IT FOR YOU, AT NO CHARGE!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UP TO A 1 HOUR DIAGNOSIS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>

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Lorton 7646 Summerhill Ct. \$405,000
Renovated 3-level Roanoke model Split Level with fireplace, deck and fully fenced back yard on street with w/cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen with new appliances and granite counter and baths, new paint and new carpet throughout. Cox Cable wired, Verizon FiOS available at curb. Great location with easy access to FFX CTRY PKWY, I-95, I-495, I-395, Rt 1, and Fort Belvoir. **Ann Casey 703-863-5059**



Springfield 6612 Reynard Drive \$549,990
Squire floor plan with 22x20 Family Room addition w/fireplace off kitchen. Newly refinished HW floors in LR, DR, BRs, Foyer, Stairs, & hallway. Close walk to community pool. Attached one-car garage in addition to detached large 2-car garage/workshop (24' 3" x 24' 3") w/upstairs storage. Ideal for car enthusiast or woodworker. Newly painted inside and out. Desirable West Springfield school district. **Bob Roop 571-455-3187**



Springfield 8556 Groveland Dr. \$379,000
\$29,000 price reduction and unbelievable price for a single family house, the house is refurbished with lots of updates. Remodeled kitchen with new appliances, granite counter top, fresh paint throughout, new carpet and fence. It has lots of potential and a great neighborhood. Perfect location, the house is close to the Fairfax County Parkway (I-95) and minutes away from Ft. Belvoir. **Fawzia Noori 571-276-1336**



Alexandria 7912 Fairfax Rd. \$799,900
Gorgeous, completely remodeled home with additional living room w/cozy wood-burning fireplace, huge gourmet kitchen w/granite and stainless steel that opens to dining and family rooms. Separate laundry room w/lots of storage. Master suite w/luxury bath. Bonus room w/full bath that could be recreation room or another bedroom. Large landscaped flat yard! Minutes to G.W. Pkwy., shops & restaurants! **Allison Gillette 703-307-5698**



Woodbridge 2354 Merseyside Dr. \$230,000
PRICE ADJUSTMENT! Bright 2-level condo w/garage! Step down into the LR & the open floor plan. Two large BR on 2nd level w/den area leading to enclosed deck. Lux master bathroom w/double vanity & large shower w/bench. W/D on BR level & home has been freshly painted. Community has gym, business center, & pool. Walk to Potomac Center & Mills shopping, dining, & Wegmans. Mins. to Rt. 1, I-95, & VRE. **Valerie Hardee 703-401-9169**



Stafford 205 Pear Blossom Rd. \$509,990
Delivers in December! 10k in closing costs! This 4 bedroom, 4.5 bathroom detached home won't disappoint! Two-car attached garage, foyer, kitchen, morning room & powder room include hwd floors
• Great room w/gas fireplace • Three full baths on upper lvl, finished rec room w/game room & full bath on lower level. **Meg Olympia 703-475-1552**



Alexandria 1910 Russell Rd. \$1,800,000
Immediately upon entering this Handsomely Designed Luxury Home you'll find yourself in awe of the Beautifully Detailed Appointments. 3 Luxurious Levels of Exquisite Living! This Stately Brick Facade Home boasts a 2 Level Foyer, Gourmet Kitchen, MBR with FP, Balcony, and Sitting Area, a Tiered Terrace, and Much More! Beautifully Landscaped, Builder Sound Proofed. A Truly Unique Opportunity. **Terry Rader 703-887-3735**



Alexandria 6250 Marcy Ct. \$479,900
NOW YOU CAN BUY THIS! Updated SFH in sought-after neighborhood. Cul-de-sac location Home is well-maintained & shows well. Freshly painted w/new carpet. Lovely brick fireplace. Furnace & AC have been updated. Wonderful deck which backs to woods for privacy. Close to Metro w/major access to interstate hwy. Enjoy Kingstowne amenities, including multiplex cinema. **Rita Tassa 703-629-8624**



Springfield 5507 Atlee Pl. \$479,000
Spectacular home in sought-after N. Springfield! Located inside the Beltway and offering easy access to Ft. Belvoir, DCA, Metro and VRE. New roof, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet, fresh paint, new bathroom vanities and new water heater! Tons of storage in basement and attic. Lovely landscaped and fenced yard! Move-in ready! This one is a MUST-SEE! **Laura Dunkel 703-217-8971**



Fairfax 10449 Courtney Dr. \$699,900
Elegant brick front & side Townhome with 3,000 square feet of living space. This house has zero wear and tear, with everything upgraded. HW floors, new granite, new carpeting on RR level, new recessed lighting in kitchen, new garage door, new sump pump. Walk to GMU, City of Fairfax, Court House. Open floor plan w/ huge rooms. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful deck & patio in rear. Looks brand new! **Bob Roop 571-455-3187**

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