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Students gather on March 15 to protest the city's planned relocation of Engine 204 from Second Street to Eisenhower Avenue. Holding the banner are: Olivia Morton, Alyse Krieger, Bobby Williams, Alex Smith, Ben Wayer, Makena Kaiman, Ben Williams, Lucy Morton, Zachary Krieger and Sam Filkins. The students had hoped to pose for their photo in front of Engine 204, but it was out on an emergency call.

## To the Rescue

Students protest move of Engine 204.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The lemonade and cookies were plentiful as more than 50 people turned out March 15 to show their support for Engine 204, including 30 students from Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy who are protesting the city's plan to move the engine out of their neighborhood.

"This is ridiculous," said 8-year-old Alyse Krieger, a third grader at Lyles-Crouch. "If they take away Engine 204, people are going to die."

Originally formed as the Star Fire Engine Company in 1799, Engine Company 4 moved to its present location at 900 Second St. in 1961, where it has remained for more than 50 years.

"When the students heard about the plan to move Engine 204, they wanted to do something," said Laura Zybrick, a third grade teacher at Lyles-Crouch. "They decided to set up a lemonade stand to let people know what is happening."

Volunteers passed out information on Engine Company 4, noting that the Alexandria Fire Department has not added a staffed fire company to the city since 1964. In that same time, the population has increased 52 percent.

"Engine 204 averages over 1,400 calls for ser-

vice each year," said Lyles-Crouch parent Kristen Krieger. "They protect the seniors at Ladray and Annie B. Rose House, the residents at Carpenter's Shelter and the students in our schools. And with more than 1,000 new homes being built in this

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Jonathan Krieger with daughter Alyse Krieger, 8, and Alex Smith, 9, to show support for Engine 204.

## Deal or No Deal?

Old Dominion Boat Club to consider eminent domain ultimatum from city officials.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Will members of the Old Dominion Boat Club take the deal that allows them to move to the Beachcomber building at the foot of Prince Street? Or will they take the deal that allows them to stay in their current building? Perhaps they are eager to face down city officials who are threatening eminent domain.

"The specter of eminent domain was hanging over the negotiations," said Richard Banchoff, president of the Old Dominion Boat Club. "We didn't want to be in a position where the negotiations broke down and then

the city would feel entitled to go to eminent domain without our members having any alternates."

This weekend, members of the Boat Club will participate in an election that could have drastic consequences. One option would be for the club to move to a location at the foot of Prince Street

**"This is America. You don't try to seize property."**

— Townsend Van Fleet

where the old Beachcomber Restaurant was located, more recently the location of a military surplus store. Another option would be for the club to stay in its current location, although

members would have to give up its parking lot and boat ramp. A third option would be to call the city's bluff and fight them in court.

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## Voice from the Past

Fringe candidate from late 1990s now part of the investigation into three murders.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When Charles Severance ran against Kerry Donley for mayor in 1996, City Manager Vola Lawson became concerned. Severance was known to go off on wild tangents about the use of psychotropic drugs on children. And he would sometimes lapse into speaking Spanish for no discernible reason.

He would show up to debates wearing all black with sunglasses and gloves. After the election was over, Donley said he learned Lawson had directed the Alexandria Police Department to assign an undercover officer to follow the fringe candidate to make sure he didn't try anything funny.

"Yea he was creepy. No question there," said Donley. "But I didn't think he was dangerous."

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## Cyclists Take King

When King Street was created, George II was the King of England and horses were the major form of transportation. But ever since the invention of the internal combustion engine, automobiles — and their parking spaces — have dominated the landscape. Now things are changing, and last weekend's City Council meeting may be the turning point ushering in a new era. Council members unanimously approved an initiative to remove 26 parking spaces on King Street to make room for two bike lanes, one eastbound and one westbound.

"The proponents, were, you know, 'if we can't do it here we can't do it anywhere.' And the opponents were, 'if they do it here, they can do it anywhere,'" said Councilman Justin Wilson. "So it was a natural kind of conflict."

The public hearing brought dozens and speakers and lasted for hour after hour. Cyclists supported the idea as a move toward modern transportation planning, a phenomenon city officials call "Complete Streets." Opponents said they were concerned that removing a buffer of parked cars might create increased danger for pedestrians along one of the city's busiest thoroughfares. Many called for the city to abandon the idea of bike lanes in favor of sharrows, the arrows directing traffic to share the lane with cyclists.

"We think Complete Streets for our neighborhood includes sharrows, not dedicated bike lanes," said Lisa Beyer Scanlon, who represented the neighbors losing parking spaces. "They do not include dedicated bike lanes."

City Council members disagreed. After hearing from 46 supporters and 17 opponents, the elected officials unanimously approved the effort to take away the parking spaces and install bike lanes. Now city officials are turning their attention to Royal Street, which will be the next battle between residents and cyclists. After hearing complaints that Union Street is too congested with automobiles, pedestrians and cyclists, city leaders are trying to figure out a way to move the bikes from Union to Royal.

## Car-Dealers Exit King

When the history of King Street is written, 2014 may well be a turning point. Not only is it the year that the street will get its first dedicated bike lanes, but it will also be the year that City Council members evict two longtime car-dealers from the streets of Old Town. Last weekend, shortly before approving the bike lanes, council members voted to deny two requests to extend operating permits for two longtime King Street businesses in the 1300 block. "This is the most egregious action by our city government that I've ever witnessed," said Townsend Van Fleet. "This seizure of property is essentially eminent domain by another name."

One of the businesses has been there since 1941. The other has been there since 1962. By the end of 2014, both will be gone. Because the state auto-dealer license of both establishments expire in October, City Council extended the permits until then. That means by the time the new year arrives, city officials will be hearing from developers eager to do something else on this stretch of King Street.

"There's already been one extension to this," said Councilman Paul Smedberg, who argued against extending the permit until October.

## Bastille Storms Parker Gray

The owners of the French restaurant Bastille are getting ready to storm the gates of Parker Gray. Last weekend, members of the City Council approved a special-use permit for Bastille to relocate to a new space in a building known as the Asher at the corner of Pendleton and Fayette.

The new Bastille will have about 3,400 square feet of space with 140 seats, 100 inside and 40 on an outdoor patio on the west side of the tenant space adjacent to a courtyard. On-premises alcohol will be offered. Before casting a vote for the permit, council members said they hoped this would be a tipping point for the neighbored. Many of the new developments near the Braddock Road Metro have had a difficult time filling the ground-floor retail spaces. So now that the Bastille will be opening its doors at the Asher, some are hopeful that the future may be bright for the up-and-coming neighborhood. "This may be a turning point," said Councilwoman Del Pepper, "when it really starts to blossom."

In the interest of full disclosure, Mayor Bill Euille announced that he had recently moved from Del Ray to the Asher. He said that he did not have a direct financial interest in the restaurant, although he had a significant personal interests in eating there — and in helping to see the neighborhood turn into the city's next hotspot.

"I saw it as a place in transition," said Euille.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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A look at the Robinson South proposal.

# Residential Waterfront

## Developers come forward with proposals for Robinson North and Robinson South.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When members of the Alexandria City Council were considering the waterfront plan, one the key considerations behind increasing the allowable density was the opportunity to create an active space. But now that two developers are moving forward with plans to develop Robinson North and Robinson South, the proposals are predominantly residential.

"The market for office is more or less nonexistent," said Karl Moritz, deputy director of Planning and Zoning.

The proposal for Robinson

North has a hotel on the western side of Union Street. And the proposal for Robinson South has a restaurant facing Point Lumley Park. Other than that, both incorporate residential properties into a plan that was supposed to activate the waterfront. During a presentation to members of the Waterfront Commission this week, developers

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— Karl Moritz, deputy director of Planning and Zoning

and their lawyers tried to frame the plan as a way to accomplish the goals of the waterfront plan.

"Our challenge is how do you have residential over retail?" asked Ken Wire, a lawyer who is representing Robinson North developer Cityinterests.

**ALTHOUGH THE PLAN** approved by members of the City

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A look at the concept for Robinson South.

# Budget Competition

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Two things are certain in life, death and taxes. And just as the spring flowers start to bloom this time a year, so do concerns about rising tax bills. As local governments across Northern Virginia consider budget proposals, taxpayers are reaching for their wallets. A review of proposed budgets in the region shows residential property taxpayers in Fairfax are looking at the largest potential increase, more than \$300. Taxpayers in Alexandria are looking at the smallest potential increase, less than \$200.

"There is always a competition among Northern Virginia local governments for who can either cut the most or raise their property tax the least," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "So it is a healthy competition."

Now that government executives have presented their proposed budgets to elected officials, members of the public are presenting their input in a series of formal public hearings and informal discussions. At issue for government leaders is what kinds of investments are necessary to enhance property values, the cash cow for jurisdictions in Virginia. Shafroth says homeowners generally want to see their assessments increase, although nobody wants to pay the higher tax bill.

"All of that, of course, could change significantly if Congress eliminates the deductibility of the property tax and limits the home mortgage deduction," said Shafroth. "Those two changes would make today's whines seem ludicrous in comparison."

**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**, the county executive has proposed a tax rate of \$1.085 for every \$100 of assessed value. Earlier this month, the Board of Supervisors voted to advertise a real estate rate that's two cents higher, \$1.105 for every \$100 of assessed value. Budget officials say one penny of the tax rate is equal to about \$21.9 million in general revenue, and an additional \$50 for the average residential property taxpayer. That means that supervisors might end up increasing the average bill more than \$400.

"It is important that the board allows for flexibility in considering a tax rate so that debate and discussion is not cut off at the very beginning of the budget process," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "The board can adopt a tax rate that is lower but not higher than what is advertised."

Last month, County Executive Ed Long presented a proposed budget with flat commercial tax revenues and lower than expected tax revenues for sales taxes, hotel taxes and business and professional license taxes.

Budget officials say the only area that is experiencing an upward tick is the assessed value of residential property. That means homeowners are likely to get stuck with a higher tax bill just to keep the current level of service.

"As the county continues to face fiscal challenges, we must persist in our cautious and deliberative approach to budgeting, only funding items that are sustainable," said Long. "We also must be ready to make the necessary decisions to maintain investment in our services, infrastructure and development of the community."

**IN ARLINGTON**, county manager has pro-

## Taxes to increase across Northern Virginia, some more than others.

### Proposed Tax Increases

❖ Alexandria: The average residential property tax bill would increase from \$4,901 to \$5,091. The additional \$190 would be a 3.88 percent increase.

❖ Arlington: The average residential property tax bill would increase from \$5,278 to \$5,560. The additional \$282 would be a 5 percent increase.

❖ Fairfax: The average residential property tax bill would increase from \$5,071 to \$5,403. The additional \$332 would be a 6.54 percent increase.

posed a tax rate of \$1.006 for every \$100 of assessed value, which includes the base rate of \$0.993 and the county-wide sanitary district rate of \$0.013 for stormwater management. Last month, members of the Arlington County Board voted to advertise no increase in the rate, which means elected officials must find a way to balance the budget using the increase in property values. Fortunately for Arlington, property values in the county have been some of the strongest in the region.

"The gap between funding for ongoing county services and revenues that I predicted in the fall was eliminated by our higher-than-anticipated real estate assessments," said County Manager Barbara Donnellan. "But we must still work to achieve efficiencies and continue to invest in our community."

In Arlington, unlike Alexandria, the tax base is split evenly between residential property and commercial property. County budget officials say that's a blessing and a curse.

When residential values declined during the recession, jurisdictions that were heavily reliant on them suffered. But commercial properties have been sluggish in the wake of sequestration and shutdown because the local economy is so heavily tied to the fate

of the federal government. That means that Arlington finds itself balanced between two different markets instead of tied to the fate of one.

"We like to say we like balanced development in the county," said Budget Director Richard Stephenson. "But that can be good or bad depending on where we are in the cycle."

**IN ALEXANDRIA**, the city manager has proposed a tax rate of \$1.038 for every \$100 of assessed value. Earlier this month, City Council members voted to advertise a tax rate that's half a cent higher. That tax rate of \$1.043 for every \$100 of assessed value would raise the average residential property tax bill by \$230. That's a 7 percent increase compared to last year.

"I did not run to raise property taxes," said Councilwoman Allison Silberberg. "But we have some growing needs."

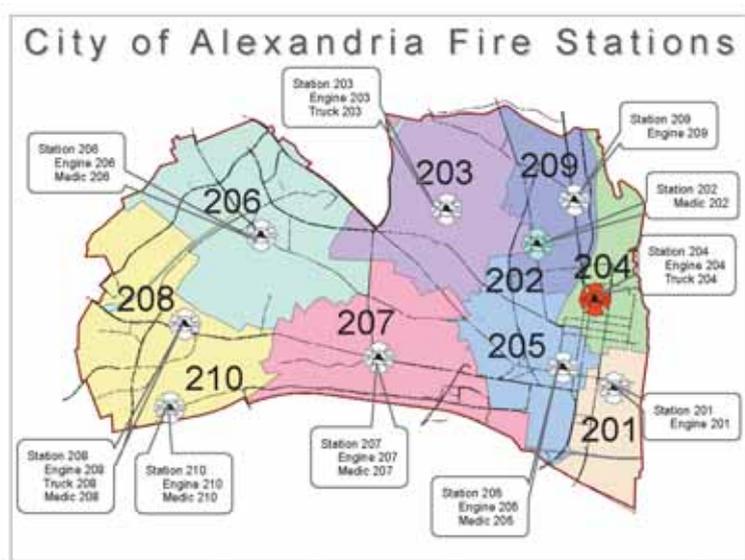
Unlike Arlington, Alexandria's tax revenues lean heavily toward residential properties. Almost 33 percent of the city's revenues come from residential property taxpayers, while commercial property taxpayers contribute only 25 percent of the tax base. That means the average single-family house, which increased about 3 percent this year, is shouldering a disproportionate amount of the burden for the increased cost of government in Alexandria.

"We have an 18 percent vacancy rate that's devaluing the commercial side of the ledger," said Alexandria Budget Director Nelsie Smith. "If we had a healthier commercial base that wasn't contributing to an 18 percent vacancy rate, we would not have seen the 0.68 percent growth from last year to this year."

Lyles-Crouch third grade teacher Laura Zybrick with students Alyse Krieger and Alex Smith at the lemonade stand set up to support Engine 204 on Second Street.



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A map shows the current locations of fire stations in the City of Alexandria.

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## Students Protest Proposed Move of Engine 204

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area, call volume will only increase." The city plans to relocate Engine 204 to Eisenhower Avenue and have its calls absorbed by other engine companies.

"This will only increase response times," Kristen Krieger said of the move outlined in the city's latest budget proposal. "Removing the engine in an area with so much new construction means you are reducing fire protection for homes and businesses in the

neighborhoods surrounding Engine 204."

Engine 204 serves North Old Town, Old Town, Del Ray, Rosemont and the City of Alexandria from its current location at the corner of Powhatan and Second streets.

"With so many new residents moving into

this area, it's important to have the station here," said Andrea Filkins, a neighborhood resident and mother of sons Sam, 3 1/2, and Jamie, 1 1/2. "If Engine 204 goes, the ambulances go, too. But when it comes to saving lives, every second matters."

# Severance

FROM PAGE 1  
 Now investigators here in Alexandria are looking into the possibility that Severance may have played a role in the murder of three high-profile residents — Ruthanne Lodato in 2014, Ron Kirby in 2013 and Nancy Dunning in 2003. During a bond hearing in West Virginia this week, an Ohio County prosecutor told a judge that Severance is a suspect in the Alexandria killings and should be kept in jail because he's a danger to the community. Alexandria police officials say they have not yet charged Severance with anything, and they are still tracking down leads in the cases.

"We have received more than 1,000 tips," said Alexandria police spokeswoman Crystal Nosal. "Each one of those has its own merit that needs to be looked at."

**EARLIER THIS MONTH**, Police Chief Earl Cook appeared before reporters to announce the results of ballistics tests conducted at the crime scene of the Lodato murder. The analysis showed that the bullets retrieved at the scenes of the Ron Kirby murder and the Nancy

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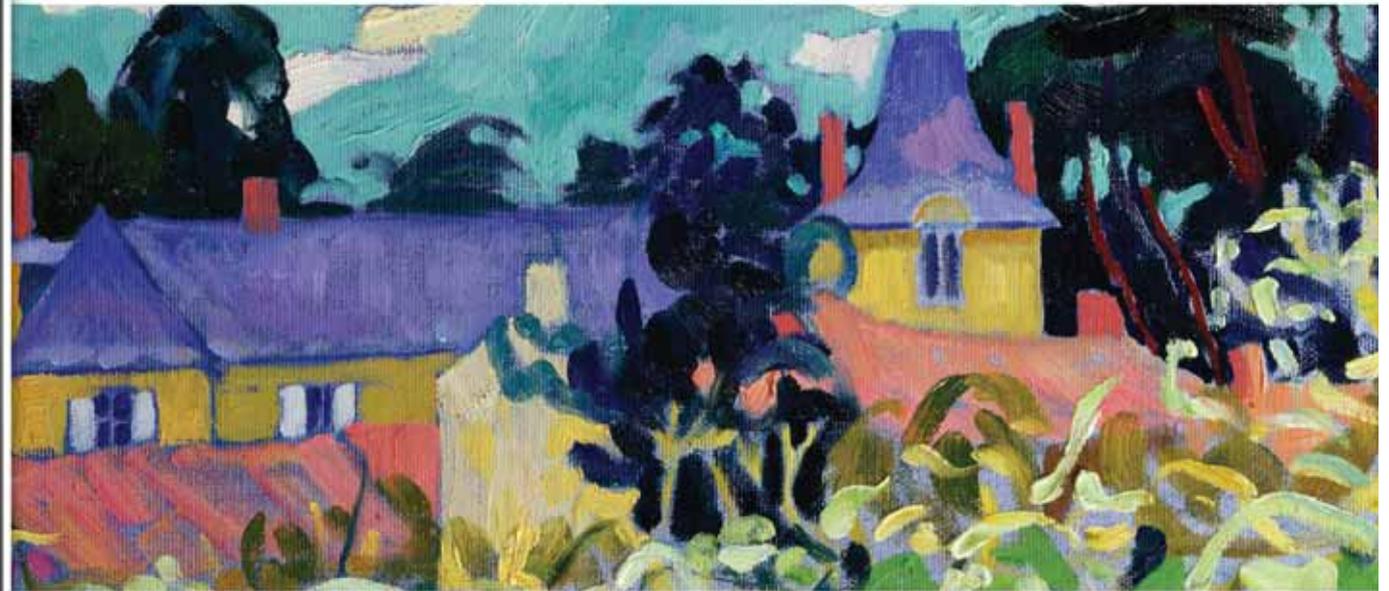
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## Developers Present Proposals

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Council allows for density to almost triple compared to what's there now, the developer of Robinson South presented a plan this week that does not use all of the available density allowed by elected officials. The plan allows for a maximum of 380,000 square feet. But EYA's proposal uses only 75 percent of the maximum allowable density.

"Sometimes less is more," said Robert Youngentob, president of EYA. "We believe that's the case here."

Youngentob describes the restaurant

space as a "loss leader," something the developer probably won't make money on. Nevertheless, he said, including the land use on one of the buildings was a way to accomplish the goal of the activating the waterfront as part of the city's plan. Without the restaurant, EYA's development proposal would be almost all residential — a mix of multi-family buildings and single-family townhouse. EYA's plan also lacks a marina, which was called for in the waterfront plan.

"That created too many obstacles," said Youngentob. "The cost of creating the breakwaters was too much."

Charles Severance, left, and Kerry Donley appear in a 1996 debate.



GAZETTE PACKET ARCHIVE

## One of Many Leads

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Dunning murder exhibit the same general rifling class and characteristics. Court records show Severance been charged with a number of firearms violations over the years, including a current charge in Loudoun County.

"He's certainly a person of interest," said Mayor Bill Euille. "And he possibly may have a connection or know something relative to the incidents here."

Severance first made an appearance on the public stage in 1996, when Mayor Patsy Ticer was elected to the Virginia state Senate. That opened the door for a special election, which featured acting Mayor Kerry Donley against a little-known fringe candidate named Charles Stanard Severance. On election day, Donley received 5,030 votes and Severance received 490. The independent candidate was clearly unhappy with out-

come. "The lackeys of the Democratic party do not appear to like my works, but that is not surprising," Severance told the Gazette Packet. "Masters and Ph.D.s and sycophants do not like the truth."

**SEVERANCE WAS** on the ballot again later that year as a candidate opposing U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). During one of the debates in that race, Severance took a swing at one of the organizers and was ejected from the building. But the independent candidate was not willing to make a graceful exit.

"And then he ran around the room with an American flag and out the door and then a bunch of people chased him down and retrieved the flag," recalled Donley. "It was odd to say the least."

At press time, Alexandria police say it's "premature" to name Severance as "the only possible suspect."

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# OPINION

## Income Gap Alive and Well

Statistics make life in the area sound idyllic, but many families are left out in the land of plenty.

Northern Virginia is a place of wonder and plenty. So says the New York Times this past week in, "Income Gap Meet the Longevity Gap," (March 15, 2014).

Fairfax County is cited as place whose residents "are among the longest-lived in the country," and compared to McDowell County, W.Va., where residents have one of the shortest life expectancies. In Fairfax, "men have an average life expectancy of 82 years and women, 85, about the same as in Sweden. In McDowell, the averages are 64 and 73, about the same as in Iraq."

If you are reading this, chances are that the Connection was delivered to your single family home in an affluent neighborhood. In fact, many of us do live in the Northern Virginia described in the New York Times. All it takes is money.

"In Fairfax, there are ample doctors, hospi-

tals, recreation centers, shops, restaurants, grocery stores, nursing homes and day care centers, with public and private entities providing cradle-to-grave services to prosperous communities."

But here is where the crack in the wall appears: "The jobs tend to be good jobs, providing health insurance and pensions, even if there is a growing low-wage work force of health aides, janitors, fast-food workers and the like."

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 49,000 of the 185,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized or free meals. In Fairfax County, more than 100,000 people lack health insurance, including 35,000 who could be covered now at no cost to themselves or the state if they lived in West Virginia because West Virginia has embraced the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, so its poorest residents do have access to health

care. Not so in Virginia.

In Northern Virginia, we have our own income gap, and likely our own longevity gap. In Northern Virginia, we have a health care crisis. In Northern Virginia, we do have an affordable housing crisis.

EDITORIAL

Tens of thousands of working poor people in Northern Virginia, families with at least one full time job, cannot afford to rent an apartment. Earnings of at least \$1,100 a week would be required to afford market rate rent in Fairfax County according to the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance. But the county's 50,000 retail workers, for example, average about \$635 a week according to the Virginia Employment Commission. The county's 40,000-plus food service workers average \$415 a week. Even the county's 38,000 local government employees average \$950 weekly, a stretch in this area.

To read the story in the New York Times, go to [www.NYTimes.com](http://www.NYTimes.com) and search "income gap."

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bone-Rattling Potholes

To the Editor:

I live in the Del Ray-Rosemont area and each day when I drive to work I am reminded of a serious shortcoming of my local government: the local roads. Driving around the city is literally a bone-rattling experience due to the poor condition of the roads. Weather-created potholes aside, the streets are in horrific shape. I can't imagine the amount of damage being done to cars as they navigate the bumpy and distressed streets. Where are my tax dollars going? They are certainly not going to road maintenance. I — like many drives — find myself looking down at the road as I drive in order to navigate the ruts rather than looking

ahead which makes for unsafe driving. On the potholes side, I challenge anyone to find a pothole that has been repaired by the city. A neighbor has taken the initiative and filled a local hole with his own gravel. Someone from the city needs to speak up on this. Driving around Alexandria reminds me of driving in Washington and being compared to D.C. is never a good thing.

Bill Turner  
Alexandria

## Best Use Of Funds?

To the Editor:

When I think of the money the city is spending to further the cause of bike riders in Alex-

andria I am appalled. I am particularly appalled because the city, in the name of inadequate funds, has cut staff and activities for other every-day citizen services.

Think of the time Rich Baier [director, Transportation and Environmental Services Department] has spent, his staff have spent, and the reports and studies city staff have generated to prove themselves right — that bikers have a right to crowd out cars or take away parking places on busy city streets. We the taxpayers are paying dearly for their time and obduracy.

Linda Greenberg  
Alexandria

## Fiscal Blindness

To the Editor:

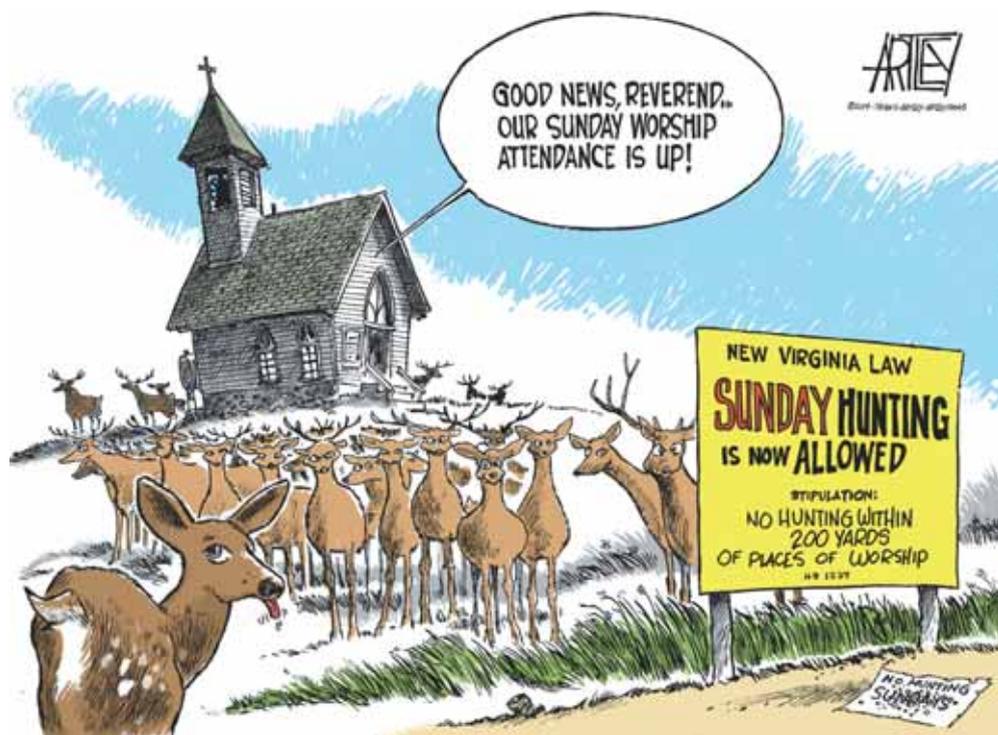
I enjoyed Annabelle Fisher's Feb. 13 letter on business as usual in City Hall. She was spot on, the \$100,000 spent on civic engagement, it is equivalent to losing about \$10,000,000 in the real estate tax base. It is truly a complete waste. However what can we expect from a city government whose secret motto appears to be "We don't listen, and we don't care." This abuse of the taxpayer is typical of Alexandria politicians.

Her thoughts on eliminating various boards, commissions and advisory panels are also on target. However, her position has one drawback. All these boards create the façade of civic engagement. If eliminated that would end the charade of pretending to listen, so that may not work.

Civic engagement is basic to civil service. If you need that much training you should get a new job, and I speak as a former Federal employee.

Another fascinating article was published on

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Febr. 20, "And Now There Are 11." The capsule descriptions show 11 people who are identical, cloned, interchangeable spare parts, with no real differences between them. Just paste their pictures on a dart board and throw. Whoever you hit is the one to vote for. Why? Not one mentions the Federal government's rapidly deteriorating financial picture. All 11 seem only to think in terms of more spending. This cannot continue if the government runs out of borrowing capacity, which is possible. There is no mention of a thriving, tax paying private sector, which is the real heart and soul of our economy. Also it is the real key to a thriving middle class. However this fiscal blindness is endemic to Democrats in Northern Virginia.

The local example is your Feb. 27 article on the city budget, and the so called "self-imposed" debt limit and funding for the proposed Potomac Yards Metro station. Bond analyst may understand this exception, but it adds to the overall debt burden. We, the forgotten taxpayers, will have to pay the debt service, both interest and principal, with real dollars, not the pretend Monopoly money dollars in the minds of the city managers. Bond holder's are real picky about being paid back in real money. The high priced \$500,000,000 option will cost about \$25,000,000 in interest alone, before debt amortization. This can add 8 to 10 cents to the real estate tax rate. Conser

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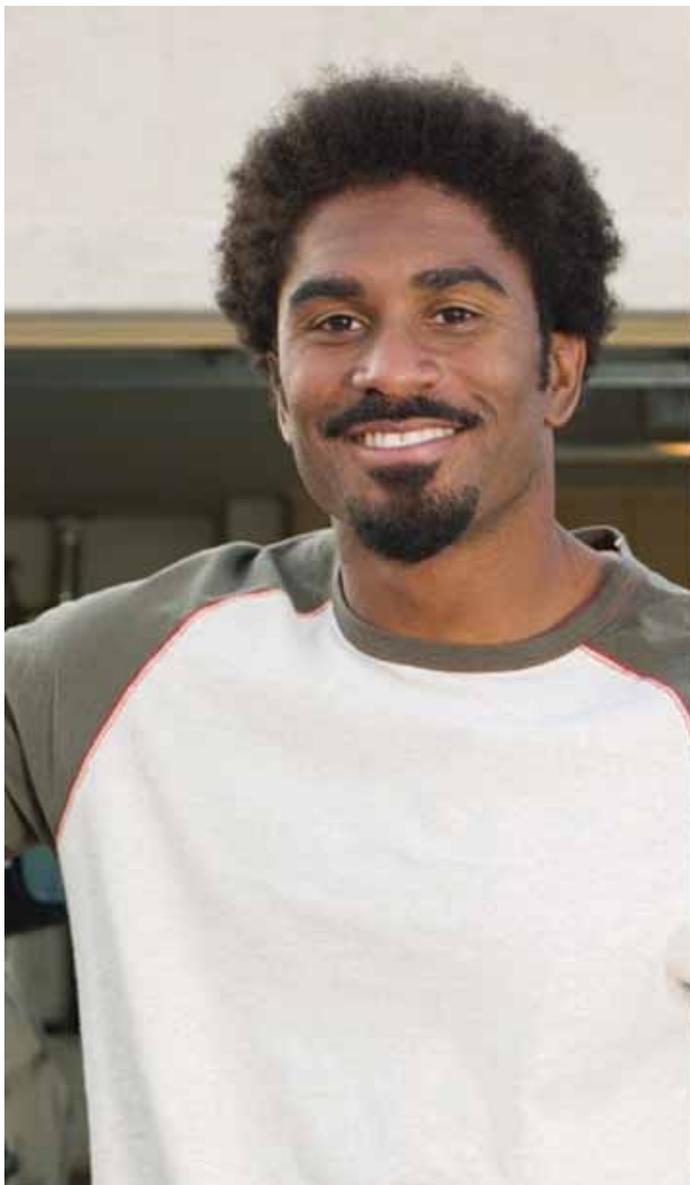
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## OPINION

# Is Severance The Main Suspect?

BY HARRY M. COVERT

The best news source and report in the Alexandria murder cases apparently come from West Virginia.

Investigators locally may have hit a stone wall, again, in the Ruthanne Lodato murder. They've been stymied for some time now in the November shooting death of Ronald Kirby and the Dec. 5 2003 killing of Nancy Dunning.

### COVERT MATTERS

No facts seem to be forthcoming.

Each of these are the highest of the highest profile cases in the city which occurred in the Del Ray section. Obviously prosecutors can't and won't comment on the probe. Police officials repeat the words "nothing has changed on our end."

Last week, the media was all agog on a "person of interest" nabbed sitting in a public library in Wheeling, W.Va., not on a warrant issued by Alexandria's magistrate's office. The breaking story came from a national correspondent.

The man of interest is Charles R. Severance, 53, once a candidate for mayor of Alexandria. His current address is listed in Loudoun County and that's where an arrest warrant was issued on a fugitive weapons charge by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Then the story broke. Inquiries found Severance had visited the Russian embassy in Washington and denied asylum.

A sketch of the suspect in the Lodato case has been distributed far and wide. A mugshot of Severance in Wheeling has been compared. Several local officials publicly admitted to noticing a similarity in the images; one said he remembered his political campaigning. They apparently didn't seem to recognize him in the police "sketch." Police didn't report any recognition to the press.

Some in the media and officials question whether there is a city news blackout on the facts of all three cases. With appreciation to



West Virginia police and court officials, the public knows now that Severance is wanted by Virginia.

The Wheeling prosecutor told the judge Virginia authorities want Severance "in connection with three murders and they believe he is a danger to the public." Alexandria police have not commented on this.

Severance told the court he doesn't want to be extradited to Virginia. The judge ordered him held without bond. He will come back when a Governor's Bond is served in Wheeling. But, his first stop will be in Loudoun County. No word has been released that police will obtain warrants to hold him for Alexandria.

City police have made attempts to calm residents. Open doors carefully and know visitors or delivery persons, they say.

There is no question that many citizens are now armed to the teeth. Many privately admit holding an armed pistol when answering doorbells. Who can blame them?

Just when Severance returns to Virginia is a good question but it probably will be soon. Just when he comes to the William G. Truesdale Detention Center on Mill Road is another good query.

Will he still be a person of interest when extradition is completed? The public won't have any idea unless and until prosecutors and detectives are able to release more definitive details.

The question still remains, who is the serial killer?

Are officials any closer to solving the three murders?

### Still Counting

Ruthanne Lodato, 34 days, unsolved.  
Ronald Kirby, 147 days, unsolved.  
Nancy Dunning, 3,757 days, unsolved.

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### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Claire Malkie**, a freshman majoring in drama has been named to the dean's list at Hofstra University.

**Madelene Kuhn**, a freshman ma-

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# Sailing Into History

**ASF whaleboat to join final voyage of historic Charles W. Morgan.**

BY KATHY SEIFERT

For the past several months, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation has been building a whaleboat as part of Mystic Seaport's restoration of the Charles W. Morgan, the last surviving whaleship and oldest commercial vessel in America. ASF is one of seven organizations from across the country to take part in this historic rebuild of a traditional whaleboat.

On March 10, ASF's completed whaleboat made the trip to Washington, D.C. in front of the U.S. Capitol. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), Matthew Stackpole, historian from Mystic Seaport, and the Rev. Pierce Klemmt of Christ Church in Alexandria participated in the christening of ASF's whaleboat.

Built by ASF apprentices and volunteers, the whaleboat and the Charles W. Morgan upon which she will sail are symbols of the American shipbuilding industry and individual perseverance as they serve to honor the country's seafaring ancestors and the whaling voyages of the 1800s.

This summer, ASF's whaleboat will be heading to Mystic, Conn., to join the others aboard the 1841 whale ship, Charles W. Morgan, for her 38th and final voyage to select New England ports. The Morgan, a National Historic Landmark vessel and the oldest American commercial ship still afloat,



**Anthony, an apprentice with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, works on a whaleboat as part of Mystic Seaport's restoration of the Charles W. Morgan, the last remaining whale ship in existence.**

is the flagship of the watercraft collection at Mystic Seaport. This voyage marks the culmination of a five-year, \$7.5 million restoration of the ship.

To see the Charles W. Morgan itinerary, go to [www.mysticseaport.org](http://www.mysticseaport.org).

For more information on ASF's whaleboat project, contact [seifert@alexandria-seaport.org](mailto:seifert@alexandria-seaport.org).

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vation and realistic financial planning states that it will cost more and generate less revenue than predicted. That should be the basis of planning.

In short we have a pattern of public officials who do not listen and want to bankrupt us.

**William L. Blumberg, MBA**  
Alexandria

## Elder-Removal Program

To the Editor:

An approved city budget gives citizens a clear statement of our leaders' preferences. The budget that the city manager has proposed sends a startling message.

In this budget we would provide well for the young and athletic, but not to the old and infirm. There is a generous amount set aside for bike share and other programs that improve conditions for a relatively small group of people. That might be acceptable if the city were flush with cash which it is not. We are planning expensive bike amenities such as the "bike boulevard" on Royal Street while at the same time eliminating the senior taxi program entirely.

Senior taxi is a godsend for many elderly, who may be too infirm to wait on a bus or walk to the bus stop. Many older seniors have given up driving because of physical limitations or because they can't afford to maintain a car any longer. To discontinue this program while maintaining or increasing funds for other non-essential programs is simply cruel. Senior taxi is but one of many social safety net programs being reduced or eliminated in the city manager's proposed budget.

Then there is the elimination of all property tax exemptions for those over 65 with income between \$40,000 and \$60,000 if they own a home assessed at more than \$575,000. That describes the value of almost half the homes in Alexandria. Today that group receives a one-half exemption, but does pay property tax, sometimes several thousand dollars annually.

The property tax is not progressive and does not correlate with income. Many long-time home owners of whatever age are living in homes they could not afford to buy today. The worth of a particular property may be enormous in comparison with the original cost. Recently a friend told me that he and his wife would like to leave their North Ridge home for a condo. They discarded that idea because they would have to pay a lot of capital gains tax to the Federal government with the sale of the house.

It's not hard to see that some of the seniors faced with paying thousands more in property tax each year without any foreseeable income increase because they are long retired, would be forced into selling the home. They would not avoid paying capital gains in that situation. If they file as single taxpayers, as many widows or widowers do, that tax would be even higher.

Many of the people in this program today would be forced into selling and moving elsewhere. It's not unreasonable to see



### Winter Fun

**Sledders of all ages took to the hillside beneath the George Washington Masonic Temple on Monday, March 17, enjoying the newly fallen snow.**



**The fresh-packed snow sends two sledders sideways down the hill.**



**There is lift-off as two children steer their sled over the crest of a small rise in the snow.**

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this change in our property tax collection as an elder-removal program.

**Katy Cannady**  
Alexandria

## Making a Trial Run

To the Editor:

The conditioned vote on the King Street bike lane was a heartening start to using compromise to produce a better solution. Vice Mayor Silberberg and Councilman Chapman are to be commended for their outreach efforts that created a bike lane pilot project whose performance at the end of 18 months will contribute to the final configuration for combining pedestrians, vehicles, bikes, and residential needs.

It was encouraging and impressive to see the mayor's determination to put an 18-month trial period in place in order to evaluate a tricky and potentially dangerous reconfiguration of a small portion of King Street.

By emphasizing enforcement of roadway laws for both vehicles and bicycles, requesting that BPAC make a serious effort to educate riders, and most importantly insist on hard data for a performance assessment at the end of 18 months, the mayor has moved this out of the confrontational mode triggered by earlier maneuvering.

It is greatly to the credit of residents and Taylor Run Civic Association members Lisa Scanlon and Jesi Carlson that some hard data and outside the box thinking opened up the options on how to fairly include pedestrians, vehicles, bikes, and residents to potentially produce a win-win for everyone. We're not there, yet. But it was their PowerPoint presentation, unfortunately not shared with the public at the hearing (for mysterious reasons) that made all the difference. Seeing it would have balanced the

staff dominated and controlled information session that led to the vote. Offering it to all parties, including residents who use that stretch of King Street on a regular basis, would have been fair and in keeping with the principles of engagement broadly outlined in What's Next Alexandria. Withholding it was a mistake.

Implementing the evaluation will mean tracking all travel modes of this re-configured roadway over an 18-month period. It will be costly, which is why most traffic studies are short term, rarely exceeding six months. Determining the right measures will need to be a joint venture: residents, cyclists, and city staff, with a review by DASH drivers, police, and firefighters.

Given that the mayor did wisely challenge the advisability of installing bikeways on the narrow street grid of Old Town, it would be prudent in this time of extremely tight budgets to re-allocate the \$15,000 from the Royal Street Bike Boulevard study to implement this project. Contracts all contain exit clauses for precisely this reason.

At the end of this 18-month traffic design's trial run, hard data on this test effort should provide an excellent platform for crafting a traffic pattern that can accommodate everyone, including those who can't move to get out of the way.

**Kathryn Papp**  
Alexandria

## The Eminent Domain Council'

To the Editor:

On Saturday I attended the public hearing on approving the Special Use Permits (SUPs) of two used car dealers whose businesses are located on the 1300 block of King Street. The city in all its wisdom has de-

ecided that these two used car lots are non-conforming uses for King Street. They did however give them until October to find alternate spaces elsewhere in the city. This is easier said than done as finding affordable alternative and accessible sites elsewhere is almost impossible.

These two dealerships have over a number of years fulfilled a need for the community by providing affordable transportation to those occupying affordable or public housing. They have been in their current locations since 1941 in one case and 1962 in the other.

Generally, the economic marketplace decides what businesses will succeed rather than government stepping in and dictating the outcome. In this case the city has decided to put the two car dealerships on King Street out of business because cosmetically they just don't fit in. All this while allowing two porn shops on King Street and a bong shop at the intersection of Queen and Lee streets. Where is the fairness in this? The owners of the two properties are the decision makers in deciding when and if they will renew their leases with the car dealerships, not the city. In fact the owners may decide to sell or develop the properties for other uses, but again it's their call.

Both the dealerships are owned by immigrants. We have always taken great pride in celebrating our diversity in the great city. Yet here are two enterprising businessmen trying to make the American dream a reality and in return the city tells them "you are out of business." This cannot happen here in America.

In my 29 years of living in Alexandria this is the most egregious action by our city government that I have ever witnessed. The seizure of their property is eminent domain by another name. This council after threatening eminent domain against the Old Do

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minion Boat Club now is essentially issuing that threat again to these two car dealerships. This council has now taken on the moniker of "The Eminent Domain Council" a designation that will be tied to them in perpetuity.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## True Marriage

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read in former council member Lonnie Rich's Feb. 27 Commentary piece that after voting to add sexual orientation to Alexandria's human rights ordinance, then councilman Mike Jackson was thereafter refused communion. The Catholic Church has long held that all persons deserve to be treated with dignity. Such an addition to an ordinance is in line with Catholic teaching and approving and/or endorsing it should in no way jeopardize access to communion. I hope that this error was corrected and councilman Jackson was able to receive again.

As for the message in Mr. Rich's piece, it too dismays me. I know Mr. Rich has a long history with Alexandria and can appreciate his service for three terms on City Council and the recent announcement of his being honored (along with his wife a daughter) at this year's Senior Services Gala. It seems inevitable that civil marriage will no longer

be prohibited for same sex couples, in a true marriage, you give yourself totally to the other. That is why marriage with more than two people and why sex outside of marriage is wrong. In both cases, it is not a total giving of yourself to the other. In the former you would have to split yourself between at least two people, in the latter, there is no commitment to the giving. Part of marriage is sex. Sex has two purposes — it strengthens the permanent bond of matrimony between the people involved in it and it allows for the possibility of procreation.

Moreover these two purposes cannot be separated, at least not without causing harm, most notably in the form of divorce (which harms any children in addition to the spouses), the strain of unintended single parent families, and abortion. That is why sex without the possibility of procreation is wrong — it says the persons involved in it are less than persons because their fertility is not accepted (or is misused) or that the actions taken are purely for pleasure. It would seem out of order to have a married man and woman who only wanted children from their sex without the bonding. The same applies to a couple that only wants the bonding but not the children. I will say that for the past 50 or more years, society has gotten civil marriage wrong most of the time, so I cannot blame same sex couples for feeling they can do no worse, but it will make it worse by reinforcing the incorrect message that the two inseparable purposes

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Maggie McClelland, Adam Ashley, Katie Kind and Aiden White star in The Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater production of "Once Upon a Mattress." Performances are March 21-23 and 28-30 at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Visit [www.MVCCT.org](http://www.MVCCT.org).



Greg Kenney and Ellie Milewski perform in The Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater production of "Once Upon a Mattress."



The Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater will present "Once Upon a Mattress" March 21-23 and 28-30 at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Visit [www.mvcct.org](http://www.mvcct.org).

## Happily Ever After

### MVCCT presents "Once Upon A Mattress."

It made Carol Burnett a star. It's a twist on a familiar fairy tale and is now a showcase for 47 young actors representing 30 area schools. Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale, "The Princess and the Pea," comes to the stage as a musical comedy in the Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater spring production "Once Upon a Mattress."

With considerable twists on the childhood fairytale, the musical opens in a very unhappy medieval kingdom being ruled by an evil queen and a mute and powerless king. The queen knows that she'll lose her power if her son marries and finds many creative methods of shuttling princess candidates quickly out the door. Adding to the tale of

how Princess Winnifred and Prince Dauntless meet and the tangled lives of the courtiers who very much want the prince to marry, are some very funny musical numbers, including "An Opening for a Princess," "I'm Shy" and "Spanish Panic."

Nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical, "Once Upon a Mattress" is a timeless tale with a spin that is as fresh and funny as ever. The production is family-friendly and appropriate for most children. It's full of silliness, great characters, funny lyrics and even a father-son song that mimes a hilariously innocent tale of birds, bees and the stork. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful take on the classic "Princess and the Pea" that is perfect for a family night



Adrianna DeLorenzo and Aiden White in "Once Upon a Mattress," opening March 21 at The Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater.

out. Everyone loves a "happily ever after" story.

To further encourage budding young artists of all genres, MVCCT in partnership with Zinga Frozen Yogurt in Beacon Center

Mall, is hosting a "Princess and the Pea" coloring contest. Visit [www.mvcct.org](http://www.mvcct.org) for more. Children under 18 have a chance to win a free ticket to the show and backstage tour to meet the cast.

### CALENDAR

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#### ONGOING

**Songwriter's Showcase.** Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets.

**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](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com).

**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](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**Exhibition Fundraiser.** From March 8-23 at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibition features nearly 200 panels of artwork created by local artists. \$150/panel. The panels will be for sale and proceeds will benefit March of Dimes and the Target Gallery's outreach programming. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**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](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Woodlawn Exhibit.** See work of

needle artists from across the country, including objects created by First Ladies and First Family members, including items by Edith Roosevelt, Dolley Madison and Barbara Bush. The exhibit runs March 1-31 at Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday through Monday. Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for a fee. Admission is \$10/adult; \$5/student. Visit [www.woodlawnpotheighey.org](http://www.woodlawnpotheighey.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See photographer E.E. McCollum transform the figure in "The Cocoon Series" March 13 through April 7 in the Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Through a series of black and white photographs, McCollum transforms the human figure by using nylon tubing to encase the body. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** "ColorField" pays homage to the Washington Color School by

encouraging Art League artists to revisit this method of abstract painting in which color is emphasized and form and surface are deemphasized. The exhibit runs through April 7 in the Art League at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See "REVOLUTION: Art and Technology" art exhibit from April 4-27 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists explore their relationship with technology in computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, mixed-media pieces expressing feelings about technology, and more. Hours are Thursdays noon-6 p.m.; Friday & Saturday noon-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-6 p.m. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

**Sculpture Exhibit.** Friday, March 21-Sunday April 27 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria

Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. See Edmond Nassa's "Innermost Evocations." His website <http://edmondnassa.com/> showcases some of his work. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Art Exhibit.** See "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. The exhibit runs March 20-May 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Art Exhibit.** See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore from March 26 through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

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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 Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations required. Visit [shop.alexandriava.gov](http://shop.alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4242.

**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](http://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 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](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at [PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://PresPassport.Monticello.org).

**Art Exhibit.** See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.

## 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.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.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](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-

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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.

## SUMMER CAMP

**Theater Camp.** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit [www.mvctt.org](http://www.mvctt.org).

## CHERRY BLOSSOM FUN

**Cherry Blossom Food Tour.** On Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m., take a guided tour of Alexandria, exploring the architecture, while pausing in locally-owned eateries to sample cherry-centric dishes and learn about cherry blossom history. \$49/person. Runs March 22-April 12. Visit [www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/cherry\\_blossom\\_food\\_tour.html](http://www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/cherry_blossom_food_tour.html) for more.

**Blossoms by Bike River Ride.** On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m., enjoy a three-hour bike tour along the Mount Vernon Trail, into DC and around the tidal basin to see the blossoms up close. Runs March 22-April 13. \$40/person age 13 and older. Visit [www.bikethestates.com/tours](http://www.bikethestates.com/tours) for reservations.

**Cherry Blossom Boat Tour.** Departing Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. at Cameron and Union Streets. Take a boat cruise and view the blossoms along the river. Runs March 29-April 13. \$26/adult; \$14/child age 2-11. Visit [www.potomacriverboatco.com/blossoms2014.php](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/blossoms2014.php) to register.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 20

**Reception.** 6 p.m. at Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. "Meet the Legends" reception. \$45/by March 19; \$55/door. Register at [meet-the-legends.eventbrite.com](http://meet-the-legends.eventbrite.com).

**Anniversary Party.** 6-9 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King Street, in Alexandria. The Arlington/Alexandria chapter of Holistic Moms network will celebrate five years with an anniversary party. Visit [www.holisticmomsarlex.blogspot.com](http://www.holisticmomsarlex.blogspot.com) or [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org) for more.

**CatJams: Music For A Cause.** 8 p.m. at Franconia Moose Lodge 7701 Beulah St. Contributions will go towards expanding the current playground at the Nannie J. Lee Center, installing a cushioned play surface, extending ADA walkways around the park, and purchasing pieces of accessible play equipment. No Moose membership required, all welcome. Visit <http://lodge1076.moosetpages.org/>.

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will play music for the String Quartet. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-5658.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 21

**Community Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Enjoy music by the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4. 703-765-4573 TTY: 711.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit [mvctt.org](http://mvctt.org) for more.

**NOVA Idol.** 7 p.m., at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria Campus

of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St. Nine of NOVA's singing sensations will battle for the title of this year's NOVA Idol. Three high school student will compete in a separate division. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with pre-show performances by the Texas Chainsaw Horns Band, NOVA's Favorite Dancer Jillian Muschler, and the Manassas Park High Cougar Drumline. Free, open to the public. Parking is free. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/novaidol/](http://www.nvcc.edu/novaidol/) or call 703-933-5074.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 22

**Bus Tour on the Civil War Defenses of Washington.** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., meet at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. The itinerary includes Forts Reno, DeRussy and Totten, and highlights Fort Stevens and Battleground National Cemetery. Pre-registration required, \$85/members of the Friends of Fort Ward; \$100/non-member. Call the Museum at 703-746-4848 to register.

**Reptiles Alive!** Noon at the Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. See snakes, crocodiles and more. Fun for the family. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets and more.

**Theater Performance.** 6:30 p.m. See "The Foreigner" at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Proceeds benefit Empowers, Inc., an after-school program for at-risk children and youth of the area. Appropriate for children age 11 and older. \$12/online. Increased cost at the door. Buy tickets at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) or 703-855-4444.

**Cheesetopia Event.** 2-5 p.m. at Balducci's Food Lover's Market, 600 Franklin St. Taste gourmet cheeses, enjoy demos, meet renowned tastemakers, a raffle and more. Free. Visit [www.balduccis.com](http://www.balduccis.com).

**Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, located in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Reception for "Innermost Evocations" includes guest panel on collecting art with Jay Townsend and Mary Higgins. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Hear music by Brahms, Bolcom and others. \$20/general; \$15/senior; \$10/student and teacher. 703-765-4342.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit [mvctt.org](http://mvctt.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 23

**Theater Performance.** See "The Foreigner" at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Proceeds benefit Empowers, Inc., an after-school program for at-risk children and youth of the area. Appropriate for children age 11 and older. \$12/online. Increased cost at the door. Buy tickets at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) or 703-855-4444.

**Theater Performance.** 3 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit [mvctt.org](http://mvctt.org) for more.

**Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meet some of the artists of "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower." The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its entire metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 26

**Author Discussion.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Stuart Butler will discuss his book "Defending the Old Dominion," about

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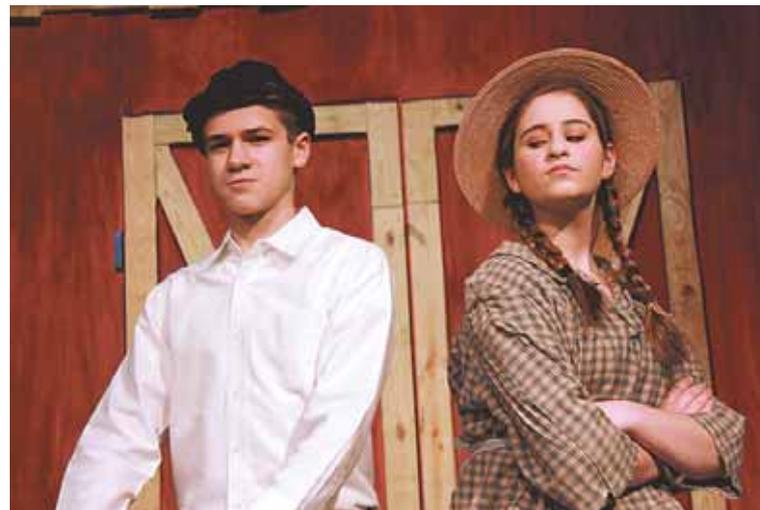
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**Delaney Keefe (Diana Barry) and Lucy Roberts (Anne Shirley), are “kindred spirits” and best friends in this adaptation of the L.M. Montgomery novel.**



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**James Woods (Gilbert Blythe) and Lucy Roberts (Anne Shirley) in one of their many standoffs**

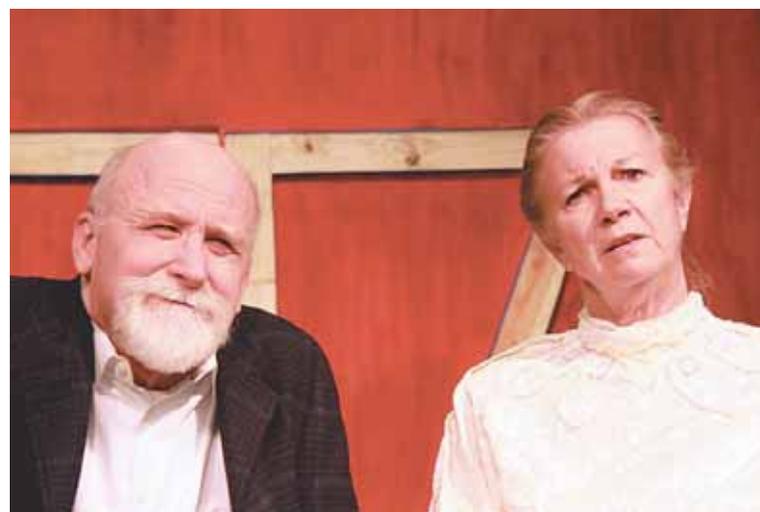
## ‘Anne of Green Gables’ Opens Friday at ACCT

Aldersgate Church Community Theatre presents the Alexandria premiere of “Anne of Green Gables.”

Relive all of the memorable events and characters from the in L.M. Montgomery’s enduring tale about an orphan, Anne Shirley — “Anne with an ‘e’” — who dreams big and leads with her heart. From her first encounter with Marilla, her austere guardian, to her graduation from Queen’s Academy, we experience all the tragedies and triumphs that mark Anne’s growth from adolescence to early adulthood: her friendship with Diana, her feuds with Gilbert, her adoration of Matthew, the mistaken wine bottle, the cake disaster, the broken leg, the scholastic achievements, and the saving of Green Gables. Whether the playgoer is an old “kindred spirit” of Anne’s or meeting her for the first time, audiences will fall in love with one of literature’s unforgettable characters.

The cast includes: Lucy Roberts (Anne Shirley), Barbara Hayes (Marilla Cuthbert), Teddy Gron (Matthew Cuthbert), with: James Woods (Gilbert Blythe), Delaney Keefe (Diana Barry), Brendan DeBie (Charlie Snow), Mike Walker (Station Master, Mr. Spencer), Ashley Amidon (Miss Stacy), Anna Johnson (Josie Pye), Emily Wilson (Ruby Gillis), Matthew Cheney (Moody MacPherson), Joy Gardiner (Mrs. Blewitt, Mrs. Berry), Melanie Bales (Rachel Lynde), and Erblin Nushi (Mr. Phillips).

*Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theatre. Running March 21-April 6, performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org). Tickets are \$12 for youth and seniors, and \$15 for adults. ACCT is located at 1301 Collingwood Road, at the intersection of Fort Hunt and Collingwood roads.*



**Teddy Gron (Matthew Cuthbert) and Barbara Hayes (Marilla Cuthbert) ponder what to do when they realize the orphanage sent them a girl instead of a boy.**



**Cast members Ashley Amadon (Miss Stacy), Mike Walker (Station Master, Mr. Spencer), Melanie Bales (Rachel Lynde), Erblin Nushi (Mr. Phillips), and Joy Gardiner (Mrs. Blewitt, Mrs. Barry).**



**Matthew Cheney (Moody MacPherson), James Woods (Gilbert Blythe), and Brendan DeBie (Charlie Snow) plan a playground prank.**



**Delaney Keefe (Diana Barry), Emily Wilson (Ruby Gillis), Lucy Roberts (Anne Shirley), and Anna Johnson (Josie Pye) in the schoolyard.**



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**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit [mvcct.org](http://mvcct.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 29

**Rummage Sale.** 9 a.m.-noon at Fort Hunt Preschool grounds, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse infants', children's and maternity clothes, books, games and furniture. Household items such as kitchenware, linens and decorations will also be on sale. All proceeds benefit the preschool. Visit [www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.html](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.html) for more.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Meet Carol Butler, the author of "Genois Wilson, Firefighter, She Dared to Be First," and Genois Wilson. Tour the historic firehouse and ring the bell. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For children age 6 and older. \$4/child. Reservations required, [www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or 703-746-4994.

**Signature English Tea.** 2-4 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Enjoy music, a silent auction and more. \$40/adult; \$25/child age 12 and under. 703-497-5927.

**Generation to Generation Gala.** 6-11 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Enjoy dinner, dancing, silent auction and more. SSA will pay tribute to some Alexandria residents for the impact they've had on the community. Buy tickets at [www.eventbrite.com/e/generation-to-generation-gala-tickets-10630589379](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/generation-to-generation-gala-tickets-10630589379) or visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org/](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org/) for more.

**Great Rum Punch Challenge.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 138 N. Royal St. Enjoy different rum punch creations from local restaurants and distilleries and vote for your favorite, as Cutters of Barbados defends its title. The Alexandria Town Crier will announce the winner at the end of the evening. There will also be food, a silent auction and more. Beverages will be provided for designated drivers. \$50/person or \$100/person for VIP pre-event tasting. Proceeds benefit the museum's educational and preservation efforts. Reservations required. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> for tickets.

**Concert.** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Barry S. Hemphill, guest conductor will lead the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, featuring the Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington. Free pre-concert chat one hour prior to performance. Reserved seating starts at \$20 adult; \$10 student with ID; and \$5 for 18 and under. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 30

**Theater Performance.** 3 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit [mvcct.org](http://mvcct.org) for more.

**Music Performance.** 3 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform the world premiere of a cantata by local composer Lawrence Ries. \$20/general; free for children 18 and under. Visit [www.wmpmusic.org](http://www.wmpmusic.org).

**Gala Concert, Reception and Silent Auction.** 4 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The Symphony

Orchestra of Northern Virginia will host a silent auction that opens at 3:30 p.m. \$25/advance; \$35/door. Visit [www.sonovamusic.org](http://www.sonovamusic.org) for tickets.

**Musical Classics.** 5 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. National Men's Chorus, under the direction of Thomas Beveridge, will present "Gilbert & Sullivan and other Classics of the Musical Stage." The program will feature soprano, Debi Smith, and pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. At the door: \$20 (general admission), students and children free. Visit [www.nationalmenschorus.org](http://www.nationalmenschorus.org) or call 202-244-7191.

## MONDAY/MARCH 31

**Annual Salute to Women Awards.** 6 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Each year, the Alexandria Commission for Women celebrates Alexandria's outstanding women, men, and youth who have made a significant impact on women and girls in Alexandria. This year's networking reception and awards ceremony will be celebrating both the 40th anniversary of the Alexandria Commission for Women and the legacy of Vola Lawson. \$65, proceeds benefit Alexandria's Sexual Assault Program and other women's initiatives. Visit [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com) for more.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 1

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Calmus Ensemble Leipzig will perform. \$25-\$30. Visit [www.classicalmovements.com](http://www.classicalmovements.com) or 703-683-6040.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

**Mardi Growl Gala.** 5:30-8 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Mardi Growl is a New Orleans-style celebration featuring food from local restaurants and an open bar that will serve signature "Howlicanes." There will be an auction, costumes, music, caricature artists, stilt walkers and dancing. Proceeds benefit Alexandria's homeless animals. \$85/person or \$150/pair. Visit [www.alexadriaanimals.org/mardigrowl](http://www.alexadriaanimals.org/mardigrowl) for more.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 3

**Jazz Concert.** 8 p.m., The Lyceum 201 S. Washington Street Alexandria. The United States Air Force Band-Members of the Airmen of Note presents: An Evening of Jazz: Trumpet/Saxophone Sextet. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 4

**Opening Reception.** 7-10 p.m. see "REVOLUTION: Art and Technology" art exhibit from April 4-27 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists explore their relationship with technology in computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, mixed-media pieces expressing feelings about technology, and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 5

**Braddock Day Ball.** 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 138 N. Royal St. Enjoy dancing and more. 1750s attire requested. \$45. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> for tickets.

**Fundraiser.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. The Nelly Custis Chapter of the NSDAR will host a fundraiser to help restore the children's crib at Mount

Vernon. Vendors will sell jewelry, handbags, cosmetics, cooking ware, books and more. Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted.

## "The Grandest Congress" Meeting.

Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Major General Edward Braddock, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, has convened a meeting of five colonial governors at John Carlyle's Alexandria home to prepare for the impending French & Indian War. Carlyle will call the meeting "the Grandest Congress...ever known on the Continent." Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> for tickets.

## The Civil War Returns.

1-4 p.m., at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Historic Huntley will commemorate its heritage as Camp Michigan — a tenant farm occupied by Union forces during the winter of 1861-62. Join military and farming re-enactors as they demonstrate camp life and how civilians coped with soldiers overrunning their farms. Suggested donation \$5; children 10 and under, free. Rain or shine. Light refreshments. This special event is sponsored by the Friends of Historic Huntley. For more information call Huntley Meadows Park at: 703 768-2525.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 6

**Opening Reception.** 4-6 p.m., meet the artists of "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

## Pocahontas and John Rolfe

**Wedding Celebration.** 3-5 p.m. at Collingwood Library, 8301 E Boulevard Drive. There will be a talk by Dr. James Ring Adams about the life of Pocahontas, followed by a reception. \$30/person will benefit NSCDA's American Indian Nurse Scholarship Fund. E-mail [evelyngriswold@m.com](mailto:evelyngriswold@m.com) or 703-765-3655.

**Spring Forward Fundraiser.** 6-9:30 at Union Street Public House, 121 S Union St. Community Lodgings is hosting their 9th annual Spring Forward fundraiser. here will be cocktails, a buffet dinner, silent auction, and a short program, including the presentation of the Christopher McMurray Award to a family or child in our Transition in Place Housing or Youth Education Programs. \$75/person. Visit [www.communitylodgings.org](http://www.communitylodgings.org).

**Movie Night.** 7 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch "The Thomas Crown Affair." Free, but donations encouraged. Register at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 6

**Spring Benefit Concert.** 4-5:30 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Metropolitan School of the Arts Spring Benefit Concert, hosted by WTTG-FOX 5's anchor, Annie Yu. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$100 per couple with proceeds benefitting MSA's Alexandria studio's Black Box Theater Project. A reception will immediately follow at 5:30 p.m. Visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 6

**Fundraiser.** 6-9:30 p.m., at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union Street, Alexandria. Local artists Bill Vasso Pappas and Amy Berry will entertain guests as they bid on silent auction items. \$75 per person in advance, and \$85 at the door. Visit [www.communitylodgings.org](http://www.communitylodgings.org) or call 703-549-4407.

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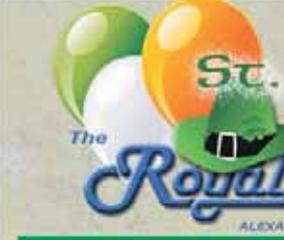
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# PEOPLE



Fashions and accessories from more than 20 local boutiques and businesses were modeled during the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Toast to Fashion. Pictured is a wrap dress from Zoe Boutique.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Toast to Fashion

The Campagna Center's Junior Friends hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Toast to Fashion on Thursday evening, March 13, at the Belle Haven Country Club.

Four service awards were presented to Junior Friends. Jeannine Ginivan received The Golden Halo Award for her fundraising efforts for the Campagna Center programs. Christine Stanton Lupo was awarded The Barbara Pratt Lee Heart of Gold for her leadership and personal dedication to the advancement of the Center's mission. The Unsung Hero Award was presented to Anne Marie Van Atta for her work as a Junior Friend volunteer. Adrienne Fox Luscombe received The Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award in recognition for her dedication, spirit, leadership and influence in service with the Junior Friends over the past 8 years.

Following the awards ceremony, guests were treated to a runway fashion show featuring clothing and accessories from more than 20 local boutiques and businesses. Included were: 3 Sisters, 529 Kids Consign, Apple Seed, Bishop Boutique, Bloomers,



June Guiffre and her son Christopher Campagna

Coco Blanco, The Hat Lady, Hysteria, J. Ryan Jewelry, Kiskadee, The Lucky Knot Men's & Women's, Monday's Child, Periwinkle, Pink & Brown, Pink Palm of Alexandria, Purple Goose, Queen Bee Design, The Shoe Hive, Shop Mamie, Stella & Dot, Top It Off, York Design Company and Zoe Boutique.



Jan Bertin tries on a hat fit for the derby races at The Hat Lady's booth.



Cathy Waugh, Anita Carson and Vicky Suazo

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LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET



Fashion show emcee WJLA/ABC7's Britt McHenry and President and CEO of the Campagna Center Tammy Mann.



Spring is almost in the air as models parade new lines of seasonal fashions.



Mellenie Renion, owner of Truly-Life, a local hand-made soap company, and David Martin of Goldworks.

This plan shows what the Old Dominion Boat Club would look like if it moved to the Beachcomber property at the foot of Prince Street.



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# City Presents Options to ODBC

FROM PAGE 1

“This is America,” said Townsend Van Fleet, a member of the Boat Club and frequent critic of the city government. “You don’t try to seize property.”

**DURING A MEETING** of the Waterfront Commission this weekend, some were questioning the Boat Club’s decision to present the options as three separate choices. Several members of the commission said they believed presenting the two different compromise options as separate choices would divide the population of members willing to compromise. As a result, they said, that would open the door to a plurality of members to approve the option that would result in a long and expensive legal battle with the city.

“It seems to me that you are really trying to force the issue of eminent domain,” said Gina Baum, a member of the commission.

Banchoff responded by explaining that the club had already printed ballots and distributed them to members in addition to scheduling a meeting and a vote. Essentially, he said, it was too late to go back and change the rules of the election to combine two of the options or require a supermajority vote. Unless the rules change, that means that one-third of Boat Club members could force an extended legal battle with the city of Alexandria over eminent domain that could stretch on for years.

“To simply present it that a plurality is going to prevail is a flawed process for the city and for the members,” said Stu Dunn, who represents the Planning Commission on the Waterfront Commission.

## On the Table

❖ **Beachcomber Option:** Members of the Old Dominion Boat Club would convey to the city all of their facilities at 1 and 2 King Street except the north pier. In return, they would receive \$5 million to build a new facility at the Beachcomber at the foot of Prince Street, incorporating all or some of the existing structure and footprint and 30 parking spaces on the adjacent property and 15 parking spaces on a property that the city does not own.

❖ **Stay Put Option:** Members of the Old Dominion Boat Club would agree to give up their parking lot and boat ramp, riparian rights off 2 King Street, all interests in the Strand, parking spaces adjacent to the Mai Tai, easement in Wales Alley and any interest in King Street Park. In return, the club would receive \$2.5 million, the city’s A/B pier, exclusive parking spaces at a city garage on Union Street and peak time additional spaces.

❖ **Take On City Hall Option:** Many members of the Old Dominion Boat Club are unhappy with how the city has treated them over the years, especially the threat to use the power of eminent domain to take their property. One of the options on the ballot this weekend will be taking on the city in court, assuming members of the Alexandria City Council are willing to vote for moving forward with eminent domain.

**THE CITY** and the Boat Club have been in a conflict over the parking lot at the foot of King Street for years, a debate that’s only become more heated since the City Council adopted a plan to transform the property into a public park with an ice-skating rink. The plan approved by elected leaders envisions the parking lot transformed into Fitzgerald Park, a public space that would become the center of activity along the revitalized waterfront.

“The elimination of the parking lot creates the opportunity for a major new public space between the Fitzgerald warehouse and the water,” according to the plan. “This would open up continuous public access along the waterfront and increase the amount of public space at one of the most important locations on the waterfront.”

Now city leaders say they are ready to use the power of eminent domain to take the Boat Club’s property. Back in November, City Council members voted for a plan setting a 90-day deadline for a resolution of a long-running conflict. That deadline has now come and gone. Last week, city leaders presented Boat Club members with the three negotiated options, opening the door for the dramatic vote that will take place this weekend. City Council members say they are willing to pull the trigger on eminent domain if they don’t get what they want.

“I’m hopeful we’ll each a compromise,” said Mayor Bill Euille. “But whether we use eminent domain or not, it’s a tool that’s always available to local governments. Hopefully we won’t have to go down that road.”



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## OBITUARIES

### Lester M. Bridgeman

Lester M. Bridgeman, 90, a lawyer since 1951, died suddenly after a day at the office on Thursday, March 6, 2014. A native of Paterson, N.J., Mr. Bridgeman grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a long-time resident of Alexandria. He affiliated with a law firm based in Mobile, Ala. in the mid-1980s, and relocated there permanently about 25 years ago.



After a brief period studying forestry at Syracuse University, Mr. Bridgeman joined the Army in 1943, attending (and playing football for) LSU until he volunteered for combat duty and was assigned to the 12th Armored Division. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Bridgeman was graduated from Syracuse's College of Arts and Sciences cum laude in 1948 and from Columbia University's School of Law. He worked for the Civil Aeronautics Board from 1951-53, leaving to become a Bigelow Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. When Mr. Bridgeman returned to Washington in 1954, his practice focused on plaintiff's antitrust law, commercial litigation and regulated industries — particularly transportation, including motor carriers and foreign charter and cargo airlines. In 2001, on behalf of a Russian client, he negotiated with several branches of the federal government and Lockheed Martin to arrange the return to the U.S. of the wreckage of a Navy EP reconnaissance aircraft that the Chinese had forced down on Hainan Island, China. Mr. Bridgeman wrote articles on antitrust law and was the Air Carrier editor, and later Antitrust Law editor, of the Journal of the Association for Transportation Law.

He was a gifted raconteur. He loved opera, the bagpipes, conversation, food and wine, history, justice, the outdoors, and languages (he studied French, German, Polish and Spanish, and bought his first television to take Russian lessons). He once cited Dr. Seuss ("Horton Hatches the Egg") in an appellate brief.

While in Virginia, Mr. Bridgeman was active in local Democratic politics. He was for years the most frequently published, and most politically progressive, writer of letters to the editor of the Mobile Press Register. He took full advantage of the Gulf Coast's opportunities to sail, eat seafood, and tarry in New Orleans.

Mr. Bridgeman's marriages to Clydine Mayhall and Linda High ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Ann Booker Bridgeman, daughters from his first marriage, Andrea Bridgeman (Steve Parker) of McLean, Va. and Judith Bridgeman (Jean-Hugues) Rolland of Paris, France, granddaughter Hallie Mayhall Parker of Brooklyn, and many beloved cousins. A memorial service for Mr. Bridgeman was held on March 11 at the Spring Hill Avenue Temple in Mobile.

Mr. Bridgeman had wide-ranging interests and enjoyed a lifetime of reading, from Shakespeare to Kipling to Ogden Nash and

well beyond. Memorials donations may be made to Writers in Schools via PEN/Faulkner through NetworkForGood.org or to your local library.

### Howard Hollis "Bo" Callaway, Sr.,

Howard Hollis "Bo" Callaway, Sr., died Saturday, March 15, 2014, in Columbus, Ga. Callaway, age 86, was Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation in Pine Mountain. He was the son of the late Cason and Virginia Callaway, co-founders of Callaway Gardens.



Callaway was born April 2, 1927, in LaGrange, Ga. He graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria. From 1944 to 1945, he attended Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta leaving there to become a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point earning letters in boxing, tennis, and squash. He graduated in 1949 with a degree in Military Engineering.

During his military career, Callaway served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a platoon leader in Korea, an instructor in tactics at Fort Benning, Ga., and was the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, three Campaign ribbons, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Callaway ended his military service in 1953 to return to his home in Hamilton, Ga., and help his father develop and manage Callaway Gardens, a nationally recognized 6,500 acre garden and resort in Pine Mountain. He also served as Chairman, President and/or CEO from 1953 until 1964, 1966 until 1970 and again from September 1993 until November 2003. He has been a member of the ICCF Board since 1958.

In 1964, Callaway was elected to the U.S. Congress by the 3rd Congressional District of Georgia. He took a leave of absence from the Gardens to serve in Washington, DC, as the first Republican congressman from Georgia since Reconstruction.

From 1970 to 1973, Callaway served as president and/or chairman and chief executive officer of Interfinancial, Inc., in Atlanta.

In 1973, he was appointed Secretary of the Army. He was awarded the medal of distinguished Public Service by the U.S. Department of Defense in 1975. Callaway managed Gerald Ford's 1976 presidential election campaign.

From 1970 until 2003, he was the principal owner and CEO of Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado. In 1980, he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate from Colorado and from 1981 until 1987 he was chairman of the Colorado Republican Party.

In September 1993, he returned to Callaway Gardens as president and chief executive officer as well as chairman of the board. In January 1995, he stepped down as president but continued to serve as chairman until 2003, when his son Edward was named to that position.

Callaway was a member of numerous organizations including the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, National 4-H Committee, Republican National Committee and Phi Kappa Phi.

Callaway is survived by five children, Howard H. "Bo" Callaway, Jr. of Bristol, Va.; Elizabeth "Betsy" Callaway Considine of Denver, Colo.; Virginia Callaway Martin of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Edward Cason Callaway of Hamilton, Ga.; and Ralph Walton Callaway of Columbus, Ga.; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and three on the way. He was predeceased by his wife Laura Elizabeth "Beth" Walton Callaway and brother Cason J. Callaway, Jr., of Hamilton, Ga. Callaway also had a sister, the late Mrs. Clifford (Jinks) Petersen of Beverly Hills, Ca.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, c/o Callaway Gardens, P.O. Box 2000, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822.

Arrangements are by Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, 4071 Macon Rd., Columbus, Ga. 31907, 706-563-2372, www.strifflerhamby.com.

### Adrian Eugene Miller

Adrian Eugene Miller, 75, of Lake Monticello, died on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at Hospice House in Charlottesville. Born on April 2, 1938 in Alexandria, he was the son of the late Clancie Hope Hamilton Miller and David M. Miller. He was also predeceased by his brother Richard M. Miller.



After eight years in the National Guard as a Spec4, he worked for 37 years as an insurance agent and manager for Peoples Life Insurance, now Monumental Life. In 2002, he and his wife retired to Lake

Monticello, after working and raising their family in the Alexandria area. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and belonged to many clubs including the Gold Hounds, of which he was treasurer. Adrian was one of the most involved of citizens in his local county government, frequently speaking before the Board of Supervisors and expressing his opinions in the Fluvanna Review. He was the treasurer of the Fluvanna County Taxpayers Association. Adrian had a great sense of humor and enjoyed playing poker with his many friends.

A devoted family man, he especially loved being a grandfather. Adrian is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jacqueline L. Miller, their three children, Lureen Lavonne Deemark, John Adrian Miller and his wife Penny Potter Miller, and Kenneth Warren Miller and his wife Vicki Burnett-Miller; seven grandchildren, Brandon Deemark, Melissa Deemark Minnick, Justin Deemark and his wife Christina, Megan D. Vardiman and her husband Ben, John Adrian Miller, II, Jaden A. Burnett -Miller and Evren Burnett -Miller; six great-grandchildren, Amiee and Kiera Minnick, Allison Deemark, Thane and Ashley Vardiman, and Jude Miller. Last but not least, his dogs Prissie, Peaches, Punkie and Zini will all miss him.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Hill and Wood Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. in the Hill and Wood Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Sidney Craig officiating.

Entombment will follow at Monticello Memory Gardens.

A special thank you to Sue Cotellessa for all her kindness to Adrian and the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fluvanna SPCA, P.O.Box 1078, Troy, VA 22974 or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911, or to the Friends of the Fluvanna Library, 214 Commons Blvd, Palmyra, VA 22963.

Friends may send condolences to his family at [www.hillandwood.com](http://www.hillandwood.com).

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Angela Kaiser**, earned a master of science with a major in criminal justice from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga.

**Brian Comey**, was one of 11 students as part of the Humanigration program at Mercyhurst University, who helped teach English to non-native speakers through the center's English as a Second Language program.

**Hannah N. Campbell**, received a bachelor of science degree from East Tennessee State University.

Eleven ACPS teachers received national board certification. The 2013 National Board Certified Teachers include: **Sara Anthony**, first-grade teacher at Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School; **Patrice Belotte**, English/Language Arts teacher at the Francis C. Hammond Middle School Campus; **Jeff Cunningham**, English/Language Arts teacher at T. C. Williams High School; **Lisa Coughlin**, science teacher at T. C. Williams; **Tyler Davis**, fourth-grade teacher at Matthew Maury Elementary School; **Savanna Flakes**,

secondary inclusion specialist, who works at central office; **Nancy Hernandez**, English/Language Arts teacher at Hammond; **Susan Pence**, social studies teacher at T.C. Williams; **Janice Olmstead**, second-grade teacher at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School; **Sandra Slaven**, fifth-grade and early adolescence science teacher at George Mason Elementary School; and **Vantross Medina-White**, who teaches students with exceptional needs at James K. Polk Elementary School.

The four ACPS educators who successfully completed the National Board Certification renewal process include: **Cheryl Nelson**, who teaches students with exceptional needs at Hammond 2; **Angela Green**, second-grade teacher at George Mason; **Janet Harms**, World Languages/Spanish teacher at T.C. Williams; and **Patricia Williamson**, English/Language Arts teacher at Jefferson-Houston School.

**Samuel Frazier**, of Alexandria, has been named to Curry College's dean's list.

**Christine Dua** was named to the dean's list at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, for the fall 2013 term. She is studying communication.

# Art Educators, Galleries Celebrate Youth Art Month

**Experts say art can teach valuable life skills.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**rightly colored self-portraits, landscapes dotted with spring flowers and hand-carved sculptures fill a gallery at the McLean Project for the Arts in McLean. All of the art was created by local school children. Meanwhile, in Alexandria, parents and tots dip their fingers in glue, clay and paint to create collages, sculptures and paintings.

"It is a true delight to see parents and children making things together in the studio. Joy is found in the stuff they make — the collages, paintings, drawings and sculptures — as well as the more intangible things we build: relationships, confidence, creativity, persistence and the many ways we make meaning through art," said Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Mount Vernon.

These are just some of the local art activities for children. In fact, Youth Art Month is an annual observance held each March to emphasize the value of art and art education. This year's theme is "Start With Art, Learn for Life," which was chosen by the Council for Art Education, a sponsor of

Youth Art Month.

Local art educators are using the month as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of art education and raise awareness about the important life skills it can build.

"We believe art is important to study for its inherent value, but art also promotes life skills, including creativity, problem solving, determination, concentration, collaboration and confidence," said Samantha Marques-Mordkofsky, education and outreach manager for the Arlington Arts Center in Arlington. "Regardless of what field a child pursues later in life, these skills will translate and he or she will be better rounded because of ... art. We also offer multidisciplinary classes like Book Illustration, Amazing Architects & Engineers, and Murals: Big Art, Big Ideas where students have the opportunity to master technical skills in art while simultaneously learning about other subjects."

"What our art educators have known for many years research is now confirming," said Benita Cathey, director of admissions at Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria. "Art helps develop critical thinking and reading skills. Art education is vital because it builds concentration, motivation and con-

fidence."

Jorge Luis Somarriba, art teacher and artist-in-residence at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., says the school is a community of artists. "We believe in a process-oriented and child-centered philosophy," he said. "Art nurtures self-confidence through self-discovery and personal visual expression. Art education is instrumental in the holistic development of a human being: spiritual, mental, emotional and physical. Art making develops the right brain, empowering individuals to become creative, problem-solvers who may think 'outside the box.'"

Experts said art education also develops self-expression and an appreciation for the work of others. "Elementary school students create art with such unbridled enthusiasm for painting, drawing and creating things," said Dabney Cortina, communications director for the McLean Project for the Arts. "I think it's because they haven't been told that there is anything wrong with how they create art. Currently going on is our youth art show featuring Fairfax County Public Schools in the McLean area. It is incredible to look at. You see the talent they have. It is totally amazing."

Eileen Lyons, chair of the Fine Arts Department at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md., said that the arts

are a vital part of the school's curriculum. "Arts education helps students learn how to solve problems in unique ways and it deepens their overall learning experience," she said. "Through collaboration and cross-curricular projects, teachers at Holy Child work closely together to engage students in the arts on many different levels. Art teachers collaborate with language, social studies, English and geometry teachers to bring deeper meaning to learning."

For example, said Lyons, on a recent trip to the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., art and French teachers worked together to bring the Van Gogh Exhibition to life in both English and French.

Stacie Steinke, chair of the Arts Department at The Madeira School in McLean suggests art education might not be taken as seriously as other disciplines. "Schools in general have been responding to trends that you need more science and math education and have been teaching to tests. Not at Madeira, but at some other schools, art education has diminished," she said. "We look at arts as a process. Our students learn to work effectively with others. Our approach draws on a student's natural curiosity, ability to perceive art in different forms and ability to think spatially. They develop cognitive growth, so they learn to see how parts relate to a whole."

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# It's Time To Get Moving

BY MARYANNE BEATTY  
MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM MANAGER



The newly reopened Chinquapin Recreation Center was bustling last Wednesday with a large crowd gathered for Senior Services of Alexandria's March Speaker Series event: "Recreation and Cultural Activities for Alexandria's Seniors."

Margaret Orlando, recreation manager for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, kicked off the session by talking about the results from the recent city-wide needs assessment in which residents were asked what parks and recreation programs would be of interest. For residents 65 and over, the top five needs were indoor swimming pools, picnic shelters, marina facilities, indoor exercise and fitness facilities, natural areas and walking trails. Next, a panel of city experts explained how the city is addressing these needs.

Our city recreation centers — Charles Houston, Cora Kelly, Mt. Vernon, Nannie J. Lee Center, Chinquapin and William Ramsey — offer a wide range of recreation and fitness programs and facilities for the 55+ population, who also enjoy discounted fees. Classes include aquatic exercise for seniors, yoga, tai chi, senior aerobics, pickleball, senior basketball and more. To find out more about these programs, go to [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation) or call 703-746-5575.

If communing with nature is what interests you, The Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center at 5750 Sanger Ave. provides year-round programs and exhibits on Alexandria's human and natural history. It is a great place for seniors to visit and bring their grandchildren. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. For more information call 703-746-5525.

Alexandria's Special Events Office gave an overview of the 200-plus events happening in Alexandria every year, from parades to concerts and crafts festivals. There is something for everyone and a list of these events can be found at

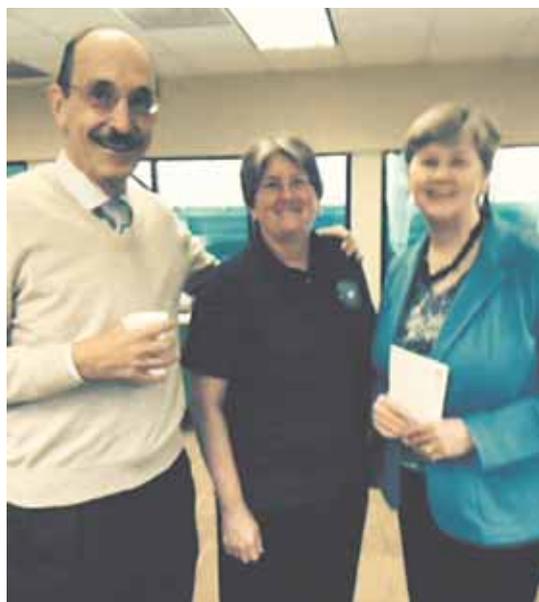


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**Dr. Dan Kulund, member of the Commission on Aging; Margaret Orlando, recreation manager, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, and Mary Lee Anderson, executive director of Senior Services of Alexandria.**

[www.alexandriava.gov/concerts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/concerts) or by calling the Events Hotline at 703-746-5592.

Kevin Osborne, the adult services coordinator at Charles Beatley Central Library, talked about the numerous programs they offer for seniors, including author and movie nights, and information sessions on using technology, audio and e-books. Senior volunteers are always needed. To find out more visit <http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us>.

The session ended with Dr. Dan Kulund, creator of the "Robust Walking" program, who announced an upcoming free workshop series on "Robust Aging." The series will cover topics like balance, good walking form and environmental exercise and strength training. This workshop will begin Saturday, May 3 and continue for the next two Saturdays, May 10 and 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Center's "Miracle" Field. For more information call 703-746-5575. Spring really is coming, and now is the time to check out all the fitness, nature, and cultural activities that Alexandria has to offer.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 15

of sex can be separated.

I know there are many who will want to raise counter arguments, but my space is limited. For those interested, search the internet for "What is Marriage" to read an excellent article by Sherif Giris, Robert P. George, and Ryan T. Anderson.

I am not unsympathetic to what many same sex couples claim to want. They should be able to make arrangements for the person they want to visit them in the hospital, make medical decisions, receive inheritances or survivor benefits tax free, etc. Marriage is not the right vehicle for that. Finding a different vehicle is not discrimination. We seem to think that if we give some group of people a privilege that necessarily means we discriminate against others. That is not so. Do we call it discrimina-

tion against the rich when the poor receive housing, food, or medical assistance? No. Should I feel discriminated against because veterans are eligible for things I am not? No. Why should we feel that giving people who can enter a true marriage some benefits by virtue of a marriage license is discrimination when those same benefits (and possibly more) can be granted another way, even if that other way is not as easy as getting a marriage license?

There is more to say, but I will end for now by asking that if any of the points I have mentioned make sense, then do more research, contemplate, discuss, etc. Marriage, true marriage, is hard. Why make it harder by confusing it with something that cannot be marriage?

**Jeremy Greiner**  
Alexandria

## NEWS BRIEF

### Senior Services of Alexandria Gets 'Share the Love' Grant from Subaru

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) received a Meals on Wheels Association Award of \$1,500 for its participation in the Subaru's "Share the Love" campaign. SSA, an Alexandria-based non profit, delivers Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors within the City of Alexandria. SSA partnered with Beyer Subaru in Alexandria to raise awareness about the Meals on Wheels program available to homebound seniors and encourage the community to serve as volunteers in de-

livering meals. As a result of this partnership Beyer Subaru has been volunteering delivering Meals on Wheels consistently and has allowed SSA to maintain literature at the dealership regarding meals on wheels and other seniors program available to Alexandria seniors.

For more information or if to volunteer to deliver meals or be a Friendly Visitor, contact SSA at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or by calling 703-836-4414. Mary Lee Anderson, executive director.

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### GARDEN SEASON

**Make a Reservation.** The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities announces procedures for the 2014 Community Garden season.

Visit <http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/CommunityGardenRegulations2014.pdf> for the terms and conditions for the reservation of 194 community garden plots located in Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St., and Holmes Run Parkway. Community plots are available as follows: full-size community garden plot (15 feet by 20 feet): \$55/resident and \$75/nonresident; half-size plot (10 feet by 15 feet): \$28/resident and \$35/nonresident. Contact John Walsh, Horticulturalist, at 703-746-4654 or [john.walsh@alexandriava.gov](mailto:john.walsh@alexandriava.gov).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 20

**Public Health Advisory Commission.** 5:30 p.m. Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King Street Contact 703-746-4956.

### Feasibility Study Public Open

**House.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King Street. The City's Department of Transportation & Environmental

Services, Transportation Planning Division will hold a Lower King Street Multimodal Feasibility Study project open house which will provide a project overview, schedule, shared street concepts, and receive input from interested stakeholders. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/76226](http://www.alexandriava.gov/76226) or contact Steve.Sindiong@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-4047.

### Park and Recreation Commission.

7 p.m. Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Contact William Chesley, [william.chesley@alexandriava.gov](mailto:william.chesley@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-5426.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 21

**Alexandria Renew Enterprises Board of Directors.** 4 p.m. Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1500 Eisenhower Ave. Contact Lorna Huff, 703-549-3381, ext. 2260.

**Registration Deadline.** Adult sports league registration is being accepted for Coed Volleyball, Coed Soccer, Coed Softball, Men's Softball, 3 Outs

Coed Softball, and Late Night Basketball. Registration forms are available in City recreation centers and online at [alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation). Email [Marvin.Elliott@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Marvin.Elliott@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-5409.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 22

**Boating Safety Class.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. This course meets the boating education requirements of all states. To enroll, e-mail [eaglesailor75@cox.net](mailto:eaglesailor75@cox.net) or 703-780-3765.

**Annual Meeting and Election.** 10 a.m. at Alexandria Archeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Help elect the board members and then stay for the annual meeting. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) for more.

### MONDAY/MARCH 24

**Agenda:Alexandria.** Reception at

6:30 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. at Holiday Inn Eisenhower MetroCenter, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. "Emergency: Are We Prepared?" For reservations by March 21: \$28/member, \$33/non-member; reservations after March 21: \$35/member; \$40/nonmember. Dinner reservations required, [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com) or 703-548-7089.

### Affordable Care Information

**Session.** 7 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Who i affected, how to sign up, and other questions answered. Presented in partnership by the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Northern Virginia Family Service, and Organizing for Action. Free. Call 703-549-1334. Deadline for obtaining health insurance is March 31, 2014.

### Braddock Implementation

**Advisory Group Meetings.** 7 p.m. Contact Brandi Collins, [brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov](mailto:brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-3854.



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**T.C. Williams senior Tykera Carter will compete in the Suburban Classic all-star game on March 23 at Oakton High School.**



**T.C. Williams senior Angie Schedler will join former Titan teammate Tykera Carter at the Suburban Classic all-star game on March 23 at Oakton High School.**

## TC Seniors Carter, Schedler To Participate in All-Star Game

**Suburban Classic will be held Sunday, March 23 at Oakton.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he T.C. Williams girls' basketball team overcame an 11-point second-half deficit, only to lose a late lead against Stonewall Jackson in the region quarterfinals on Feb. 25. The Titans ended their season with a 51-47 loss to the eventual region-champion and state-runner-up Raiders in Manassas.

One month after ending their high school careers in disappointing fashion, T.C. Will-

iams seniors Tykera Carter and Angie Schedler get to be teammates once again.

Carter and Schedler, who were each first-team all-Conference 7 selections, will suit up for the East squad in the 10th Suburban Classic girls' basketball all-star game on Sunday, March 23 at Oakton High School. The game features some of the top seniors from the 6A North and 5A North regions. There is a 3-point shootout at 2 p.m., followed by the main event at 3 p.m. Carter and Schedler will each compete in the 3-point shootout.

"Playing in this game means a lot to me," Schedler wrote in an email. "Not only is it an honor for me being recognized, but I'm playing with and against girls I've been playing against since I was little. So it's like the perfect ending to a new beginning."

"Tykera and I have gotten so close this

year that this game will just be fun for both of us to experience together. We look forward to any chance we have playing together on the court."

The East team is led by Edison head coach Dianne Lewis. The rest of the East roster includes: Amy Berglund (West Springfield), Amber Bryson (Lee), Tatiana Torres (Edison), Michele Noel (Wakefield), Cami Prock (McLean), Samantha Porter (Mount Vernon) and DJ Jean Pierre (Mount Vernon).

"I'm looking forward to playing with and against some of the best northern Virginia basketball players, and I'm looking forward to a fun, yet competitive atmosphere," Carter wrote in an email.

"It's really special to be able to play with Angie one more time because I feel like we formed a great bond this season as friends

and teammates and I enjoy playing with her."

Carter was also an all-region selection.

The West team is led by Madison head coach Kirsten Stone. The roster includes: Abby Rendle (South Lakes), Caitlin Jensen (South Lakes), Jenna Green (Centreville), Katie Blumer (Centreville), Bailey Dufrene (Osborn), Arnelle Collins (Freedom-South Riding), Katie Kerrigan (Madison), Kayla Hix (Stonewall Jackson), Nicole Zubovich (Freedom-South Riding) and Alexia Johnson (Broad Run).

Admission is \$5, with senior citizens and children younger than 5 admitted for free. Proceeds help to fund the Northern Virginia Women's Basketball Coaches Association scholarship program.

— JON ROETMAN

## TC Crew Gears Up for Season's First Regatta Vs. W-L

**Titans return 16 seniors for 2014.**

**T**he members of the 2014 T.C. Williams crew team began their fourth week of practice this past Tuesday, gearing up for a season that not only sees 16 seniors returning to competition, but kicks off this weekend with a home regatta against longtime rival Washington-Lee.

"We've got a good nucleus of kids coming back," said Pete Stramese, the head coach of the T.C. Williams boys, who is in his eighth year heading up the squad. "Whenever you have returning veterans, you have kids capable of providing leadership because they've been there before. We're confident our seniors will do that. They're hardworking and they're extremely competitive — two qualities you have to possess if you're going to be successful in this sport."

T.C. Williams Head Girls' Coach Patrick Marquardt agreed.

"This is one of the largest senior classes we've had in a while," said Marquardt, who won the state championship last year as coach of the T.C. freshman girls and is in his first year guiding all of the Titan girls. "But we're also fortunate because we have a good number of juniors and sophomores coming back."

They know what it's like to compete against the best, which is the kind of experience you want in your veterans, and some

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**Titan rower Tom Conger looks out at the Potomac as he and his boat mates prepare to set their racing shell down in the water during practice on Saturday, March 8.**



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## SPORTS

# Gearing Up for Season

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thing that trickles down to the younger members of your crew.”

The returning seniors on this year's T.C. Williams crew team include: Kate Arnold, Maria Betances, Ben Blakeslee, Nate Conrad, Conor Ferris, Spenser Gilliland, Calvin Heimberg, Alexis Judd, Greg Montenegro, Rosa Procaccino, Toavina Ratolo, Juliet Roque, George Waskowicz, and Sam Zickar. Other returning seniors include Katie Pickup, who has signed a letter of intent to row for the University of Wisconsin and will be competing for the Big Ten powerhouse this fall, and Noah Stewart, who was one of the most heavily-recruited rowers in the nation and will be competing for the Naval Academy Midshipmen next year.

The seniors will lead the rest of the Titan crew in their first regatta of the season this Saturday against Washington-Lee.

The rivalry between the T.C. Williams and W-L crews is one of the oldest in the area, dating back to 1949. According to Stramese and Marquardt, it's also an excellent way to start the season and

gauge the performance of different boat line-ups moving forward this spring.

Saturday's regatta will be held at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town. Racing gets underway at 7 a.m.

Following the regatta, members of the crew, their families, and friends will hold a ceremony to christen the newest shell in the T.C. Williams racing fleet, the "Wanda Carol Street." The shell is named after the current treasurer of the Alexandria Crew Boosters and longtime supporter of the Titan rowing program.

A reception will be held upstairs at the Boathouse immediately following the christening ceremony to honor Street and celebrate the new boat.

The 2014 spring crew season marks the 67th year of public school rowing in the City of Alexandria. For more information on T.C. Williams crew, photos from past seasons, and a complete schedule of the regattas this year, visit [www.tcwcrew.org](http://www.tcwcrew.org), or follow the team on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters](http://www.facebook.com/alexandria.crewboosters).



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### Between Snowstorms

**Ben Dunkley (back right) takes his nephews fishing on a 65 degree day last month. C.J. Harris is back left with Jeremiah Harris in front of him. At lower right is Dominique McKiver. They are fishing in front of the closed coal power plant by the Potomac River.**

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RFP #00000428: Title: Professional-Holmes Run Bike Trail  
RFP Opens: Date and Time: March 25, 2013, 3:00 p.m., pre-vailing local time  
Pre-Proposal Conference: March 12, 2014, at 11:00 am, at 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 301, Alexandria VA 22314.  
For general inquiries contact Lawrence Hall, Contract Specialist at 703.746.4697.  
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**Sallie Leah Conley Scherrer**

Sallie Leah Conley Scherrer resided at 207 N. Pitt St. and at the Alexandria House from 2000 until 2009. Sallie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Victor, son Huel of Apple Valley, MN and daughter Marla Merrick of Jonesborough, TN, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Sallie was born in Garrett, KY on Aug. 13, 1923. She graduated from Alice Lloyd College KY, Berea College KY, The University of Kentucky, with additional graduate studies at the University of North Carolina and Northeastern University.

Sallie taught in every grade beginning at age 16 in a one room school on Mud Creek, Floyd County, KY. She went on to teach at Alice Deal Middle School in the District of Columbia, The Estabrook School Lexington Massachusetts, and five schools in Prince Georges Co. as a reading teacher, assistant principal and principal. She has devoted her life to Education and educating others.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Education has lost one of its finest. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**OBITUARY**

**Theodore M. Haverchack, 91**, of Alexandria, VA on March 9th, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife Helene; one sister, Mary Blinka of Arizona; and a caring family friend Mark Simon. Graveside Services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Please continue to check [www.fmfh.com](http://www.fmfh.com) for updated service dates and times.

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AT&T Mobility, LLC proposes to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility at 1200 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. A new emergency generator will be installed on the roof at a top height of +/- 91.7 feet. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61141230-SLF c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, PA 17403 or 717-428-0401.

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**Tammy V. Sare (age 56) of Bowie, MD** passed away on March 14, 2014. Loving sister of Cindy L. Kiernan of Alexandria, and longtime companion of Norman Keith of Bowie; also survived by 3 nieces Carrie Coffee, Jamie Goldin and Damia Tabachow. Ms. Sare is preceded in death by her parents William R. Sare and June C. Page and her brother Russell L. Dunn. Friends may visit on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA from 2-4 and 6-8.. Interment services will be private. Flowers and a guest register may be found at: [www.everlywheatleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.everlywheatleyfuneralhomes.com)

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**OBITUARY**



**Marion Genevieve Cox Gibson, age 88**, passed away peacefully with her family by her side March 15, 2014 at the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Michael Morel. Marion, daughter of the late John Cornelius and Elsie Fearson Cox, was a native Alexandrian and wife of the late William Edward "Perry" Gibson, also of Alexandria. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy, was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, and worked with the American Red Cross. She and Perry enjoyed attending social events at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club and Old Dominion Boat Club, and was an avid genealogist, proud of her Virginia heritage. Marion is survived by daughters, Susan Gibson Barker of Punta Gorda, FL and Janet Gibson Morel of Round Hill, VA; brother, John C. Cox, Jr. (Susan O'Driscoll Cox) of Fairfax Station, VA; grandchildren, Caroline Tapp Rhoads and Kevin Morel of Ashburn, VA, Mike Morel, Jr. of Chantilly, VA; great-grandchildren, Kathryn and Tapp Rhoads, Megan Malo, and Bella & Hayes Morel; nephews, Daniel and Michael Cox; and niece, Cornelia Cox Musser. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Alexandria on Wednesday, March 19th at 1 p.m. Marion will join Perry at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Capital Caring Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association. A guest register may be found at [www.everlyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.everlyfuneralhomes.com).

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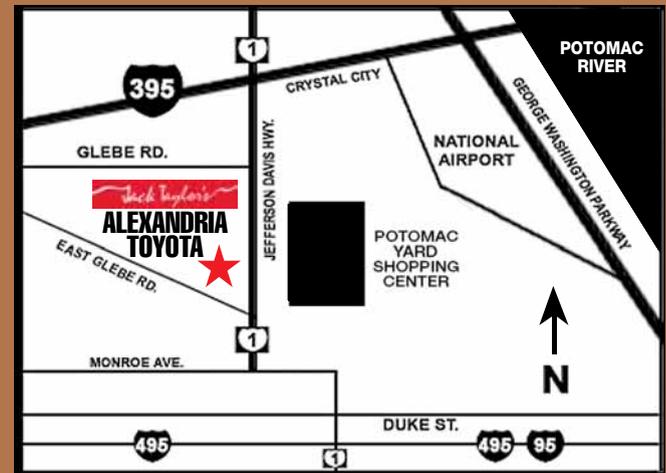
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