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Spring like a Ninja

Bella Herbert, from Alexandria, jumps off of one of the urban vaults during an afternoon group exercise at Urban Evolution in Alexandria. More photos, page 26.

Blizzard of Spending

Polar vortex sends financial chill through local governments.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The unusually hard winter has created a blizzard of spending for local governments across Northern Virginia — bursting through budgeted amounts for snow removal and treating roads, leaving a lasting legacy of potholes that will be plaguing roads this spring. Officials at the Virginia Department of Transportation say they spent \$175 million on snow removal this winter, more than twice as much as they were planning to spend. And that's just for starters.

"This is going to be a much worse pothole season than in years past," said Jennifer McCord, spokeswoman for VDOT. "We've been filling them, basically, since the winter started."

Alexandria spent \$1.6 million on snow control. That's more than twice the amount city officials set aside in the budget, which was \$836,000. And Arlington officials say they've already spent more than \$2 million even though they had budgeted only \$1.1 million. Local governments across the region will be forced to dip into their contingency funds to deal with the record amounts of snow dumped on Northern Virginia this year.

"If they don't deal with these potholes quickly, the



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Potholes on North Pitt Street in Old Town Alexandria.

cost will become much greater," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership. "Waiting longer means they have to dig up the road bed, which is way more expensive than filling a pothole."

POTHOLES FORM when roads experience moisture and then a rapid freeze and thaw. Moisture gets into cracks in the road, which undermines the road surface. Then traffic pummels the already undermined road surface over and over until the cracks become larger and larger. Over time the cracks start to peel away as pieces of asphalt fly away. When that happens over and over, the cracks start to grow larger

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Boat Club Votes To Move

Under city's threat of using eminent domain, Old Dominion Boat Club to move one block south.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When city leaders unveiled their grand plans for revitalizing the waterfront at the end of 2010, members of the Old Dominion Boat Club were surprised to see a public plaza where their parking lot and boat launch is currently located. Drawings included with the draft version of the waterfront plan included a plaza known as Fitzgerald Square, complete with a large water feature that could be used for ice skating in the winter.

There was only one problem.

The city did not own this particular piece of property, located at a prominent spot at the foot of King Street. The Old Dominion

Boat Club owned the property, and many members wanted to keep it. Even after city officials openly threatened to take it using the power of eminent domain, many members wanted to stay. But when more than 400 members cast a ballot over the weekend, a solid majority voted to take the city's offer to move to the site of the old Beachcomber Restaurant at the foot of Prince Street.

"I think a lot of the members of the club, myself included, thought that after 90 years we'd like to stay there," said Richard Banchoff, president of the Boat Club. "But I think everybody realizes that we wouldn't be making this move if the city didn't want to put a park where our parking lot is."

Lawyers will still need to hammer out a final contract. And Boat

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Suspended Animation

New superintendent hopes to cut the numbers of suspensions in half.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Less than a month into office, new Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Alvin Crawley is taking on the challenge of reducing the number of suspensions by half. Crawley identified the issue as one of his goals the night School Board members hired him to lead the division. Now, a month into office, the city's new superintendent is already putting together a strategy to reduce the overall number of suspensions and find a way to address the disproportionate number of black male students who find

themselves caught up in the disciplinary system.

"A lot of our suspensions are multiple suspensions of the same students," said Crawley. "So the question becomes how do we disrupt that to make sure that students are engaged in school and learning and they are not out of school."

In the next six months, School Board members plan to lay out a plan for how the division will address the issue as part of their strategic plan. Chairwoman Karen Graf says she wants to align programs and efforts aimed at reducing suspensions with the goal of

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SPRING FUN

State of the Art

Organizations make 2014 a year to celebrate.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was 100 years ago this summer, before the first stone was put in place for the Lincoln Memorial and World War I was still on the horizon, that two entrepreneurial entertainers named B. Hammil Reed and R. A. Steele opened the doors to The Richmond Theatre, a facility intended to provide “movie pictures, bowling allies and billiards” to residents of Alexandria.

Now known as The Old Town Theatre, the historic venue on King Street leads a list of more than 16 arts organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2014.

“I started working on my masters in arts administration back in 2009,” said Robin Parker, a member of the Alexandria Arts Forum. “Throughout the course of my studies, Alexandria was often a topic of conversation and an example of what a rich arts environment means to a community. Alexandria is an example of how the arts can benefit a society on every level, from enriching culture to increasing economic development.”

In 1934, a group of residents formed The Little Theatre of Alexandria, now considered the oldest continuously operating theater in the Washington, D.C. area. LTA alumni include Academy Award winner Marcia Gay Harden and Dermot Mulroney.

“It was through my volunteer work with LTA that I first began attending the Alexan-



The Torpedo Factory Art Center first opened 40 years ago.



The Old Town Theatre will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2014.



Maestro Kim Allen Kluge leads the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which is celebrating its 70th season.



Alexandria’s Washington Balalaika Society turns 25.



The Art League will celebrate 60 years in 2014.

dria Arts Forum,” Parker said. “I was astonished to learn about the vast array of arts organizations that Alexandria has to offer. From classical music like the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association, Eclipse Chamber Orchestra and QuinTango to in-

credible choral groups like The Alexandria Singers and the Alexandria Choral Society and even a Russian Balalaika orchestra, there is something for everyone here.”

Other arts organizations celebrating milestones in 2014 include the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, which debuted 70 years ago, The Art League, which is turning 60, and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, which celebrates its Golden anniversary later this year.

“It’s exciting to see how the arts in Alexandria is available for all ages to participate,” said Parker, who applauded Arts on the Horizon for young children, Mount Vernon Community Children’s Theater for teens, and LTA, Port City Playhouse and MetroStage for award-winning regional theater.

Rounding out the list of organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries are the Torpedo Factory Art Center (40 years), MetroStage (30 years), Alexandria Commission for the Arts (30 years), Washington Balalaika Society (25 years), First Night Alexandria (20 years), Choreographers Collaboration Project (15 years), Durant Arts Center (10 years), Arts in City Hall (10 years), the Performing Arts Center at Episcopal High School (10 years), Art on the Horizon (5 years) and the Youth Arts Festival (5 years).

“Alexandria even has its own hand bell choir — the Virginia Bronze,” Parker added. “Add to that the absolutely amazing visual arts at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, Del Ray Artisans and The Art League. The list is astounding. We are so lucky to have such incredible arts in our own backyard.”

For a complete list of Alexandria Arts celebrations taking place in 2014, visit www.visitalexandriava.com.



The Little Theatre of Alexandria has been entertaining audiences for 80 years.

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The Choreographers Collaboration Project celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2014.



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OBITUARY

Elsie Taylor Jordan Dies at 87

Family, friends
mourn community
activist and leader.

BY SYDNEY KASHIWAGI
GAZETTE PACKET

Elsie Taylor Jordan (Ms. Elsie) died peacefully at the age of 87 surrounded by her family at the Birmingham Green long-term care facility in Manassas on Feb. 7, 2014.

A native Alexandrian, she is remembered the most for her active role in bringing the Alexandria community together and being a firm believer in the city's youth. She was a lifelong member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church where she co-founded a group called the Gospeliers that ministered through song, and was an avid church singer herself. Ms. Elsie helped organize the Youth Church, which gave Ebenezer Baptist Church youth prominent positions within the organization such as junior deacons, youth ministers and youth pastors.

"My mother was a community activist and was instrumental in helping the youth of the city, said Minister Becky Jenkins. "She made sure the city reflected the demographics of the city."

Ms. Elsie's career in community service began in the late 1960s when she joined the Hopkins House Association where she worked as a social worker and helped to give food, shelter and healthcare to the people of Alexandria. At the Hopkins House Association she created the Crunch Bunch Program, which helped to care for Alexandria's senior citizens. Crunch Bunch took the elderly grocery shopping, to doctor appointments and provided them with lunch and activities. Ms. Elsie's Crunch Bunch Program continues today.

Lucretia Martin, a long-time friend and Hopkins House Association colleague of Ms. Elsie, says that Ms. Elsie was like a second mother to the people in the Alexandria community and at the Hopkins House Association.

"She was just amazing, she was there for the people and dedicated to the people," said Martin. "She took everyone under her arm and made sure people had food and clothing, she was just a remarkable person."

Ms. Elsie's devotion to the Alexandria community spanned outside of work. Ms. Elsie's children and former colleagues remember her as one of the most outspoken people in Alexandria who could help settle any dispute.

When the riots from the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in the 1960s spilled into Alexandria, the city police had a difficult time to keep people at ease. Jenkins's recalls the police giving her mother a bullhorn that she used to get the rioters' attention and sent them home before more rioting could con-

tinue.

"She was not afraid to speak truth to power and she worked tirelessly in the community," said Jenkins.

In the 1970s Ms. Elsie joined the Alexandria Sheriff's Department where she started working as a matron and then as an administrative deputy sheriff. Ms. Elsie played a crucial role in making sure the workforce at the Alexandria Sheriff's Department represented the demographics of the city. And Ms. Elsie also helped to stop a prison break during her time at the Sheriff's Department.

Chief Deputy of the Alexandria Sheriff's Department Clarke Stearns remembers when Ms. Elsie first hired him over 31 years ago. Stearns says that Ms. Elsie was his mentor and hired most of the department's current staff, which has made the Alexandria Sheriff's Department what it is today.

In the 1980s Ms. Elsie fought against drug addiction in Alexandria and helped established the city's first Methadone program at the Alexandria Health Department. She was a witness to the effects of crack in her community, and worked with Republican state Sen. Wiley Mitchell to petition for more drug rehabilitation programs as an alternative solution to jail. In 1989, Ms. Elsie testified in front of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging about the effects of the city's crack endemic on senior citizens who were being forced to care for their crack born grandchildren.

If any violence struck the city, the Alexandria Police Department did not hesitate to call on Ms. Elsie. She worked with the police department to co-found the Community Action Team — CAT. The CAT program worked alongside the police department to ease violence in the city, and helped to keep the youth out of trouble and off the streets.

Ms. Elsie received numerous community awards for her work in Alexandria such as the Medal of Valor from the Alexandria Police Department and the Mary Church Terrell Award from the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. On Ms. Elsie's 60th birthday, the City of Alexandria did a proclamation declaring that day as the Elsie Jordan Taylor Day.

Ms. Elsie was a devoted mother, grandmother, spouse, aunt and sister who leaves behind one son, Geoffrey C. Thomas and five daughters, Minister Becky Mays Jenkins, Liz Dixon, Kim Smith Roberson, Polly L. Green and Sandy Taylor Hawkins; 21 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; one brother, Deacon William Charity; one sister, Marjorie Burts; and was predeceased by her oldest daughter Vernie Wanzer.



Elsie Taylor Jordan at her niece Adrienne Jewell's 50th birthday celebration in 1997.

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Police Arrest Man in Malicious Wounding

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a malicious wounding that occurred in the 2500 block of N. Van Dorn Street on Wednesday, March 19. Police responded to a report of a stabbing at approximately 5 a.m. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male victim suffering from stab wounds. He was transported to a local hospital with life-

threatening injuries. Investigation revealed the victim knew the suspect. A 44-year-old Alexandria man was charged with malicious wounding. He is being held without bond.

The Alexandria Police Department asks that anyone with information about this incident call Det. Irv Ellman at 703-746-6830.

Creating a Bridge to Employment

ServiceSource assists people with a range of disabilities.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

When Harry Louque looks out the window of his Old Town, Alexandria home, he can see the Masonic Temple in clear view. The U.S. Marine Corps and Army veteran has come a long way from his Fayetteville, N.C. house, which just a few years ago he often was scared to leave. Louque suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and other injuries after being medevac'd out of Iraq in 2007.

He said he has transformed his life since returning stateside in 2007. He attributes his turnaround to ServiceSource, a non-profit organization that provides a range of support and opportunities for people with a broad spectrum of disabilities, including a program for wounded veterans. ServiceSource programs provide rehabilitation, housing, training, employment and other support services for the disabled.

Louque was part of ServiceSource's Warrior Bridge Program, which provides employment opportunities to wounded veterans as they readjust to civilian life. He became involved in 2011, when a Wounded Warrior Program advocate introduced him to the non-profit organization.

"I had an advocate, who helped veterans reintegrate into the workforce," Louque said. "He partnered me up with ServiceSource down in North Carolina in a government contract closeout position. I was responsible for making sure everything was closed out on hundreds of government contracts."

Louque said he benefitted from the Warrior Bridge program and the staff's understanding and patience with him during this transition.

"I had a horrible attendance the first six months that I was there," Louque said. "I would show up for work for a day or so and then they wouldn't hear from me for a couple of days because I was in my house hiding out, afraid to leave. Luckily, with the kind of program it was, it was especially tailored to help guys in my situation."

It was a rough first six months, but in less than two years he improved so much that he was presented with a job offer he couldn't resist. Last summer, he was hired by National Industries for the Blind in Alexandria, the company that managed the contract he worked on through ServiceSource.

Louque's boss, Chris Marquez, at ServiceSource never doubted his ability to succeed.

"Harry had some challenges adjusting to civilian employment at first but I also knew that he was very capable and highly intelligent and that if I could help him work



Veteran Harry Louque of Alexandria credits ServiceSource with turning his life around through its Warrior Bridge Program.

through some things, that he could excel and that the sky was the limit," said Marquez, contract closeout manager at the ServiceSource North Carolina Regional Office.

Louque said he was in a dark place before he began contract work with ServiceSource. He spent four years in the Marine Corps and six years in the Army, from which he was medically retired in 2009.

"I was medevac'd in early August 2007, and over of the period of the next couple of years, I started to have some pretty obvious emotional issues, physical and emotional," Louque said. "Really, for two years there, I almost didn't leave my house. It was a really tough time."

He said everyone he worked with, including his mentor, had a keen understanding of his journey because they were all veterans. Being able to relate to everyone around him made all the difference to Louque, who served in combat tours in both Kuwait and Iraq.

"Working with other veterans was the key," Louque said. "We were able to relate to each other and talk to each other in a way most would not understand. Working only with veterans was huge. I didn't trust anyone else to begin with."

SERVICESTOURCE has regional offices and programs in eight states, including Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Every year, more than 15,700 people with disabilities benefit from ServiceSource.

"ServiceSource directly employs more than 1,500 individuals on government and commercial affirmative employment contracts, making us one of the largest employers of people with disabilities nationwide," said Teresa Guzik of ServiceSource.

ServiceSource began in 1971, when a group of parents formed an organization to help their adult children with disabilities

find meaningful jobs. It was then called Fairfax Opportunities Unlimited and grew into an AbilityOne authorized provider, giving it federal access to federal contracts. Finally, in 2001, the organization merged with ServiceSource, a non-profit organization in Fayetteville, N.C.

Guzik said the organization has continued to grow over the past 10 years, playing a major role in employing wounded veterans and people with other disabilities around the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

"ServiceSource provides a range of customized programs for individuals with disabilities and their families, employers and corporate partners," Guzik said. "Since 2008, ServiceSource has helped to facilitate a 36 percent increase in the number of people with disabilities employed and a 15 percent increase in the number of people served."

She added that the organization is in the process of building a Disability Resource Center in the Washington D.C. area.

"We will be closing on our new Capitol Area Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Oakton sometime in April," Guzik said. "We will be breaking ground in June or July and operational in December 2014. It will allow ServiceSource to support even more people in a customized new facility that also serves as a community resource for individuals with disabilities and their families, community businesses and partner organizations."

THE SERVICESOURCE MISSION is to empower people with setbacks, no matter how impossible everyday life may seem when they first become involved with the organization.

"At ServiceSource, we are committed to exceptional service and support for individuals with disabilities and, to me, part of that is challenging employees to strive for excellence while instilling a 'Can-Do' attitude," Marquez said.

It worked for Louque. A separate non-profit, SourceAmerica, awarded him with their 2013 Regional Evelyne Villnes Award, which recognized him for transitioning from work on an AbilityOne contract to his current full time employment with the National Industries for the Blind.

Louque said he is still close to ServiceSource, and hopes to have the same impact on other veterans that his mentor and colleagues did on him. He is now a mentor for the Warrior Bridge program, which he said saved his life.

"Other situations, I would have easily been terminated," Louque said. "They never really gave up on me and I came out a much different person on the back side of it. It was really the key for me to turning my entire life around. It was the difference between suicide and a productive life."

Once someone who was intermittently housebound, Louque found himself moving hundreds of miles away from Fayetteville, to a place where he had no existing friends or family.

"I was really nervous about coming up here," Louque said. "I did not know a single soul, so it was a really big deal for me."

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Charles 'Tony' Gee Joins LLA Board

When Charles "Tony" Gee's appointment to the Living Legends of Alexandria board of directors was announced, LLA President Pam St. Clair told the board, "When Tony was called to say he had been selected as a 2014 Living Legend he said 'Thank you' in his first breath and 'How can I help?' in the second."

Gee was a pioneering African American business leader during a period of profound social change in Alexandria and played a critical role in the development of lower King Street. At the same time that he was building his own business, the Snack Bar Restaurant, Gee was en-

couraging other local businesses to get started and to grow. While at his King Street location, he helped organize 84 Alexandria business owners and became the founding president of the Old Town Business Association. Throughout his years as an Alexandria businessman, Gee found time to pursue the study of religion. He became a Baptist minister and served three congregations for more than 30 years, including four years as pastor of the Third Baptist Church in Alexandria.



Gee



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Shutdown Spectre

The federal government has a long and storied history of shutting down. Just last year, for example, members of Congress could not agree on a budget. That led to a partial government shutdown during the heat of a campaign for governor, timing that Republicans say harmed their candidate. Now another shutdown is looming. This time in the commonwealth.

"My guess is that the Democrats will blink first," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at the University of Mary Washington. "If Republicans in the House of Delegates today individually come to some kind of agreement with the governor, they will be primaried and they will likely be defeated in just about every district that a Republican now holds."

Here in Alexandria, city leaders are concerned about what might happen if the two sides are unable to come to an agreement and state money is unavailable for schools or mental-health services. Democrats campaigned on expanding Medicaid to 400,000 Virginians as part of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act. But Republicans are dead set against it, leading to a seemingly intractable impasse. During Tuesday's City Council meeting, Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille said if the Alexandria government can compromise with the Old Dominion Boat Club, anything is possible.

"Hopefully, they'll come together like we've done over the waterfront," said Euille. "I'm sure it won't take them 40 years to do it."

Sequestration Lingers

Speaking of government shutdowns, budget officials are still trying to figure out all the consequences from last year. Earlier this month, City Manager Rashad Young explained the full impact of sequestration has yet to be determined.

"The city has set aside \$1 million in fund balance to compensate for potential short-term revenue reductions related to sequestration," Young wrote in his monthly financial report. "If revenues continue to fall short of estimates, it may be necessary to make up any additional shortfalls with expenditure reductions."

Feeling Blue

Don't adjust your television set. Your tube is not on the fritz. Council members were, in fact, looking a little more blue than normal when they met this week. It was on purpose.

The mayor initially joked that the dark clothing would ward off the evil spirit of bad weather.

But then he explained that the monochromatic hijinks were in honor of Wear Blue Day on April 9 during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This week's council meeting was the last before the April 9 event, so the elected officials decided that they would take a preemptive strike at the fashion statement.

"This is all across Virginia," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg. "It's to raise awareness about child abuse and prevention of child abuse — that it does take place and sometimes we just don't see it."

After the meeting, council members posed for a formal portrait of members wearing all blue. Other participants are encouraged to take photos and share them on SCAN's Facebook Page or tweet them with the hashtag #wearbluedayva.

Underground Alexandria

The \$7.4 million effort to construct a pedestrian tunnel connecting the King Street Metro station to Union Station is barreling down the tracks at full steam ahead. Councilman Paul Smedberg announced Tuesday that an agreement has been struck between the Virginia Railway Express and Amtrak.

"It's a big step forward," said Smedberg.

The tunnel is intended to improve pedestrian access, handicapped accessibility and upgrade the eastern VRE Amtrak platform. Construction is expected to be completed next year.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Gov. Terry McAuliffe, ANHSI Board Chair Keith Hearle, and ANHSI Medical Director Basim Khan listen to patients' stories at a Medicaid expansion roundtable in Arlington.

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McAuliffe Talks Medicaid Expansion

Patients share stories at Medicaid expansion roundtable.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Just a few days before the Virginia General Assembly convened in a special session in Richmond to decide on the budget and the possibility of Medicaid expansion, Gov. Terry McAuliffe met with patients of Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services in Arlington, as they shared with him how Medicaid expansion would change their lives for the better.

"The idea that we could not cover the 400,000 Virginians and provide quality care to me is morally unacceptable," McAuliffe said. "I take this very seriously."

At the roundtable, McAuliffe said he hopes to get the special session of the General Assembly over quickly. The governor announced Monday that he has proposed a two-year pilot program for Medicaid that has been approved by the federal government.

McAuliffe told patients and administrators of Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. that Medicaid expansion will happen this year.

Patients of the Alexandria clinic feel that Medicaid expansion cannot come soon enough.

Ted Woynicz, a veteran with PTSD, told McAuliffe that due to his health problems, he is unable to work. He also cannot afford the treatment that would make him better.

Because they cannot afford primary care, many Virginians such as Woynicz use the emergency room for health care. Now, Woynicz is afraid to go due to the high costs.

"It's a really scary thing when you're afraid now even to take yourself to the emergency room," Woynicz said.

According to McAuliffe, Medicaid expansion will allow more people to receive primary care and prevent people from going to the emergency room as

much.

Woynicz said he is also unable to make it to the University of Virginia Medical center to receive specialized treatment.

"I really put off what could be an oncological issue for about a year," Woynicz said.

Lori Piper worked as a business executive until five years ago when she was diagnosed with several autoimmune diseases. After she went through chemotherapy and her condition worsened, she had to quit her job.

"Chemotherapy made me much worse. I lost my job and I was not able to work after that. I became homeless and my mother died while I was homeless," Piper said.

Piper needs to see an oncologist at UVA, but can't afford to go.

"There are days when I don't have enough money to eat," she said. "ANSHI clinic is my only care. Thank God for them, or I wouldn't have any medical care."

McAuliffe said that if Medicaid expansion doesn't go through, medical centers at the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University will face cutbacks.

"That's why I'm so passionate about this topic," McAuliffe said.

Virginia House Republicans are opposed to Medicaid expansion. At the discussion on Thursday, McAuliffe said he wishes Republicans would sit down and listen to patients' stories.

"Every day we wait, it's another \$5.2 million that we are giving up," McAuliffe said.

McAuliffe has spent the last two weeks before the reconvening of the General Assembly to tour Virginia and talk to patients who would be impacted by Medicaid expansion.

"Hearing your stories brings, I think, tears to everyone's eyes in this room," McAuliffe said.

Attendees of the roundtable discussion also included some members of the Virginia General Assembly, including Sen. George Barker (D-39) and Delegates Bob Brink (D-48) and Charniele Herring (D-46).

"I'm lucky. I have health insurance. But it shouldn't be a matter of luck. It should be a matter of our state's priorities," said Herring.

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THROUGH FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Adult Sports Activities. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday at Witter Recreational Fields and Ben Brenman Soccer Field, and 3-7 p.m., at Eugene Simpson Soccer Fields. The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities offers a variety of ways for adults ages 18 and older to get active this spring. Visit, alexandriava.gov/RecreationCenters, alexandriava.gov/Recreation, email Mac.Slover@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-5402.

FRIDAY/MARCH 28

Women's Leadership Forum. 8:30-11:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 210 Prince St. Hear stories from women leaders. There will be a panel and sponsors. \$55/member; \$75/nonmember. Visit lyris.newtarget.com/t/17411/56884/2320/58/ to register.

SATURDAY/MARCH 29

FOAA Annual Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union Street, #327. The FOAA Annual Meeting & Election of the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology Board of Directors followed by the first board meeting at which time the officers will be selected. The Annual Meeting and Election is open to the general public. Any FOAA member in good standing is eligible to vote, but must be present to do so. Call 703-746-4399.

Housing Expo. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Anyone looking for an affordable place to live in Northern Virginia should plan to visit the 2014 Northern Virginia Housing Expo which will feature workshop and exhibits designed to educate attendees about location options, being prepared for buying or renting, understanding and improving credit scores, improving energy efficiency and more. Visit www.NoVaHousingExpo.org.

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 for more.

Expert Panel Session. 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington Street.

"Why Right-Sized Parking Matters: National and Regional Best Practices, Local Level Implementation, Impacts & Community Benefits." to launch the City's Parking Standards for New Development Projects Study. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Planning.

TUESDAY/APRIL 1

Application Deadline. Apply for the Westminster Community Grant program, which helps Northern Virginia area charitable organizations. Certified tax exempt charitable organizations in Northern Virginia are eligible to apply. For application information, go to www.wpc-alex.org/local/community_grant.htm or contact Priscilla Goodwin at communitygrant@wpc-alex.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

Combat Financial Fraud. 9:30 a.m. at Ernst Cultural Center, NOVA Community College, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia Speaker's Forum presents Nora Dowd Eisenhower who will discuss the complicated financial decisions about retirement, home equity, long-term care, and financial care taking responsibilities for seniors. Free. Garage parking is \$2 per hour. Call 703-503-0600.

Meeting. 6 p.m. at City Hall, 301 King St., Room 2000, Alexandria. The Royal Street Bus Garage Ad hoc Advisory Committee will hold its third meeting. The Committee will review draft design principles related to street level character, open space connections and building scale and transitions. Call 703-746-3813 or email jessica.mcvary@alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

Presentation. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Dr. Hassan Yemer, Professor, Strayer University will discuss his insights in "Leading Strategically: New Thinking for Entrepreneurs, Organizations, and Your Personal Life." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

THURSDAY/APRIL 3

City Manager's Public Budget Presentation. 6:30 p.m., at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. City Manager Rashad M. Young will host a public presentation of his proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Budget.

MONDAY/APRIL 7

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Del. Rob Krupicka will hold a post-session legislative wrap-up. Free. E-mail DelRKrupicka@house.virginia.gov or call 571-357-4762 with any questions.

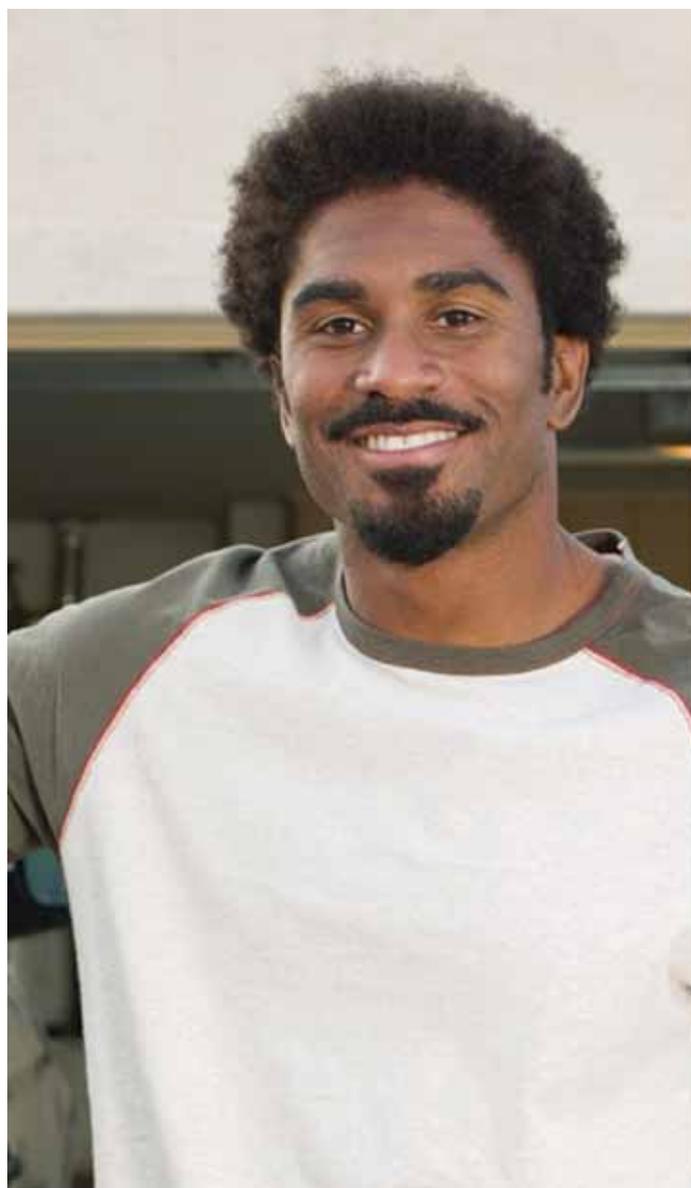
TUESDAY/APRIL 8

Retirement Planning. 7 p.m., located in the large meeting room at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Bryan Riley, a financial advisor for Ameriprise, presents, "Plan for Retirement: Challenge Your Concerns and Take Control." Call, 703-746-1751.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9

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Challenging Budgets

Local Government should be able to access income taxes to give relief on real estate taxes.

Northern Virginia governments are facing shortfalls in the classic budget sense: projected revenues are less than last year's expenditures plus increases in costs.

Alexandria City Manager Rashad Young Young: "This is the seventh straight year of budgetary challenges, where the cost of current services and previous commitments exceeds our revenue growth." His proposed budget includes \$190.6 million for Alexandria City Public Schools, a 2.62 percent increase over FY2014 but \$2.5 million less than requested by the Alexandria School Board.

Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova: "This will be a very challenging budget." Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza proposed an increase of 5.7 percent, \$98 million more than the schools requested last year, but supervisors have said to expect an increase of 2 percent.

Fairfax County, along with Arlington and Alexandria, is wrestling with how to fund increasing financial requests from schools, increasing needs for human services and providing a safety net, and many other areas of local budgets.

In Virginia, localities are allowed few areas of revenue, and local budgets are funded primarily through real estate property taxes. Property

values have increased this year, and local governments are also considering increases in the property tax rate, meaning homeowners will pay more in taxes.

Fairfax County Real Estate Assessments increased 5.8 percent for single family homes, 8.4 percent for townhouses and 10.5 percent for condos. In Arlington, property values grew about 5.8 percent this year. That includes single-family houses and townhouses, which went up 6.2 percent, as well as condominiums, which went up 5.9 percent. In Alexandria, residential assessments increased 4.8 percent.

But just because a home is worth more this year than last year doesn't actually put any more money in anyone's pocket. The increases are mostly modest and necessary in an area that prides itself on providing an exceptional quality of life and thriving business environment. Employment and jobs are also strong in Northern Virginia, with unemployment at 3.7 percent in Fairfax, 4.1 percent in Alexandria and 3.2 percent in Arlington. Northern Virginia is the economic engine of Virginia. The overall unemployment rate in Virginia is 5 percent, with these statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These rates are far below the national rate.

But state income tax, paid disproportionately by workers in Northern Virginia, are collected by the state for the state budget. The exact

percentage of money that returns to Northern Virginia is debated, but it is definitely small. Localities should have the ability to add a piggyback tax to the state income tax in order to provide needed and expected services while giving relief to homeowners.

Anyone familiar with the political process in Virginia knows that this is a pipe dream with essentially zero chance. It would have to pass the Virginia General Assembly. Nevertheless, it makes no sense for Northern Virginia to pay income taxes to the state without being able to benefit.

Meanwhile, Arlington FY 2015 tax rate public hearing is March 27 at 7 p.m. More on Arlington's budget: <http://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/budget/>

Fairfax County's public hearings, all in the board auditorium at the government center: Effective Tax Rate Hearing 3 p.m., April 8, 2014; Budget Public Hearing 6 p.m., April 8; 3 p.m., April 9; 3 p.m., April 10. More on Fairfax County Budget, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>

For more on Alexandria's budget <https://www.alexandriava.gov/budget/info/default.aspx?id=75641>.

A favorite guideline on testimony at budget hearings comes in Arlington: "Repetitious testimony is discouraged." Good luck with that.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beware Becoming Pedestrian Unfriendly

To the Editor:

The subject of managing bicycle traffic in Old Town is a complex one, but a key element is the effect of such traffic on the quality of life for residents.

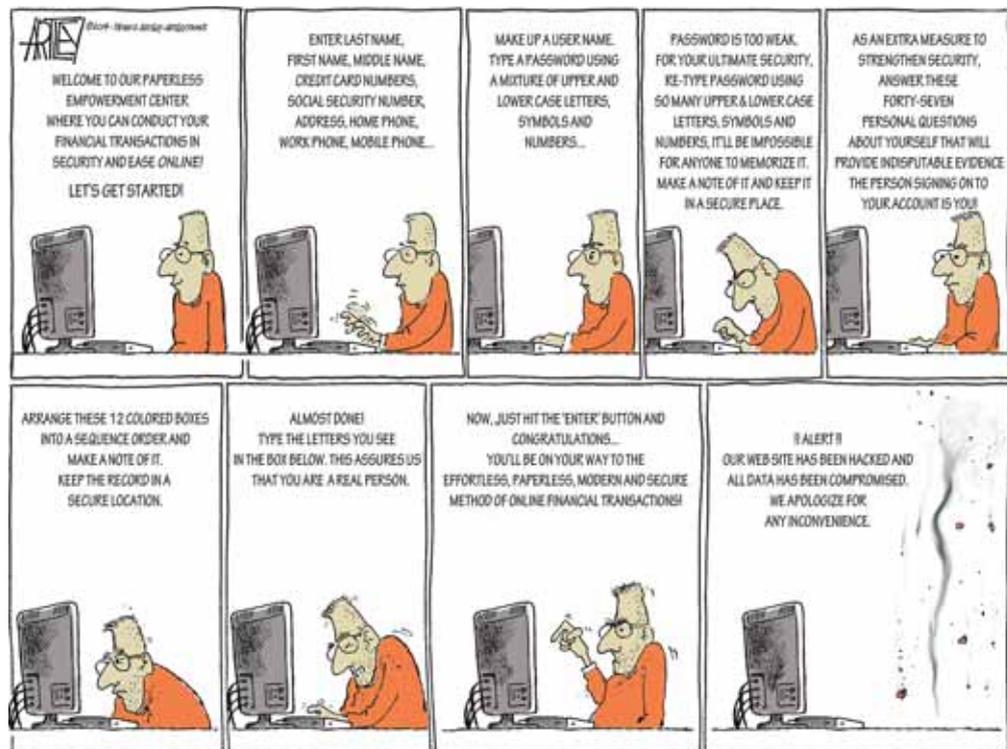
Old Town must be a walkable city, something it seemed to emphasize a few years ago but now has taken a back seat to other interests. It is evident that Old Town residents have complained about bicyclists not stopping at stop signs and not yielding to pedestrians, and added to this peril is the recent declaration by City Council that bicycles may travel on the city sidewalks. How can all of this be inter-

preted as anything but placing pedestrian safety, and pedestrian access, second to bicycle traffic?

Clearly Old Town must come to grips over bicycle traffic, both because it is a fact of life in the city and because City Council has determined we should be a "bicycle friendly" city. The concern to us is that in accomplishing this Old Town will become a city unfriendly and unsafe for pedestrians.

A year ago Alexandria had proposed making Union Street a bicycle corridor. This made sense as the Mount Vernon trail leads onto Union Street at both ends of Old Town. Now there is talk of a "Bicycle Boulevard" along Royal Street. Why has this changed?

Royal is a particularly bad choice for such a boulevard. A bicycle boulevard is intended to offer bicyclists a route less traveled by automobiles and trucks to reduce the riders' exposure to exhaust fumes and to avoid competing with the motorized vehicles as well as not compete with pedestrian traffic. Such a boulevard should feature minimal amounts of vehicles and cross traffic. Royal Street, by contrast, carries a significant traffic load during the morning rush with the St. Mary's school cars, the private and public school buses, Dash buses and the cars stopping at Safeway, collectively making challenges for pedestrians. Commuter car traffic crosses Royal at several points as does pedestrian traffic in the form of school children walking to the schools in the area: Lyles-Crouch, St. Mary's and St. Paul's. The



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Snapshot

HC House Cat wishes all a happy Spring.

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afternoon rush hour is similar, although with less traffic from St. Mary's School but much more crossing traffic from cars leaving Old Town.

And throughout the day, cars and pedes-

trians are going to and from the Safeway, not to mention Royal Street being an important thoroughfare for emergency vehicles.

It is already unsafe for pedestrians to cross

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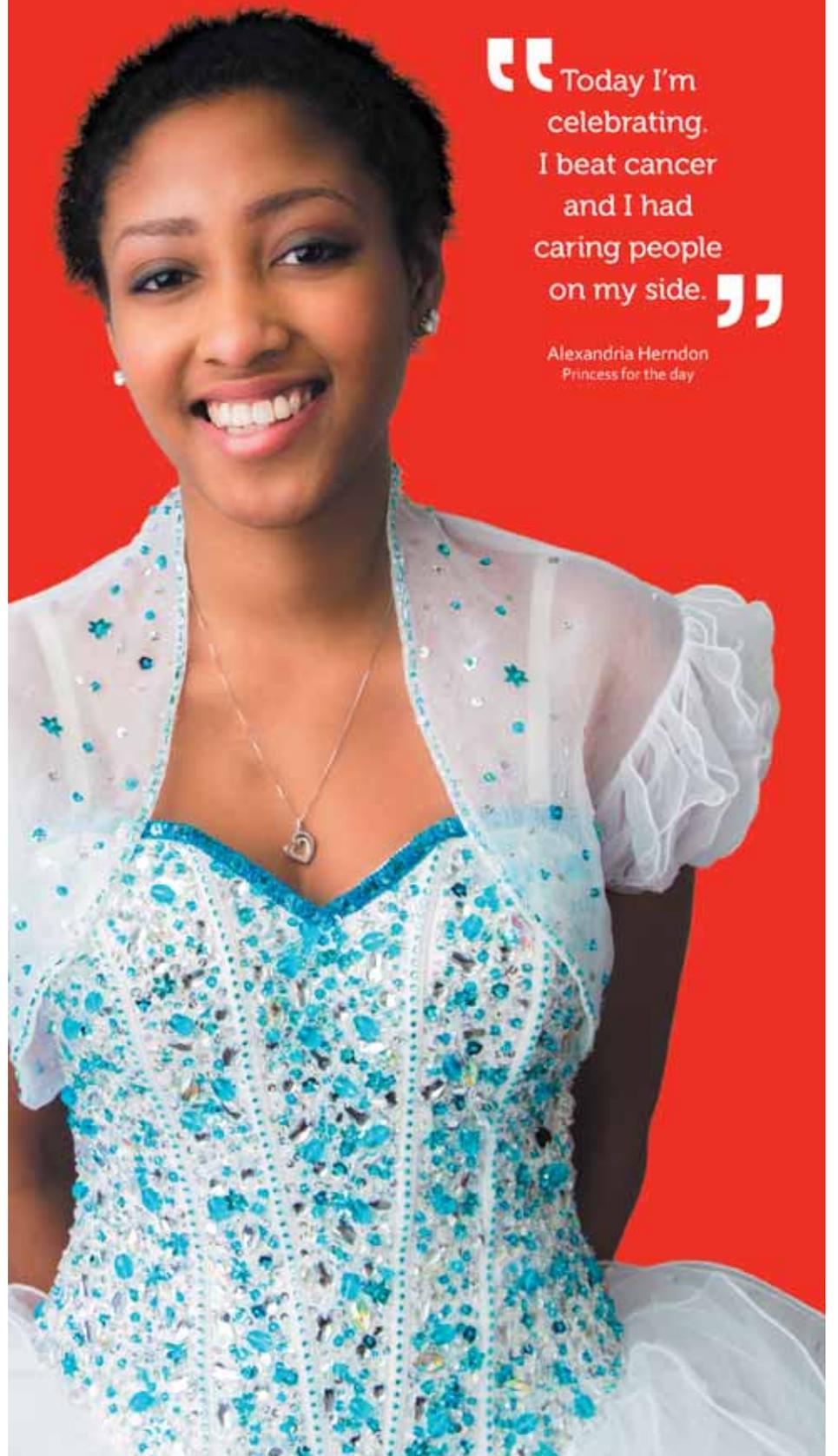
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Princess for the day

LETTERS

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South Royal at intersections during the commuting hours and removing stop signs on any of the streets will make this worse. As noted earlier, among these pedestrians are children, the elderly as well as handicapped people visiting the Safeway.

Pedestrians in Old Town are its residents, its children, its elderly and the many tourists that visit us. While many of us who live in Old Town are also bicyclists, the very large number of bicyclists who commute through the city do not live here and should not imperil the safety of our communities or the quality of life we enjoy by living here. Being "bicycle friendly" should not result in our city become pedestrian unfriendly and by that diminishing an important aspect of the quality of life in Old Town.

Arnold Miller and Ayne Furman
Alexandria

Are Bike Lanes Really Necessary?

To the Editor:

By unanimously overruling the directly affected residents' desires to put a bike lane on King Street, could our council overlords really want to enable more bike usage; less vehicular traffic? Pedaling a bike does burn calories, and surely more pedalers mean fewer cars. What's not to like about less vehicular congestion and better health, at

least for the pedalers?

My alter ego thinks he knows: The goal is not happy bikers nor their better health. It's slower internal combustion machines on Alexandria's roadways. The King Street bike lane issue revealed bike lanes narrow roadways, and narrow roads produce cautious drivers who drive ever slower. Ergo, more bike lanes.

But are bike lanes really necessary for traffic calming? Traffic is destined to slow to a crawl as it is. This is because our city council is implementing density policies intended to attract more and more people into Alexandria who, collectively, will bring evermore automobiles onto city streets. Nearly 6,000 additional vehicles were registered in Alexandria in 2012, for example.

No way around it: our elected representatives' density policies are cramming Alexandria. Most of the new residents have cars. Their cars will traverse a forever finite, never-to-increase number of roads. Our city council overlords' density policies are guaranteeing more vehicular congestion; not less, which will perforce cause slower traffic.

Now let's toss bikes onto already crowded roadways. The owner-operators of bikes in our community are a special breed. Part iconoclast; part health nut. Appealing attributes to me, frankly. If their understandable antipathy toward earth-warming, smog-producing cars is already high, will it go off-scale high when they find they're breathing exhaust fumes from more and



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Snapshot

Spring snowfall, March 25, 10:15 a.m.

more cars thereby making less healthy their enviro-friendly biking? Inquiring minds want to know.

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

True Cost of Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:

State Sen. Adam Ebbin's constituent re-

port highlighted the proposed state Medicaid expansion which has forced a special session because the legislature's two houses, under the control of different parties, cannot reach agreement. In this liberal state senate district, most constituents likely support Senator Ebbin's stance.

For sound public policy, we need to deconstruct Medicaid supporters' assertions, particularly since the interests pushing states toward this Medicaid expansion assured the public that President Obama's

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"I've made a lot of good friends since moving to the Hermitage."
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Even Mean Speech Is Protected

BY HARRY M. COVERT

The matter of free speech surely, completely and without exception is certainly alive and well. Contrarians and other questioners need only remember the name of Fred Phelps.

Phelps is the odious man who masqueraded as a Baptist preacher. He pushed the limits of saying what you want, when you want, no matter where you are or who you hurt. To the utter astonishment, but truly proper perhaps, the U.S. Supreme Court backed up his rantings.

I have known, met and worked with hundreds, probably thousands of ecclesiastical types all of my life from all sorts of denominations.

COVERT MATTERS

Fortunately I never met a man or person of the Phelps ilk or who personified such hate as this disbarred attorney. There are certainly other malicious and despicable public personages in the United States and around the world, not attempting to pass as members of the cloth.

Even political partisans and residents enjoy rather raucous relationships with constituents everywhere, including Alexandria and all over northern Virginia. Snide remarks are usually everywhere to be heard, particularly on cable news shows, about this candidate or that wannabe. The laughs are there but usually only momentarily as opinions and conversations move to other subjects, generally innocuous.

What about Phelps? I'll not dignify him as either Mister or Reverend or other honorifics. He's the man under the banner of an independent church who preached hate. He led his few members, mostly his family, to funerals of killed soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan. They carried banners declaring these heroes' deaths the result of God's punishing America for supporting homosexuality.

Similar banners included such words as "God still hates fags."

There's no need to describe other signs carried at soldiers' funerals, often at Arlington National Cemetery, a detestable sight for grieving families and friends.

While the Supreme Court held up the right to free speech at such events, the justices in an 8 to 1 ruling, maintained buffer zones. Usually, police at the protesting sites kept the *Phelpsians* in check but their irreverent signs and chantings were still heard.

His teachings and conduct were abhorrent. He was born in Meridian, Miss., went on to Pasadena, Calif., where he was a John Muir College student. He managed to earn a law degree in 1964 from Washburn University School of Law in Topeka. He was not suc-



cessful even though he did win some discrimination cases. It is true he never appeared in Alexandria courts as an attorney.

His Kansas disbarment came in 1979 for professional misconduct.

Phelps was an embarrassment to fellow Kansans, in fact much-loathed everywhere. His public protests began in 1991.

The point here is simple. There are certainly others of mean and cruel speech who enjoy the freedoms throughout all of the 50 states without recourse. Phelps is no example to follow by the public in ministry or any other way of professional exercise. He wore his Mephistophelian lifestyle as a badge of honor.

So why give space to such a character? It's simple. This should be a further alert that such people exist, a wolf in sheep's clothing, and they do benefit from the basic freedoms relished by every American.

He succumbed last week, Sept. 19, in a hospice. During the current Holy Weeks leading up to Easter, Scripture talks of the "beautiful feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." I'm proud to say there are many out there doing ministry without recognition.

There is another verse, particularly used in Lenten services that says, "blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."

But, the tongue and actions of a man such as Phelps are more than obvious, he was an "unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

What a lesson to learn. Only in America?



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"from the porch to the back yard. It may not be up to par, all beautiful with luxurious furniture,

Her memories are vivid. She loves Alexandria. And she loves her home. After living in the city for 71 years, Mary* not only appreciates the city's rich history but grows with it. In fact, everywhere she looks, she recalls memories from different parts of her life.

As a native Alexandrian who grew up on Queen Street, Mary remembers when Quaker Lane used to be mud lands, and when shops on Mt. Vernon Avenue had to close due to the floods. As a private nurse who often worked at the Goodwin House during her 30-year career, she met and cared for many well-known people and their family members, including a relative of Jackie Kennedy.

She experienced segregation during the Civil Rights era but felt that outside of school, boundaries faded and kids got along. This was especially the case during a family tragedy. When her brother drowned as a young boy, the entire community came together working to find him. She also fondly recalls the American Legion where she and her friends would dance. That's where she met Tom. He was a long-distance bus driver and Korean War vet who served alongside Elvis. Tom asked Mary for a date for eight months before she finally said yes. More than 45 years later, she and Tom have built a great life and traveled all over the country.

In that time, she has never found anywhere else that she truly felt was "home." Living in the historic area of the city, she appreciates the comfort of her home. She describes loving it

but I love it here. I never want to leave this place."

She describes the neighborly feel of the city as making her stay a lifetime. If she reaches out, someone reaches back. That's why she is grateful that Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a nonprofit that provides free home repairs to homeowners in need, reached out to them.

Mary describes going through the mail when she saw a Rebuilding Together application. She stopped to read it, suddenly realizing that they needed help keeping up their home. Although they had worked hard, the maintenance required on their home had outstripped their financial and physical abilities. Mary says that it took some prodding to get Tom to agree to fill out the application as it is hard to accept help. But after they did, they were delighted by the repairs and upgrades provided by Rebuilding Together Alexandria's volunteers.

They also are grateful for Rebuilding Together's work that has helped people throughout their beloved city. As Mary and Tom's history continues to become entwined with the city's history, they are also pleased that Rebuilding Together is part of theirs. If you would like to apply, volunteer or donate, visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or call 703-836-1021.

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Kicking Off the 19th Annual Kick Butts Day

Nearly 30 members of the Influence Club at T.C. Williams High School participated in a walking tobacco audit of local stores on March 19. Alexandria Mayor William Euille, Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook and Emma West, president of the Influence Club, kicked off the afternoon program with a press conference in the school lobby. Then the students broke into teams and were accompanied by an adult to multiple local stores in the city.

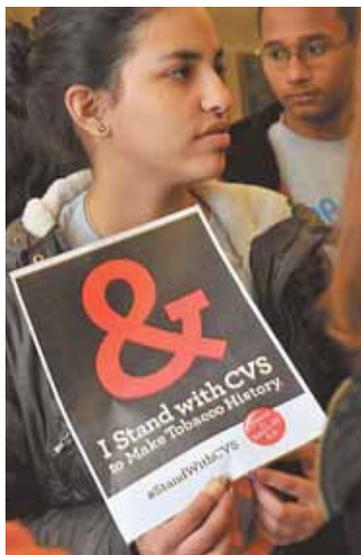
The audit consisted of counting the number of tobacco products, beer, wine, Alcopops and caffeinated malt beverages ads and product displays on shop doors, windows, counters, beverage coolers, floor displays and outside on telephone poles and sandwich boards. Students also noted product promotions and product display height and proximity to candy counters. After completing the audit reports, the students returned to school for dinner. Organized by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Kick Butts Day is an annual celebration of youth leadership and activism in the fight against tobacco. On Kick Butts Day, youth will encourage their peers to stay tobacco-free and educate their communities about the tobacco industry's marketing practices.



Mayor Bill Euille, Police Chief Earl Cook, members and advisors of the T.C. Williams Influence Club and adult volunteers prepare to leave the school for the afternoon Kick Butts program.



President of the Influence Club Emma West and Yahya Yazvi introduce Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook to the club members.



Susan Baez takes a sign in support of CVS's decision to stop selling tobacco products in their stores.



Interim director of the Campagna Center's Building Better Futures program Marianne Hetzer talks to members of the T.C. Williams Influence Club before Wednesday's program.

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Three New Members Join ACT for Alexandria's Board

ACT for Alexandria, Alexandria's community foundation, has added Lynnwood Campbell, David Frantz and Lori Murphy to its board of directors.

Campbell, a retired federal worker, is a former member of the school board and presently serves a board role on a number of other Alexandria nonprofits including Senior Services of Alexandria, the Alexandria NAACP and the Alexandria Animal Welfare League. Campbell's experience in business and accounting, both in the private and public sectors, will aid ACT in the business, accounting and audit arenas.

Frantz is a partner in the law firm of Conlon, Frantz



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Murphy

& Phelan and has served as president of the board of the Alexandria Country Day School, a board member of the

Washington Tennis & Education Foundation and as a youth soccer coach with the Alexandria Soccer Association. His practice concentrates in the representation of trade associations and other nonprofit organizations.

Murphy is a land use, trusts and estate attorney with Bean, Kinney & Korman in Arlington. She has extensive speaking and writing experience in the field and has been involved with ACT's Professional Advisors Council for a number of years. Her wills and estate background will benefit ACT as it continues to expand on ways those in the community can better assist others in need. ACT's board numbers 28. See www.actforalexandria.org.

NEWS

Boat Club Votes To Move

FROM PAGE 1

Club members will have to cast another ballot to accept the final arrangements. But city leaders and club members say the events of this week have brought a conclusion to a conflict that's been dragging on for years. Late last year, members of the City Council cast a vote to formally threaten the use of eminent domain, which would have dragged the controversial waterfront plan back into court for another round of legal battles.

"This is a new day, a new era," said Mayor Bill Euille. "The conversion of the existing parking to a vibrant public square has been a critical part of Alexandria's vision."

THE MAYOR said he celebrated the news by feasting on Chinese food and a Corona. Meanwhile, Boat Club members began speculating about what their future home at the foot of Prince Street might look like.

The site was originally part of the Potomac River until construction began on the restaurant in 1945. When the restaurant first opened, it was on stilts over the water until the early 1960s, when concrete was poured and new waterfront land was created. In more recent years, it was a military surplus store known as Potomac Arms.

"Whether we demolish it or not will depend on



Members of the Boat Club approved this plan, which will move the club from its 1923 building at the foot of King Street one block south to the foot of Prince Street.

what the engineers say and what the architects say," said Banchoff.

"We want to design a new clubhouse that is nice and that the people of Alexandria are going to like as much as we like."

The Alexandria city government purchased the property in 2006 for \$2.8 million.

Now that Boat Club members have approved a deal, lawyers on both sides will craft a contract to finalize the deal. That document must be approved by Boat Club members and the Alexandria City Council. Unless some sticking point arises during that process, the Boat Club will be leaving the building it's called home since 1923.

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SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

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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 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.

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

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

Woodlawn Exhibit. See work of needlers 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.woodlawnpepeleighy.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 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.

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.

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.

Art Exhibit. See "LOULUDI 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.

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.

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

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.

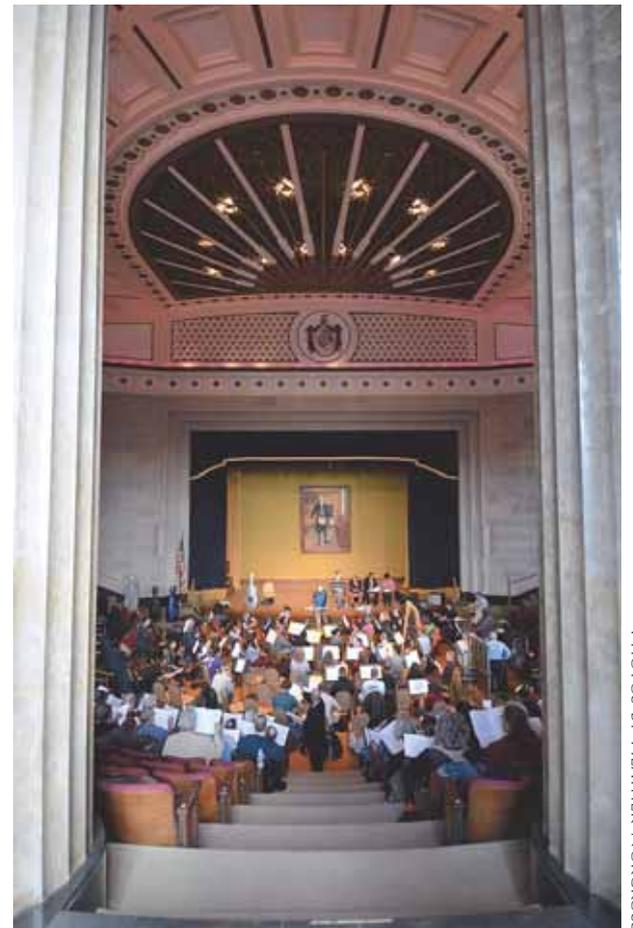
CLASSES & WORKSHOPS
Metro Club After-School Program.



Composer Lawrence Edward Ries follows the musical score as the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic rehearses "Sea Surface Full of Clouds."



Harpist Heidi Sturniolo will join the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic in concert March 30 at T.C. Williams High School.



Members of the NOVA Community Chorus join musicians from the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic for a rehearsal at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

PHOTOS BY HEATHER NORCROSS

'Sea Surface Full of Clouds'

WMPA, NOVA Community Chorus will debut work of local composer.

BY ROBIN PARKER
WMPA MANAGER

Many of us vividly remember the scene in the movie "Amadeus," where Mozart is hearing the music in his head and furiously scribbling, frantically trying to get his inspiration on paper. Not just a single line of music, but an entire symphony. While Mozart was in a different realm, the ability to create a piece of living, breathing music is something of great beauty.

At a recent rehearsal of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, composer Lawrence Edward Ries observed the orchestra as it performed his cantata "Sea Surface Full of Clouds." Images of what brought him and his music to this point swirled in the air as Ries witnessed the first moments of his music coming to life.

"My musical goal in 'Sea Surface' is to capture and convey the marvelous verbal, impressionistic and coloristic character of the poem," Ries said of the Wallace Stevens work of the same name. "I am one of those composers who see and hear colors in music. There is so much color in Stevens' poem that it inspired me to write music that attempts to match the colors and images in the poem. The poem is also about light and radiance, some of which I try to capture with the orchestration and some of which I try to capture in the vocal parts."

Ries originally wrote "Sea Surface" in 1986 as a two-piano version, but that changed as the piece evolved.

"I had an orchestration in mind when I wrote it," Ries said. "I wrote all the music sequentially from part 1 to part 5. At the time, I was balancing music composition with being a stay-at-home father caring for our two young children and the piece rested for several decades. But when I retired from my career in the federal government in 2009, I decided to capture the 'Sea Surface' handwritten score on the computer, using a computer music notation program."

The result of this more than 20-year journey will culminate on Sunday, March 30, when the world premiere of "Sea Surface Full of Clouds" will be performed by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic along with the NOVA Community Chorus. Joining them will be guest soloists soprano Tia Wortham, mezzo-soprano Anamer Castrello, tenor Duane A. Moody and baritone Jason Buckwalter.

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic and NOVA Community Chorus will perform "Sea Surface Full of Clouds" March 30 at 3 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The concert will also include Rodrigo's "Concerto de Aranjuez" with harpist Heidi Sturniolo and will conclude with Debussy's "La Mer."

Tickets are \$20, 18 and younger attend for free. Purchased tickets at wmpamusic.org or at the door.

ENTERTAINMENT



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Two More Weekends

The family-friendly classic, "Anne of Green Gables," based on the novel by L.M. Montgomery, continues for two more weekends: Friday and Saturday, March 28-29, and April 4, 5 at 8 pm, and Sunday matinees on March 30 and April 6 at 2 pm. There is a cast and director talk-back scheduled after the matinee on March 30. The show, presented by ACCT (Aldersgate Church Community Theatre), tells the story of the red-headed orphan, Anne Shirley, who charms the brother and sister duo at Green Gables with her wit and imagination. For tickets, visit www.acctonline.org. Tickets are \$12 for youth and seniors, and \$15 for adults. ACCT is located at 1301 Collingwood Road in Alexandria at the intersection of Fort Hunt and Collingwood roads.

CALENDAR

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.

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.

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

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.mvccct.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.

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.bikethesites.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 to register.

FRIDAY/MARCH 28

SWAN Day Performance. 7 p.m. at

The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Local poet Shelly Bell leads an evening to "Support Women Artists Now," showcasing their work through short performances of poetry, dance, music, and visual arts. A dessert reception follows the performance. \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvccct.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 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 or 703-746-4994.

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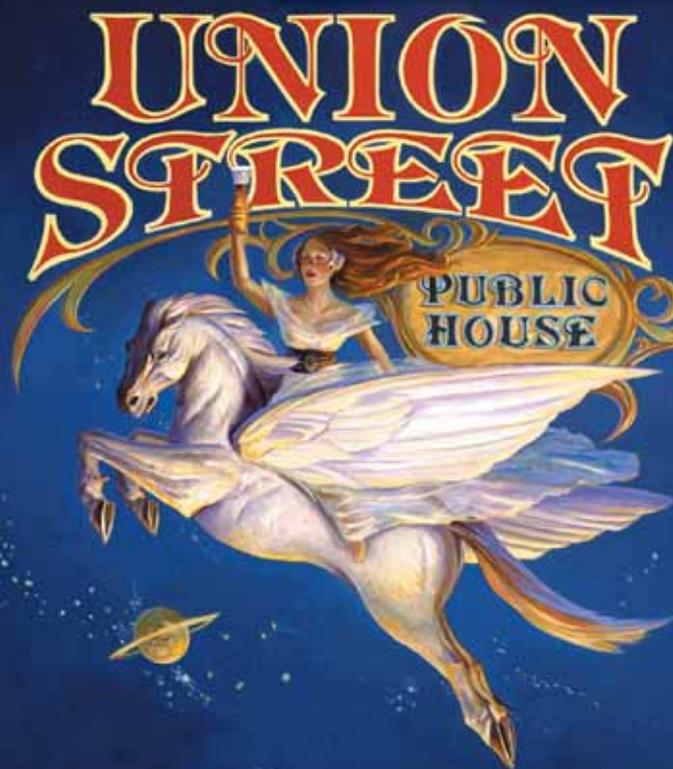
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The Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington, with conductor Barry S. Hemphill, will join the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra for two performances this weekend.

'To Change'

Barry S. Hemphill, conductor of the Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington will conduct the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's upcoming concerts March 29-30 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center in Alexandria and Vienna Presbyterian Church in Vienna. The concert features the Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington in a performance of Karl Jenkins work "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace." This concert is a part of the ASO's 70th anniversary season.

Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" is among the most performed works by a living composer today. Commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, England to commemorate the millennium, "The Armed Man" honors the passing of the 20th Century, noted as "the most war-torn and destructive century in human history," and dedicated to the victims of the then-ongoing war in Kosovo. The work is a call for peace through combinations of sacred and secular texts from around the world.

Titled "To Change," the March concert also features James Stephenson's "Fanfare for an Angel." The work was dedicated to and inspired by Jeanne Pocius, a trumpet teacher who was working with young musicians in Haiti at the time of the massive earthquake of 2010. "Fanfare for an Angel" was premiered at Logan Airport, greeting Pocius upon her return to the United States, after months of work to rebuild and reorganize her music education program.

WETA commentator Marilyn Cooley once again leads the audience in conversation with Sarah Chang at the ASO's Pre-Concert Chats.

The ASO's 70th anniversary season culminates in May when Maestro Kim Allen Kluge returns to conduct "To Inspire," featuring Beethoven Symphony No. 5 as well as the debut of Anita Johnson, soprano, on works of Mozart, Gounod and Verdi and Matt Johnson, trumpet, on Trumpet Concerto No. 1 by Molter.

Visit www.alexsym.org call 703-548-0885.

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 or visit 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 or call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/MARCH 30

Victorian American Girl Tea. 2-4 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. Enjoy a children's tea and etiquette lesson, featuring American Girl doll, Samantha. Children will make a craft to take home, and learn about Victorian etiquette and tea customs. \$12 per child, \$5 per adult chaperone. Reservations are required, space is limited. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Theater Performance. 3 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvtct.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.wmpamusic.org for more.

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 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

Profiles of Courage

Sergeant Elton B. Hummer, 1928

Elton B. Hummer was born August 15, 1898, the youngest of four children of Alpheus and Clara Hummer. Unmarried, he lived with his elderly parents at 806 Duke Street. On August 17, 1927, he became an Alexandria police officer.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant on June 1, 1928, Hummer played on the police baseball team and was described as "one of the most popular officers on the force."

On the evening of August 18, 1928, Hummer said goodnight to his parents and left to begin his midnight shift. About an hour later, he was on foot in the same neighborhood when he was shot in the alley next to 224 S. Alfred Street. When neighbors ran to see what had happened, they found Hummer critically injured on the pavement. He had been shot in the chest and groin and was pronounced dead at Alexandria Hospital.

Witnesses told police that after the gunfire, they saw a man running west on Duke Street. Despite a massive manhunt, Hummer's murderer was never identified. Sergeant Hummer was just 30 years old when he was killed.

Help the Alexandria Police Foundation honor Sergeant Hummer and other officers killed in the line of duty by supporting the Fallen Officers Memorial. To donate, mail a check to the Alexandria Police Foundation, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Suite 118, Alexandria, VA 22304. Donate online at www.AlexandriaPoliceFoundation.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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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 for more.

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha, and Samba. Come with or without a partner. Beginner (7-7:45 lesson) and advanced (7:45-8:30 lesson) dancers welcome. Practice 8:30-9 p.m. \$15 per lesson. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

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 or 703-683-6040.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

Mardi Groul Gala. 5:30-8 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Mardi Groul 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.alexandriaanimals.org/mardigroul 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.

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.

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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.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 26

Marching Band Concert. 7:30 p.m., at Springbank Auditorium, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School marching band will perform their concert, "March Madness." Free. Visit www.wolverineband.com, or call 703-718-2586.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 26

Book Discussion. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street. Historian and author Stuart L. Butler will discuss his recent book, *Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and its Militia in the War of*

1812. \$5 per person, free for Alexandria Historical Society members. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4994.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

Fundraiser. 5:30-8 p.m., at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 401 Dulany St. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is once again hosting the Mardi Groul Gala, the organization's largest fundraising event of the year. \$85, or \$150 for a pair, with all proceeds benefiting Alexandria's homeless animals. Tickets can be purchased online at www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/ MardiGroul, or www.alexandriaanimals.org/ MardiGroul.

Movie Screening. 6:30 p.m. at the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. The Friends of Duncan Library and The Duncan Library Cinema Club will screen the final film in The Films of Alfred Hitchcock series. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1705. After movie discussion at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-746-1705.

SATURDAY/APRIL 5

Benefit for Fisher House Foundation. 6:30-10 p.m., at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will host a fund-raising event for the Fisher House Foundation. Proceeds go to Fisher House. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Visit www.nvewda.org or call 703-860-4941.

THROUGH SUNDAY/APRIL 6.

Community Theater. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., at 1301 Collingwood Road. Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents the premiere of the family-friendly classic "Anne of Green Gables." \$12 for youth and seniors and \$15 for adults. Visit www.acctonline.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 6

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 or 703-765-3655.

Concert. 4-5:30 p.m., at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Annie Yu, WTTG-FOX 5's morning anchor,

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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.

Concert. 5 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The EcoVoce Ensemble — an Alexandria-based trio of soprano, piano, and flute specializing in concerts about nature and the earth — celebrates 15 years with a Washington DC area premiere of an African-inspired choral work, "Adiemus: Songs of Sanctuary." EcoVoce teams up with The University of Mary Washington Chorus, in this multimedia concert sharing the beauty, wildlife, and people of South Africa. Suggested donation \$10. Students \$5. Call 703-683-0322 or visit www.ecovoce.org.

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, 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.

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.

MONDAY/APRIL 7

R.E. Lee Camp Dinner. 6:15 p.m., at the American Legion Post 24 Hall at 400 Cameron Street. Hear author Ed Trexler address "Causes of the American Civil War." \$25, \$30 at the door. RSVP at 703-299-1725. Checks should be made out to R.E. Lee Camp #726 and mailed to 401 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 and must be received by April 4. Visit, www.leecamp.org.

Poetry Reading. 7:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. The Friends of Duncan Library and the Duncan Library Poetry Society will host local Alexandria poet, Margaret B. Ingraham reading from her book, Proper Words for Birds.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9

Spring2Action. This online giving event helps nonprofits reach fundraising goals. In this 24-hour period, how much can Alexandria raise? Every donation counts. Visit spring2action.razoo.com/giving_events/act14/home for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 10

Trunk Show Kickoff. 7 p.m., at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade retailer on King Street in Old Town Alexandria, is hosting its second annual Fair Trade clothing trunk show through Monday, April 14. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com, www.matatraders.com,

www.symbologyclothing.com, or call 703-684-1435.

Concert. 8 p.m., at The Lyceum 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. The United States Air Force Band-Members of the Air Force Strings will perform an evening of string music. Free. Visit, www.usafb.af.mil, or call 202-767-5658.

FRIDAY/APRIL 11

Plants, Food, and Art Market. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The American Horticultural Society will be holding its annual Spring Garden Market at its River Farm. Call 703-768-5700 or visit www.ahs.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 12

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Round Table Discussion. 10 a.m.-noon at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Discuss "Using Technology to Promote Art." Free, but donations encouraged. Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Firefighting History Walking Tours. 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history through a tour. Learn about three major fires, the five volunteer fire companies and more. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

SUNDAY/APRIL 13

Presentation. 2-3 p.m., at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Geocaching Organization will present an overview of geocaching, a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us, or call 703-746-1702.

Folk Concert. 7 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St.. Focus Music presents folk singer David Mallett, with Thomas Gunn. \$25, \$20 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php, www.davidmallett.com, or www.thomasgunnn.com, or call 703-380-3151.

MONDAY/APRIL 14

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha, and Samba. Come with or without a partner. Beginner (7-7:45 lesson) and advanced (7:45-8:30 lesson) dancers welcome. Practice 8:30-9 p.m. \$15 per lesson. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear vibraphonist Gary Burton and pianist Makoto Ozone perform. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Live Music. Lily Costner opens for Kevin Costner & Modern West at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets. Visit www.kevincostner.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 18

Easter Egg Hunt. 3:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street. Children 12 or younger are

eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults are welcome to enjoy all other activities. \$12 for children aged 0-12, \$5 for others. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco Street. All children of elementary school age or younger (children aged 0-12) are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults are welcome to enjoy all other activities. Tickets are \$12 for children aged 0-12, and \$5 for all others. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Liz Longley will open for Johnnyswim. Visit www.lizlongley.com/ or www.Birchmere.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Herb and Craft Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale. Free. Admission for the House tour is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12 years old, free for children 4 and under or free with your Alexandria Garden Day ticket. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park for more.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 27

Cook Off. Noon-3 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Carpenter's Shelter is bringing together new and old restaurants. Contributions from other organizations help Carpenter's serve more than 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families, provide shelter for more than 300 individuals, and open the Homeless Services Assessment Center to serve and place homeless individuals in shelter faster. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Visit www.carpenterscookoff.com or www.carpentersshelter.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 28

Biography Book Club. 7-8 p.m., at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha, and Samba. Come with or without a partner. Beginner (7-7:45 lesson) and advanced (7:45-8:30 lesson) dancers welcome. Practice 8:30-9 p.m. \$15 per lesson. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

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Spring?
Alex, of Alexandria, poses last week with her snow-encrusted garden bike.

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Visit, www.spring2action.org.

Save for College with VA529. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. It's never too late or too soon to start saving for college. Learn about the benefits and how easy it is to get started. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9

Using Credit Wisely. 7 p.m., located in the large meeting room at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. informative program from the Virginia Cooperative

Extension on strategies for using your credit wisely and raising your credit score. Call, 703-746-1751.

FRIDAY/APRIL 11

Family Fun Night. 6-8 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Enjoy water activities, playing on the racquetball courts and more. \$4/resident; \$8/nonresident. Contact Ralph Baird at 703-746-5435 or email ralph.baird@alexandriava.gov.

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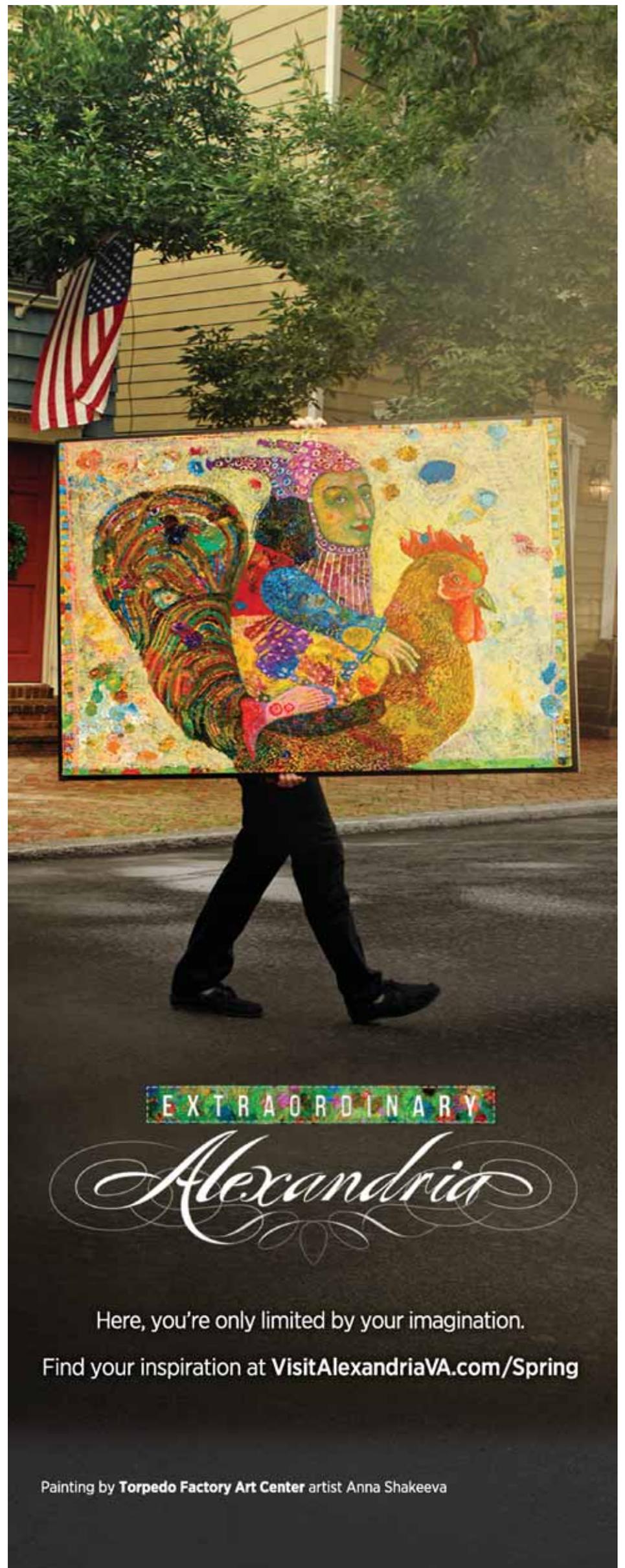
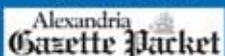
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Jack Herbert of Alexandria, goes for big points — written in chalk — during his parkour vault while his classmates watch.



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Christopher Blausler, of Springfield, swings along the bars along the urban jungle gym. The jungle gym is a large steel apparatus to climb within, along, and over as well as swing inside.

Spring Fun: The Ninja Gym

Looking for something a step up from the traditional gym? Urban Evolution in Alexandria offers parkour classes for ages 6 and up. Known as the “ninja gym,” its walls are strewn with graffiti and the equipment resembles a back alley complete with a full set of gym equipment.

Urban Evolution prides itself in being a gym for people who hate the gym.

It specializes in parkour, a training method that incorporates safe rolling habits, jumping and landing with precision, and numerous techniques for vaulting over obstacles. Similar to the video game “Thief,” youths and adults have fun climbing and

problem solving through an obstacle course that just happens to also be a gym.

Classes are offered every day of the week. Urban Evolution will also be offering its summer camps again this year.

Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 12 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Urban Evolution in Alexandria is located at 5402 Eisenhower Ave.

There are two other locations in Manassas and Baltimore. For more information, call 1-855-NINJAS1 or visit www.urbanevo.com

— VERONICA BRUNO



Graffiti lines the walls of the gym, providing a fun, urban atmosphere that quickly sets a mood for the classes.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 12

Luncheon. The Alexandria chapter of Nu Xi Zeta will host the 7th annual Spring Luncheon entitled “Upholding Tradition, Investing in Our Youth” at 11 a.m. at Army Navy Country Club. The Nu Xi Zeta Foundation will recognize the Community Service Award recipient, the Campagna Center; Man of the Year, Glenn Hopkins; and Woman of the Year, Jaspen Boothe; and the scholarship awardees. To purchase tickets, visit www.nuxizetahavefoundation.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 16

Discussion Series. 1-3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. “So You Think You’re Covered: Evaluating Your Long-Term-Care Plans.” Get guidance in how to evaluate long-term care insurance to see if it covers what you think it does, and if it doesn’t, what you can do about it. Free.

Reservations recommended, 703-231-0824.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at Crowne Plaza Old Town, 901 N Fairfax Street Alexandria. Thirty-six public safety personnel will be recognized at the 2014 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Valor Awards Luncheon. Visit www.alexchamber.com, or <http://www.alexchamber.com>.

FRIDAY/APRIL 18

Deadline for Proposals. 5 p.m. The City of Alexandria Office of the Arts is accepting proposals for the temporary placement or experience of art in public spaces in the City of Alexandria through the Special Opportunity Grant program. Artists and artist teams can apply for grants up to \$5,000. The Office of the Arts will host a Special Opportunity Grant program workshop and webinar on

Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. To attend the workshop via webinar, register in advance by email to cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

Senior Services. 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Nannie J. Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. Senior Services of Alexandria, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the successful aging committee of Alexandria are sponsoring a Health and Fitness Event. Free, open to the public. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org, <http://www.seniorservicesalex.org>, or call 703-836-4414, ext 10.

THURSDAY/APRIL 24

Condo Living Class. 7-9 p.m. at The Station at Potomac Yard, 650 Maskell St. The City and Arlington and Fairfax Counties will host a two-hour “Understanding Condominium

Living” class. Free, seating is limited. Confirm attendance at 703-746-4990 or email shane.cochran@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Awards Ceremony. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. The City of Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission and Alexandria Renew Enterprises (formerly the Alexandria Sanitation Authority) are seeking nominees for the Sixth Annual Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award. Visit <http://alexearthday.org/award.html> for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

Application Deadline. High school students can apply to the “House Student App Challenge.” The contest is open to all high school students who live in or are eligible to attend public schools located in the 8th Congressional District. Students must

provide a YouTube or VIMEO video demo explaining their app and what they learned through the competition process by the competition deadline on April 30, 2014. More details on submitting a contest entry, the rules of the competition, and programming resources can be found at Rep. Jim Moran’s page at moran.house.gov/house-app-contest or through StudentAppChallenge.house.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 30

Day-long Conference. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Association for Volunteer Administration is a professional non-profit membership organization for persons committed to the effective involvement of volunteers in community programs and services. Through June 1 \$75, starting June 2, \$100. Visit www.NVAVA.org.

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New Food for Spring

Local chefs offer suggestions for using spring vegetables in cold weather.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When Dara Yaffe Lyubinsky was growing up in Potomac she always enjoyed cooking, whether it was with her family and friends, or for her synagogue. Today, she's passionate about cooking fresh, seasonal meals.

Lyubinsky, like many chefs and culinary enthusiasts, is looking forward to strolling through farmers markets and creating fanciful spring dishes with the season's freshest bounty, especially as she prepares to return to D.C. from New York.

However, she and other chefs are making the most of the available spring produce even if warm weather seems a like a distant dream.

"Since it's still so chilly outside, and the forecast is still calling for snow, we're incorporating some of spring's newest produce into some heartier, cold weather dishes," said Lyubinsky, a professional personal chef and the owner of Tastes Like More Personal Chef Service (www.tasteslikemoreDC.com), a boutique culinary service. She's also a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education and the University of Maryland, as well as a 2001

graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School in Rockville.

One meal that melds comforts of winter with the freshness of spring is vegetable risotto. She combines green, spring vegetables with cool, creamy aioli, which she flavors with ramps to combine the best flavors of both seasons.

Although Lyubinsky often cooks for athletes, media personalities, and financiers, her favorite people to cook for are families who simply want to eat more wholesome, carefully-curated, good-for-them food at home.

"We've been slowly dipping our toes into lighter fare influenced by the beautiful produce that is slowly becoming available as spring tries to fight its way through this seemingly everlasting winter," said Lyubinsky.

Among Lyubinsky's most savory transitional meals is a winter recipe makeover: spring vegetable pasta fagioli with pea pesto crostini. She trades winter root vegetables like butternut squash for spring's zucchini and fava beans in this classic soup.

COMBINING THE BOLDLY DIFFERENT tastes of fennel and citrus is also a favorite of Arlington, Va., based chef and instructor Kristen Robinson of The Interna-

tional Culinary School at The Art Institute of Washington.

"Fennel: I like to shave [it] thin and prepare a salad of shaved fennel and grapefruit over arugula dressed with lemon juice and olive oil," she said. "I love to fry artichokes and serve [them] with a mint pesto and currants and pine nuts, or braise the artichokes with saffron and dried cherries."

Robinson uses fava beans and peas in spring salads, but she also finds heartier uses for them: "I also like to purée them and use them as a substitute for potatoes and add herbs like parsley or chives." She recommends serving her fava and pea purée with chicken or fish.

In spring, asparagus can often be found roasting in Robinson's kitchen. "I like to roast it in the oven and eat it with ricotta cheese with lemon zest and black pepper," she said. "Sometimes I add a poached egg and call it breakfast."

Nancy Pollard of La Cuisine in Old Town Alexandria, Va., said, "One of the first things I do with spring produce is make some ... risotto. In the next week or so, we'll start seeing more asparagus at farmers markets. I love doing risotto with whatever I can find at the farmers market like asparagus, peas or ramps," she said. "It is great served with grilled fish or grilled meat."



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Kristen Robinson of The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Washington enjoys combining the bold flavors of fennel and grapefruit to create spring salads.

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Visitors on the African American Heritage tour pose for photos with Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiorre-Walker as they arrive at the Charles Houston Recreation Center for a box lunch and tour of the center's Alexandria African American Hall of Fame.



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Sisters from the Zeta Chi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority volunteered to help set up lunch and refreshments for the 200-plus visitors. The sorority performs community service activities in Alexandria and Arlington. With the sisters are Mayor Bill Euille and councilmember John Chapman.

African American Heritage Tour Stops in Alexandria

“Welcome to Alexandria,” called out the Alexandria Town Crier as 200-plus visitors stepped out of four tour buses at the Charles Houston Recreation Center last month. The visitors were taking part in the Washington Informer’s annual African American Heritage Tour and stopping for a boxed lunch at the recreation center.

This year’s tour focused on Black History in Alexandria.

Thirteen sites were included on this year’s tour featuring: Alexandria Black History Museum, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Alexandria African American Hall of Fame, Alexandria Library – Barrett Branch, Edmondson Sisters Sculpture, African American Heritage Park, Freedom House,

Shiloh Baptist Church, Market Square – City Hall, Hayti Neighborhood, Freedmen’s Cemetery, Roberts Memorial Methodist Church, Dr. Albert Johnson Home and the Odd Fellows Hall. Community partners for the tour were: Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, Alexandria Black History Museum, Northern Virginia Urban League/Freedom House, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Shiloh Baptist Church, The Hoop Academy Project, African Hall of Fame Committee and the Alexandria Library. Sponsors included: Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association, Industrial Bank, Pepco, Southwest Airlines, THEARC, D.C. Lottery, and Capital Entertainment Services.

— LOUISE KRAFT



Director of the Charles Houston Recreation Center Sheila Whiting welcomes all to the Charles Houston Recreation Center and gives a little history on the center.

Let the Music Play

In support of students enrolled in music classes throughout the city, First Night Alexandria announced contributions to the music programs at three Alexandria City Public schools.

During a recent pyramid concert performed by the bands, orchestras and choirs of Francis Hammond and George Washington Middle Schools and T.C. Williams High School, First Night Alexandria presented contributions totaling \$3,000 to support the music programs at the three schools.

“This is one way for First Night Alexandria to give back to the community and to support and encourage the musi-

cal talents of Alexandria students,” said First Night board member and former Mayor Kerry Donley as he made the presentations. “This is the third year that we have had the opportunity to make these contributions as well as have students perform on the afternoon of New Year’s Eve.”

ACPS parent and First Night board member Lori Quill echoed Donley’s remarks.

“This is a win-win for these music programs,” Quill said. “Many of the kids wouldn’t be able to attend state competitions if it wasn’t for these gifts.

This is a good thing that First Night does for ACPS.”

For more information, visit www.FirstNightAlexandria.org.



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First Night board member Kerry Donley, fifth from right, poses for a photo with ACPS band and orchestra members after presenting a check for \$3,000 to support the music programs of Francis Hammond and George Washington Middle schools and T.C. Williams High School.

Child & Family Network Centers Opens New Headquarters

The Child & Family Network Centers held a community breakfast and a cocktail reception for its sponsors, donors, volunteers and local business supporters at its new West End headquarters on Wednesday, March 19.

CFNC Board Chairman Steve Nearman remarked on the organization's progress during its 30-year history, citing founder Barbara Fox Mason for her vision and CFNC CEO and Executive Director Margaret Patterson for her boldness to expand CFNC's reach in the community. Nearman also introduced the guest speaker of the morning Del. Rob Krupicka.

Krupicka congratulated CFNC on their recent accomplishments including a successful Capital Campaign that has raised \$1.6 million to date and the facility opening.

Guests had an opportunity to tour the new facility, which was built with \$1 million in pro bono construction, interior design, and litigation services solely from local businesses. M&T BANK, Alexandria Pastry Shop and Alexandria's Whole Food Market provided services and sponsorships for the opening events.

The Child & Family Network Centers provides free preschool



Curious George along with his furry friends looks out at all those gathered celebrating the grand opening of the CFNC headquarters.

education for over 159 children and families at or below 185 percent of the poverty line, who make too much to qualify for Head Start but not enough to fund private education. Providing a blend of preschool education and family support services including free health services, in home visits, and counseling, CFNC currently operates 10 classrooms in apartment complexes, recreational centers and other locations throughout Alexandria.



CFNC Board Chairman Steve Nearman cuts the ribbon at the grand opening reception at the new CFNC headquarters on Wheeler Avenue.

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CFNC Capital Campaign co-chair Bill Marino, Carter Land and Harry Braswell.



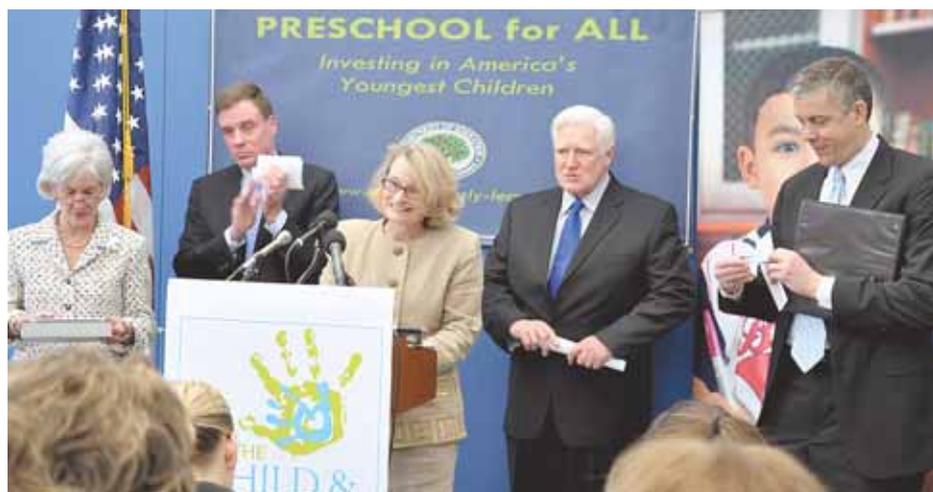
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State Sen. and CFNC finance committee member Barbara Favola is welcomed to the newly opened CFNC headquarters by CFNC CEO and Executive Director Margaret Patterson and CFNC Capital Campaign co-chair Lisa Herget.



David Loo talks with CFNC Vice President, Development Committee and Executive Committee member Hartley Hobson Wensing.



U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Mark Warner, CEO and Executive Director of The Child and Family Centers Margaret Patterson, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

Underscoring Importance of Early Education

U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner visited The Child and Family Network Centers' West End facility on March 7 to discuss President Obama's 2015 budget proposal to invest in high quality early education for all children. Duncan, Sebelius, Moran and Warner received a tour of CFNC's site and met with the children in their classrooms.



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius observe CFNC's classroom.

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Crawley Seeks To Cut Number of Suspensions in Half

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reducing the disproportionate number of black male students who are suspended. By fall, she said, School Board members will have an idea of when they might be able to accomplish the goal of reducing the number of suspensions by half.

"It's about teaching them skills for success, and not only for academics but also social and emotional," said Graf. "We are addressing a population that might be struggling and need that reinforcement in order to be successful."

STATISTICS COMPILED by school officials show black male students are suspended at disproportionate rates in a variety of settings. For example, a black male high school student is 24 percent more likely to be suspended than other students. And that the disproportionality grows larger in the younger grades. A black male elementary school student is 30 percent more likely to be suspended. That's a disparity that has become alarming to many parents in recent years.

"I think we're going to have to look at what's happening in the elementary schools," said School Board member Bill Campbell. "That's where you want to first establish firm expectations and have consistencies in disciplinary measures."



Alvin Crawley

Disproportionally is not the only problem. The raw number of suspensions has also increased in recent years. At George Washington Middle School 2, for example, the number of out-of-school suspensions almost doubled in the last year. And a school level formative discipline plan for the school shows that a third of those students had been suspended multiple times, an indication that the system of discipline was often hitting certain children over and over again.

"I would like to see suspensions go down overall," said School Board member Pat Hennig. "Interruption of education should only be done on very serious offenses."

THE SUPERINTENDENT has laid out a four-part strategy to accomplish the goal. The first plan of attack is to strengthen positive behavioral intervention supports, essentially a way of encouraging a positive environment in the classroom. This approach focuses on teaching conflict-resolution skills and decision-skills. So when students are

learning about citizenship, which is one of the 83 behaviors in the curriculum, they may be given a ticket for demonstrating citizenship that they can use to purchase a reward at the end of the week.

"There would be assemblies where you would focus on responsible behaviors or respectful behaviors," said Crawley. "And then the follow-up is that teachers would have discussions with students in classrooms about these behaviors."

Another strategy is to look at alternatives to suspensions. For example, should a student be disciplined with in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension? Crawley says he wants to make sure that administrators are providing more alternatives to suspension, concentrating efforts on making sure that students continue to be educated when while they are being disciplined.

"We need to make sure there's a strong counseling component," said Crawley. "So that the students don't continue to make the same mistakes that are getting them in trouble."

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS will also play a key role in the superintendent's strategy. Crawley plans to identify specific schools to examine what kind of interventions they have in place, a process that will start next week. The elementary schools

that will be under the microscope are Patrick Henry Elementary School, Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology and Jefferson-Houston School. The middle schools that will be examined are Hammond 1, Hammond 2 and George Washington 2.

"We're going to look at their trend data on suspensions and look at their current interventions," said Crawley. "And then there will be a brainstorming session to present new ideas on how they can better address issues that are put on the table related to suspensions."

Crawley also wants the concept of "restorative justice" to play a role in addressing the number of suspensions in the school system. That's a strategy that was created in the juvenile justice system that's taking a growing role in school systems across the county. This approach puts less of an emphasis on disciplinary consequences and instead puts attention toward making sure students understand the consequences of their actions.

"The last week of the month, we are going to have a team of staff from our high schools as well as the central office and we're going through a three-day training to learn about restorative justice and how we can implement it in the school division," said Crawley.

Polar Vortex Sends Financial Chill

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and larger.

"That creates a minor depression that can sometimes grow into something much larger that we affectionately call a pothole," said Yon Lambert, deputy director for operations of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.

Alexandria currently has 574 requests since the beginning of January to March 21, a 552 percent increase over last year, which was 88 requests for service. About 42 of those are still being investigated to see what kind of remedy would be appropriate. That's part of a regional effort to address potholes throughout Northern Virginia, a region that has been hit with a disproportionate amount of precipitation and freezing weather this

year. All local governments are trying to figure out how much this year's winter will cost them as the next budget season approaches.

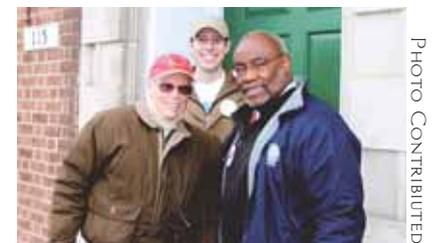
"All invoices for snow-related costs for the last event have not been paid. Some not received yet," said Arlington budget director Richard Stephenson. "In addition, the cost of pot hole repairs will not be known for some time."

THE COSTS of the polar vortex are not easy to grasp, partially because it's difficult to know what the final bill will be and partially because nobody knows how much the damage will be inflicted. Anecdotal evidence is overwhelming. Drivers know that their roads are deteriorating rapidly. Alex-

andria and Arlington have dominion over their own streets, although the roads of Fairfax County are maintained by officials at the Virginia Department of Transportation, who are scrambling to meet all the requests they have been confronted with since the polar vortex swept into town.

"Our roads are in pretty sorry shape," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "The snow removal expense has now begun to eat into the repaving expense for this year, and so VDOT is having to look at deferring paving projects that were planned for 2014 because of the amount of money that it has to spend on snow expenses."

Budget officials across Northern Virginia will not know the final expense of the polar vortex for some time. That's because all the invoices have not yet been received by local governments. Those expenses will probably become more digestible for budget officials during the mid-year review or the third-quarter review, long after the snow has melted and the spring flowers have wilted. Until that time, government leaders will be working overtime to fix the damage of the polar vortex. One day last week, for example, Alexandria had four crews out repairing 375 potholes using six tons of hot-mix asphalt. "We can't do a really active and intense period of pothole repairs when temperatures are very cold," said Lambert. "We've had more than 30 inches of snow this year whereas we had less than two inches last year, and that combined with the very cold temperatures has a very big impact on our roads."



From left: SSA Volunteer Tom Irvin, Mayor Bill Euille and Don Miller, CFO of Meals on Wheels Association of America.

March for Meals Bringing Attention To Senior Hunger

Mayor Bill Euille, City Council members Del Pepper and John Chapman and a team of Senior Services of Alexandria volunteers delivered meals to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels Association of America's "March for Meals" Campaign. The month of March mobilizes hundreds of local Meals on Wheels programs across the country to reach out to their communities and build the support that will sustain them all year long. For more information about March for Meals, go to www.mowaa.org. Know of a senior who might benefit from Meals on Wheels? Contact Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414 or www.seniorservicesalex.org.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Irish Breakfast Band, a group of local musicians, held a lively session at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub on Mt. Vernon Avenue on the evening of Monday, March 17. Pianist Martha Beall, fiddle players Sean Doherty, Tom Van Wagner, Peter Hayes, Sandy Hoar, Gordon Johnston, Melissa Gouffray and Jannie Johnston were joined by Jackie Desrosiers on the ukelele, Karen Helbrecht on banjo and bones, Lisa Anderson on flute and whistle, and Sue McIver on hammered dulcimer. Chuck Moran kept everyone in

line on various percussion instruments.

This performance ended a very busy weekend schedule that started Friday night with a standing room only concert at Fairfax City's Old Town Hall, with the Boyle School of Irish Dance. Jannie Johnston played Monday evening after a long snow day of Irish dancing at Murphy's of Old Town, O'Donnell's, and National Harbor.

"It's my last St. Patrick's Day with the dance school," she mourned. Jannie, a senior at T. C. Williams, is off to college next year. — LOIS KELSO HUNT



T.C. Williams senior and East all-star Tykera Carter, right, scored nine points in the 10th Suburban Classic on March 23 at Oakton High School.



T.C. Williams senior and East all-star Angie Schedler shoots a jumper during the 10th Suburban Classic on March 23 at Oakton High School.

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East All-Stars Beat West in Suburban Classic

T.C. Williams teammates Carter, Schedler play for East team.

BY JON ROETMAN
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Sunday's 10th Suburban Classic started with a 3-point shootout — the perfect competition for West Springfield senior Amy Berglund to show off her sharpshooting skills.

After posting the top score of the first round (19), Berglund won the event with a score of 9 in the finals, beating McLean's Cami Prock, Centreville's Jenna Green and Osbourn's Bailey Dufrene.

Berglund, who scored more than 1,000 points in her high school career, knocked down countless 3-pointers in her four years as a Spartan, but she said performing in front of a small crowd in a quiet Oakton High School gym was more nerve-wracking than playing in a big game.

"My heart was racing, I don't know why," Berglund said. "I was pretty nervous. It was fun. I felt like I was in the NBA all-star [shootout]. My legs got tired in the second round, that's why my score dropped so much, but it was fun."

Berglund's 3-point shootout title preceded the afternoon's main event: the East-West all-star game. Berglund, who plans to play for University of Northwestern St. Paul next season, scored 10 points and helped the East all-stars beat the West 78-64 on March 23.

The Suburban Classic featured some of the top seniors from the 6A North and 5A North regions. The Northern Virginia Women's Basketball Coaches Association sponsored the event and helped raised scholarship money for athletes.

The East all-stars, coached by Edison's Dianne Lewis, led the West squad, coached by Madison's Kirsten Stone, by as many as

22 points in the second half.

T.C. Williams teammates Tykera Carter and Angie Schedler played for the East all-stars, finishing with nine and three points, respectively. Carter buried a 3-pointer and scored on a putback in the fourth quarter, giving the East a 68-49 lead.

Carter and Schedler are undecided about their respective college plans.

"It was great," Schedler said about getting to play one more game with Carter. "I'm going to miss playing with her, a lot."

Prock finished with 12 points for the East and earned team MVP honors. Prock "took a couple emotional days off" following McLean's season-ending loss to T.C. Williams in the opening round of the 6A North regional tournament on Feb. 24. Following her decompression session, Prock returned to the gym to work on her game. While her time with the McLean girls' basketball team was over, Prock's hard work paid off a month down the road with a strong performance in the Suburban Classic.

The East all-stars led 34-30 late in the second quarter. Prock helped the East pull away, though, scoring six points in the final 90 seconds of the first half as the team built a 41-30 halftime advantage.

Prock agreed that the environment was a combination of competitiveness and enjoyment.

"It was definitely a great mixture of both," she said. "I know when I'm competing and having fun at the same time, it's a great feeling."

Prock will attend the College of William & Mary next year and is debating whether to attempt to join the university's basketball team as a walk on.

South Lakes guard Caitlin Jensen, a mem-

ber of the West all-stars, was another athlete who didn't take long to return to the gym after her high school season had ended. Jensen said she went back to work the following day after the Seahawks lost to Centreville in the regional quarterfinals on Feb. 25.

On Sunday, Jensen led all scorers with 22 points, including four 3-pointers.

"I've been working really hard since the season ended," Jensen said. "It's a great feeling."

Jensen will continue her basketball career next season at the University of Mary Washington. On this afternoon, she got to play once again with South Lakes teammate Abby Rendle, and with girls she had competed against during her high school career.

"It was a good experience," Jensen said. "It was nice because I've played against these people forever and now playing on the same team with [Centreville point guard] Jenna [Green] and all them, it's a new feel, but I liked it."

Madison senior Katie Kerrigan has also been working hard, but in a different sport. After the Madison girls' basketball team lost to Stonewall Jackson in the region semifinals on Feb. 27, Kerrigan transitioned to her primary sport of lacrosse, which she will play at Ohio State University. On Sunday, she was back on the hardwood as a member of the West all-stars.

"It was definitely a lot of fun playing with the best players in the region," Kerrigan

said. "It's definitely a little hard because I haven't touched a basketball in three weeks. It was fun. It was a great experience. I got to play with a lot of my close friends. It was a great way to end my high school career."

Kerrigan scored six points, played aggressive defense and got to play for Coach Stone one more time.

"It was fun," Stone said of coaching Kerrigan in the all-star game. "She's just a workhorse. You don't really see many of those. ... I turned to the girls on the bench and I'm like, 'I would hate for her to have to guard me.' And they were like, 'it's awful.'"

Samantha Porter (Mount Vernon/Christopher Newport) and Amber Bryson (Lee) each scored 10 points for the East all-stars. Michelle Noel (Wakefield) and Tatianna Torres (Edison) each had eight. Caitlyn Mandela (Lake Braddock) and De'Ja Jeanpierre (Mount Vernon/Barton College) each had four points for the East.

For the West all-stars, Centreville's Green finished with 13 points and earned team MVP honors. Arnelle Collins (Freedom) scored 12 points and Alexia Johnson (Broad Run) had nine. Kayla Hix (Stonewall Jackson) and Bailey Dufrene (Osbourn) each had one point. Freedom's Nicole Lubovich also competed for the West team. Centreville's Katie Blumer was a member of the West all-stars but sat out due to injury.

Lewis, who coached Edison to its second consecutive region championship this season, said allowing players to have fun was a priority, but she takes pride in winning.

"Absolutely," she said. "I hate to lose."

"It was great. I'm going to miss playing with [Tykera Carter], a lot."

— T.C. Williams senior Angie Schedler

TC Crew Christens New Season, Racing Shell

The T.C. Williams crew team took to the water for their first regatta of the year this past Saturday, a day that saw the Titan rowers not only christen a new season, but christen a new racing shell, as well.

The regatta and christening ceremony took place at the Dee Campbell Boathouse in Old Town. In what has become an annual rivalry, the Titan rowers squared off against the Washington-Lee Generals. The two schools were among the first in the area with rowing programs and have been competing against each other since 1949.

This year's regatta featured the boys only; the W-L girls decided to stay behind in Arlington to get in some more practice time. As a result, instead of racing against the Generals, the Titan girls raced against the clock in a series of 500-meter and 1500-meter time trials designed to gauge the performance of different line-ups and check their speed going up the Potomac River course.

"We tried to make the conditions as race-like as possible without having Washington-Lee on the course," TC girls' head coach Patrick Marquardt said. "Fortunately, our girls are very competitive. They knew that they were not only racing against the clock, but racing against each other in the competition for seats. They gave it their all, and



Rowers Rodrigo Robles and Noah Stewart help power the T.C. Williams Boys Varsity 8 during their race against the Washington-Lee Generals on the Potomac River on March 22.

it showed. I was very pleased."

As for the boys, Saturday's regatta was the first head-to-head match-up for the Titans, and their first taste of real competition this year. If the results are any indication, they passed this test with flying colors, with both the T.C. Williams varsity 8

and lightweight 8 boats winning their 500-meter and 1500-meter races, and the TC freshman 8 winning their events, as well.

"I'm encouraged," TC crew boys' head coach Pete Stramese said when asked about the results. "But I also know it's a long season, and what happens from one weekend

to the next depends entirely on the hard work that's put in on the days in between. Our guys have been working hard this spring. It showed last Saturday. The job now is to keep it up."

Stramese and Marquardt head up a coaching staff that includes Peter Hearing, Stephanie Patton, Audrey Shankles, Spenser Allin, and Colin Canfil on the boys side, and Jaime Rubini, Cathy Hott, Cara Donley, Chris Ottie, and Jane Turner on the girls side. The coaching staff will lead the Titans into their next regatta this weekend at the St. Andrews School in Delaware.

When the Titans take the water in Delaware, they will also be taking with them a new racing shell that was christened this past Saturday in a ceremony that took place after the time trials and regatta against Washington-Lee. Called the "Wanda Carol Street," the shell is named after the current treasurer of the Alexandria Boosters and longtime support of T.C. Williams crew.

More than 150 people attended the ceremony, which culminated with Street christening the racing shell with water from the Potomac River and the TC girls' varsity 8 taking it out for a row. Among those attending the event were Mayor Bill Euille, City Councilman Justin Wilson, School Board Chair Karen Graf, and School Board Member Bill Campbell.

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Gertrude W. Andrews (Trudy)

Gertrude Elizabeth Whitaker Andrews, lovingly known as "Trudy" passed away peacefully on March 19, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois at Sunrise Senior Living of Lincoln Park attended by her son, daughter and grandsons Daniel and Michael. Trudy was born in Norton, VA on October 28, 1923, the youngest child of Joe and Effie Whitaker. She graduated from J.I. Burton High, received an associates degree from Clinch Valley College and worked for First National Bank of Norton. She lived in Kansas briefly, working for the Eisenhower Library before returning to Virginia to work for the Social Security Administration, rising to Disability Adjudicator. After retiring she attained a license and sold real estate until the age of 85. Trudy had a loving and generous spirit and will always be remembered as one who looked for opportunities to serve others. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Marshall Andrews, of Alexandria, VA; her daughter, Diana S. Phillips of Chicago, IL and son, Robert N. Shell (B.J.) of Houston, TX; sister and best friend, Ethel B. Burton of Big Stone Gap, VA; her grandchildren, A. Daniel Phillips III, (Cary), Michael M. Phillips (Leah); Jon Shell (Janice); Rob Shell (Nadine); Jeff Shell (Harry); Elisabeth Shell; Allison Shell-van Koolwijk (Martijn); Christopher Shell (Crystal); her great-grandchildren, Maddie and Taylor Shell, Halla van Koolwijk, Emily and Nathan Phillips, Jack (Phillips) Brown as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314 on May 3, 2014 at 11 AM. www.demainefuneralhomes.com
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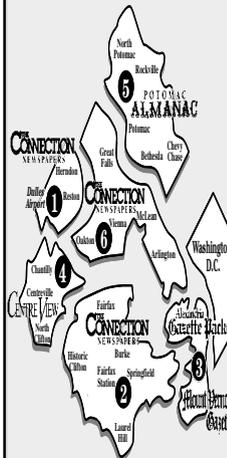
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2009 trillion-dollar stimulus would stanch unemployment at 8 percent when it ended up over 10 percent and abbreviate the downturn whose effects linger still, and who years later sheepishly admitted a lot of those "shovel-ready" projects weren't shovel-ready.

Adding benefits is fine so long as you don't have to pay for them. Medicaid supporters insist expanding Medicaid will create jobs and boost the economy. They haven't bothered to mention or haven't yet figured out that every dime the federal government gives states to expand Medicaid comes straight from the federal deficit. Were the federal government to increase taxes or otherwise raise revenue to pay for expanded Medicaid, money would be taken out of the economy which would cause jobs elsewhere in the economy to be lost. The jobs Medicaid spending would create would be cancelled out by the jobs higher taxes would destroy. Expanding Medicaid is merely a way to divert attention from deficit spending by laundering the deficit into health care for the working poor.

Medicaid supporters note that organizations representing big business support Medicaid expansion. Why would they not when many profit from buying and financing the national debt? Moreover, many low-wage businesses don't provide health care, so are quite happy to pass the costs of their employees' health onto taxpayers. How can legislators insist that having the public underwrite the stingy benefit model many businesses nowadays employ is anything but a Faustian bargain?

Because this isn't sustainable, either states will be left holding the bag with a big benefit program it will be politically hard to eliminate if funding dries up, or the state or federal government will have to hike taxes to pay for it with recessionary consequences.

Dino Drudi
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Don't Move Engine 204

To the Editor:

As a resident within the area served by Engine 204, I find it hard to grasp why Engine 204 should be relocated to Eisenhower Avenue. I believe it would be an unwise decision that would affect the public, our lives, homes and many businesses throughout our communities of the south side of Old Town Alexandria and the north side of our city.

City Council members' first priority should be focusing on the safety and welfare of the residents.

Engine 204 should remain at its location.

Geri Baldwin

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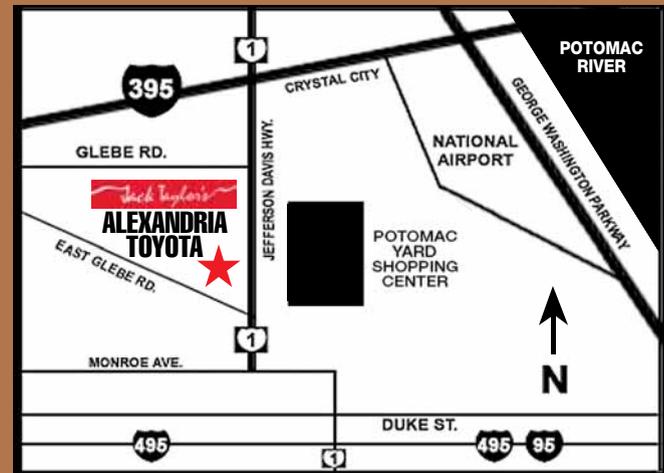
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