
Basketball pioneer
Earl Lloyd dies at 86

By Jeanne Theismann

When Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier in 1947, he did it under the glare of a national spotlight. Three years later, on a snowy evening in 1950, a similar but quieter revolution took place when a black man stepped onto a court in Rochester, N.Y., marking the first time an African American had played for an NBA team.

That man was Earl Lloyd. “Before the game, I was terrified,” Lloyd would recall in later years. “I had a fear of disappointing the people who depended on me. Luckily, letting people down was not a part of my DNA. I’m glad I was part of something that helped pave the way for others.”

Lloyd’s NBA debut passed without fanfare. The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle didn’t mention Lloyd, playing for the Washington Capitols, in its game story of the Caps’ 78-70 loss to the Rochester Royals. But it was a watershed moment in American history.

Just four years earlier, in 1946, the Alexandria native had graduated from the segregated Parker-Gray High School, where athletic teams had to travel to cities such as Roanoke, Charlottesville or Petersburg in an open-bed canvas truck filled with hay because there were no hotels or eating establishments available to African Americans.

“When I reflect back on Parker-Gray, I just shake my head,” Lloyd said in an interview with Alexandria Derrick Lyman. “I don’t know how we did it. Athletically, we had nothing — no gymnasium, no baseball diamond, no football field. Except we had a magical coach, Louis Johnson. Man, he got it done.”

Nicknamed “Big Cat,” Lloyd would go on to become the first African American to play on an NBA championship team when his Syracuse Nationals defeated the Fort Wayne Pistons in 1955. In 1960, the Detroit Pistons took him on as the NBA’s first black assistant coach and, later, he would be hired as the league’s first African-American bench coach. In 1971, he became the NBA’s fourth black head coach.

On Feb. 26, 2015, the pioneering NBA trailblazer and Hall of Fame induction of the store, struggling to reach financial stability, Martin understood that they were there to rob the store.

“I was doing inventory, and I heard a noise. I turned around and saw two men hovering over their brows. Martin wondered how he was going to do business with them. Even as the pair awkwardly stood in a corner of the store, struggling to reach into their jackets with their bulky gloves, Martin was unsure what was happening. But when one eventually managed to pull out a bag and the other retrieved a gun, Martin understood that they were there to rob the store.

“I was doing inventory, and I can’t remember if they said much,” said Martin. The robbers grabbed his arms and pulled him across the top of his counter. “At that point, I could tell there was going to be a delay.”

Martin’s associate at the store pressed the burglar alarm and called police. Acting City Manager Mark Jinks presented the city’s proposed budget to City Council.

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— VERNON MILES

Chamber To Honor Heroes

Sixteen public safety personnel will be recognized on April 30 at the 2015 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Foundation Public Safety Valor Awards Luncheon to be held at Alexandria First Baptist Church beginning 11:30am.

The program, presented by Inova Alexandria Hospital, will recognize acts of valor by police, fire, and sheriff deputies during incidents occurring in 2014.

This year’s honorees, listed below, also include two K-9 recipients:

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Officer Michael Nugent, Gold Medal
Officer William Burt, Life Saving Award
Sergeant Nicholas Ruggerio, Life Saving Award
Officer Matthew O’Malley, Life Saving Award
Fire Department
Assistant Fire Marshal Andrea Buchanan, Bronze Medal
Firefighter Michael Faber, Certificate of Valor
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Update on George’s Library
Founding director highlights programs, goals.

By Gerald A. Fill
Gazette Packet

George Washington had a vision to construct a library but never got around to building one. He said in a letter to his friend, James McHenry, on April 3, 1797, “I have no houses to build, except one, which I must erect for the accommodation and security of my military, civil, and private papers, which are voluminous and may be interesting.” More than 200 years after he wrote of his desire for a library it is now a reality because of the efforts of supporters of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, who raised more than $106.4 million for the library, approximately one third went to finance the construction and the rest to endow the programs planned.

Dr. Douglas Bradburn, founding director of the Fred. W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, discussed the library’s programs, challenges, during the second year after opening its doors.

Q. As founding director, how will you measure your initial success for the library?
A. I am very honored for the special opportunity to play an important role in the development of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington.

Success for the library will be measured and constantly reevaluated in many ways. In our first and second year of existence we have embarked on several strategic efforts to develop the foundation for long term success: hiring the right people who have the skill, vision, and commitment to realize the creation of a world class library and research institution; selecting our first group of academic scholars and teaching fellows; continue to collect rare objects and historical papers such as our recent acquisition of George Washington’s financial papers of the Potomac Navigation Co. (1785). After George Washington’s return to his Mount Vernon home from the war, he founded the Potomac Navigation Co. It was a typical example of the vision and energy that he applied throughout his life. He saw the Potomac River as a key ingredient in expanding commercial opportunities, and the creation of the navigation company as providing him with the means to make good decisions to expand the use of the river by improving knowledge of the river.

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Q. You have mentioned the importance of promoting the study of history and social studies in the secondary school systems and at the university level. Why? How do you plan to assist history teachers?
A. On several levels the study of American history has had limited support among state and local budgets and university budgets. We believe American history and history teaching in general should not be undervalued as an educational tool to understanding how to preserve and protect our democracy, values, and culture. Understanding the past helps leaders understand present and future challenges better.

We will assist history teachers by developing and maintaining cutting edge digital techniques (podcasts; digital images; interactive e-books, etc.). This will help us to present information on the history of George Washington in an interesting, creative, and easily accessible way. We want the history profession to view the George Washington library as a second intellectual home. Secondly, we will provide innovative teaching opportunities to history teachers through our fellowship program. We have already reached out to 18 states to recruit 20 history teachers to join our summer program of improving their capacity to teach history. Our selections emphasize potential for scholarship, diversity, and commitment to the teaching of history. This will continue as we reach out to all states over the next several years. We also have and will continue to regularly invite

Biography

Douglas Bradburn

Born in Wisconsin, raised in Virginia. He earned a B.A. in history, B.S. in economics from the University of Virginia; a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. Former position as the chair of the Department of History with the State University of New York, Binghamton. Received the SUNY Chancellor’s award for excellence in teaching, 2010. Married for 15 years to Nadene J. Bradburn. They have two children, Charles, and Samuel.

AN INTERVIEW

From left: Mark Santangelo, archivist, and Douglas Bradburn, founding director of the National Library for the Study of George Washington, stand by an original painting of President George Washington.

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Step into Carol Supplee’s Imagine Artware on King Street and sort through the racks of “sculpture for the body.” Supplee is wearing a Putori duster from her collection made by a small family in Canada. Supplee opened her “craft shop,” which is really a clothing boutique, 23 years ago and moved to the current location in 1998. During this time she has seen the population become younger in the area although her customer base of working women has remained stable. “I’ve had a number of them for 20 years, and many are friends.”

Often when she goes to shows and buys things for the shop she can predict who might like a particular item. Although, she said, “we have to offer a variety of choices because we have all body types and it has to look good on you.” She has already been to several big shows this year. “I have people I consistently buy from and have for years. It is a challenge to find new people. What I buy has to have a certain aesthetic for me. Sometimes I take another person to get a different point of view — here look at this.” When she’s not attending shows or on the floor helping customers, she is doing inventory of incoming products and handling the accounting. “I’m it,” she said. Supplee said her business follows the economy. “But I feel a heavy responsibility to the customers who depend on me and to the suppliers to market their products as I promised.”

Supplee looks for original works of art. “See the black and gold piece in the window? That is a hand-painted Kay Chapman blouse starting with a bolt of white cloth. Over here I have a rack of hand-loomed pieces. This black and ivory A line coat with the tree design is hand-knitted by Sandy D’Andradé. This is her own style, her own design.” She added, “nobody else will make this. It is an art.”

D’Andradé says that Supplee treats her artists with respect. “She’s not just buying things. She appreciates what they do.”

Some designers have been with Supplee since the beginning but have finally retired. Supplee moves over to a display just inside the front door. “These are made by two ladies from Massachusetts who take recycled materials and sew them into hats and gloves.” She holds up a camel cap with sage trim skirting the edge and a felt flowered button. “Every one of them is different. And Deborah Murphy from the West Coast makes these original scarves.” All of the items in the store are made in America or Canada. Over the last 20 plus years Supplee has seen the shops change around her. “I do miss that.” She adds that Vermilion next door has been half a dozen different restaurants. Art and Soul is gone but there is that Vermilion next door has been half a dozen different restaurants. Art and Soul is gone but there is a new knit shop and olive oil store.

Before owning the store she worked as a bank marketing specialist for 15 years with the S&L industry. Her master’s degree had been in art history and museology so when the S&L market dried up, she looked for another opportunity.

“I used to go to craft shows but then went to a big one in Baltimore. I noticed a lot of people were doing clothes. They were doing better. I stumbled on a weaver who asked me if I wanted to buy a business. So I did.”

people

At Work

Carol Supplee points out this hand knitted sweater coat has an abstract tree design: “It is the original artwork of Sandy D’Andradé, and no one else makes anything like it.”

Alexandria resident Marc Leon joins Pat Malone and Pat’s son Brian at Fire Works on Tuesday.

Standing Up 2 Cancer

Celebrating the one-year anniversary of surviving “major league” cancer, Alexandria resident and retired Air Force veteran Pat Malone held a 24-hour marathon fundraiser at Fire Works American Pizzeria & Bar in Arlington. Starting at 4:26 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, Malone stood tall and continued standing for the next 24 hours at the restaurant. Fire Works stayed open through the night offering late night buffet and beverages, silent auction, ping pong, corn hole toss, overnight movies, popcorn and other games. Fire Works also matched all dine-in check donations up to $1,000. As of Feb. 23, donations have reached $11,500.

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3807 CHARLES AVE | 3 | 2 | 1 | ALEXANDRIA | $525,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22305 | SUNNYSIDE |
2400 SANFORD ST | 3 | 1 | 1 | ALEXANDRIA | $450,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22301 | DEL RAY |
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809 FRANKLIN ST | 2 | 2 | 1 | ALEXANDRIA | $519,500 | Townhouse | 0.01 | 22314 | OLD Town |
5148 WOODMIRE LN | 3 | 2 | 2 | ALEXANDRIA | $555,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22311 | SEMINARY PARK |
5822 PEARSON LN | 2 | 2 | 1 | ALEXANDRIA | $470,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22304 | SUMMERS GROVE |
805 WOLFE ST | 3 | 2 | 2 | ALEXANDRIA | $995,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 22314 | BURGES SQUARE |
509 PATRICK ST N | 2 | 2 | 1 | ALEXANDRIA | $657,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22314 | OLD TOWN |
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Hail to the Chief
Local Scouts meet “General Washington.”

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

While extreme temperatures forced the cancellation of Alexandria’s George Washington Birthday Parade, they did not dampen the spirits of the Scouting troops that braved the cold on Feb. 15 for a chance to meet “General Washington” at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

In one of his final appearances as Alexandria’s George Washington interpreter, Don DeHaven related stories of Washington’s life and the founding of America to dozens of local Girl Scout Brownies and Cub Scouts.

Hosted for the second year by the ODRC in conjunction with the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, Scouts, troop leaders and parents listened as DeHaven detailed the struggles faced by families in the nation’s fight for independence.

Following a question and answer period, the local troops posed for pictures with DeHaven and read displays depicting the history of Alexandria.

Refreshments for the event were donated by local businesses including hot chocolate from The Creamery and cupcakes by the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends.

Store Owner Robbed at Gunpoint

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Martin speculated that the robbers figured they had a three minute time-frame to complete their heist. One of the robbers pushed a gun into his back. According to Martin, the whole incident took place over one minute, but it felt like a half an hour.

Martin said the robbers didn’t seem like professional thieves. In the same bulky gloves that had given them trouble in retrieving their bags and their gun, they struggled with stuffing the gun and the bag full of loot back into their pockets.

“In retrospect, it was really a comedy of errors,” said Martin.

Despite the gun, Martin said he wasn’t particularly scared.

“We wouldn’t have four cameras and three alarms if I wasn’t aware of the possibility of something like this,” said Martin. One of the robbers, who put the gun into Martin’s back, stood with his partially obscured face within a very clear view of the cameras.

The police discouraged Martin from putting any of the footage the cameras captured on Facebook. The police arrived on the scene about 10 seconds after the robbers left.

“T’m happy they didn’t get here earlier, there could have been a shootout,” said Martin. “We’re just so lucky no one was shot.”

Overall, the robbers left with six rings, which Martin says his insurance will cover. Martin has his own suspicions about the robbery and the events of that day. According to Martin, there was a man in the store half an hour before the robbery just looking around who said he would be back later, but never showed up again.

Police originally believed that both suspects were armed, but believe now that only one was, which corroborates Martin’s account. Police are currently also investigating a robbery at 1600 block of Duke Street, also with two suspects, one of whom brandished a weapon.

“We have not linked any robberies at this point,” said Crystal Nosal, Senior Public Safety Information Officer for the Alexandria Police. “While they both had two suspects, one armed with a handgun at each, the robberies were very different.”

On March 2, another robbery occurred at the corner of Duke Street and South Pickett Street, but the police have not released details from this case or suspect descriptions in this or the robbery at Goldworks USA.
A look at recently ended session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The 2015 session of the Virginia General Assembly came to an end last week, and some of the biggest news was about what it did not do. By far the ugliest debacle rests in the Assembly’s ongoing refusal to expand Medicaid to cover as many as 400,000 uninsured people in Virginia, even though it would come at no cost to Virginia (Federal government pays 100 percent for the next two years and 90 percent after that) and would be a massive boon to Virginia’s economy. The local and state economy is suffering from the loss of federal spending in other areas, and it’s just plain crazy and mean-spirited to deny people in Virginia, even though it would come at no cost to Virginia (Federal government pays 100 percent for the next two years and 90 percent after that) and would be a massive boon to Virginia’s economy.

GOOD: The Assembly nixed a bill which “em-powers the Director of the Department of Cor-rections to make and enter into contracts … to compound the drugs necessary to carry out executions to make and enter into contracts …” The House of Delegates nixed executing people with secret potions. Passed in the Sen-ate, blocked in the House of Delegates. Be sure to thank those local legislators who voted against this craven proposal: Senators: Adam Ebbin, Barbara Favola, Janet Howell, Dave Marsden and Chap Petersen. Delegates: David Bulova, Eileen Filler-Corn, Charnicle Herring, Patrick Hope, Mark Keam, Kay Kory, Rob Krupicka, Jim LeMunyon, Alfonso Lopez, Ken Plum, Tom Rust, Mark Sickles, Marcus Simon, Scott Surowell and Vivian Watts.

And ask these local legislators who voted to carry out executions with secret drugs and secret methods what they were thinking: Senators George Barker and Dick Saslaw: Delegates: Dave Albo and Tim Hugo.

No good comes from conducting the people’s business in secret, all the more true when the business is brutal. Killing people is wrong, two wrongs don’t make a right, killing people and keeping the brutal details secret is wrong.

BAD: State Sen. Barbara Favola’s bill to ex- tend foster care services and support, includ- ing foster care maintenance payments, to qualifi- cying individuals age 18 to 21 years who were formerly in the custody of a local board of social services passed unanimously in Senate, and died in the House of Delegates. The money spent would have been matched by Federal dollars, and every dollar spent helping former foster children become independent, self-suff- porting adults saves a bundle in other costs down the line.

UGL: “Ethics reform” put a $100 cap on each individual gift from lobbyists to members of the Assembly, with no enforcement mecha- nism, and no changes in campaign finance. Former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife were convicted of corruption for taking more than $170,000 worth of gifts and favors from Star Scientific and related individuals; this was the catalyst for the so-called reform. It is appar- ently fine, however, that Star Scientific also gave $108,000 to McDonnell’s campaign. More than 40 other entities gave more, including Dominion ($383,700), Altria ($361,556), Smithfield Foods ($267,738), Walmart ($121,250), just as examples. (Source: vap.org).

No good comes from having our legislative body awash in this kind of cash. You can visit the Virginia Public Access Project at vpa.org and look up who has been giving how much to the people who represent you. It’s fas- cinating.

— Mary Kimm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Won’t, City Can

To the Editor: Flora Krause Casey was an early 20th century public health pioneer in the City of Alexandria. She was a strong advocate for the health of disadvantaged persons, and is credited with creating one of the first community health clinics in the City. For the past 20-plus years, the Alexandria Public Health Ad- visory Commission and the Alex- andria Health Department have honored her legacy by recognizing an individual whose volunteer work has had a significant impact on the public health and well-being of the Alexandria community and has worked to improve the health of medically needy citizens.

As the recipient of the 2014 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award, I can say with total con- fidence that women Flora Casey alive today and she would be among the biggest supporters of Mayor Euille’s initiative (See “If State Won’t, Then City Must Focus on Uninsured”, Feb. 19-25, 2015) to bring community-wide attention and a response to the health care needs of an estimated 5,000 very low-income uninsured residents who are without comprehensive health insurance.

The mayor’s initiative is in the best tradition of public health policy in America. As a former U.S. Surgeon General once said: “The role of public health is not to make people healthy, but rather to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy.” Research clearly shows that the most import- ant “condition” that low-income individuals need to be healthy and stay healthy is access to timely, effective and affordable health care. It is shameful that the Vir- ginia Senate, Page 11
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Virginia General Assembly, by refusing to expand the state Medicaid program, continues to deny comprehensive health insurance to more than 5,000 very low-income residents of Alexandria, and more than 250,000 others throughout the Commonwealth. It is shameful because we know that individuals without health insurance are at much greater risk of premature death, poorer health and mental health, and financial instability than those who are fortunate to have it.

But I am proud to be part of a community that is unwilling to acquiesce in the General Assembly's insensitivity to the health of many of our most economically disadvantaged citizens and instead has chosen to come together to find some reasonable solutions to the health care needs of our low-income citizens who are at great risk.

The words of another public health pioneer, Dr. Jack Geiger, written decades ago, sadly still ring true today: “The poor are likelier to be sick. The sick are likelier to be poor. Without interventions, the poor will grow sicker and the sick will grow poorer. And that has troubling consequences for all of us.”

On behalf of my early mentor Flora Krause Casey, I call on the entire community to rally behind the mayor’s initiative and support an effort that will truly manifest our city’s compassion and generosity on behalf of many of our most vulnerable citizens.

Arlene Hewitt
Recipient, 2014 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award
Member, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Member, Steering Committee, Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria
Living Legend of Alexandria

A Good Neighbor?
To the Editor:
I was appalled after reading [School Board chair] Karen Graf’s letter in the Feb. 19 Gazette when she said, “There is no money in the budget allocated for taking legal action against any members of the community who do not support future plans for the high school.”

So the School Board has actually contemplated legal action.

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**OPINION**

**Putting an End to Hunger in the Commonwealth**

**By William D. Euille and Nick Arent**

From Congress to state legislatures and assemblies to local school boards and city councils, it is common for legislative bodies to pass resolutions. Many of these are honorific in nature — commemorating an historic figure, naming a Post Office, adopting a state bird or flower.

Upon occasion, however, resolutions can address more substantial fare — and offer a community the opportunity to weigh in on an issue that should capture our attention and be front and center in our collective conscience.

The Alexandria City Council soon will take up a resolution stating that ending hunger, particularly childhood hunger, should be a priority for all Virginians. It will acknowledge the efforts of Gov. Terry McAuliffe and First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe to address this issue, and the recently launched Commonwealth Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide.

It is amazing that in this day and age we even need have this discussion. But the fact is, about one in every five children in the U.S., and one in six children in Virginia is at risk of going hungry. And even as the economy slowly recovers, many more children are in families that receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) today than when the Great Recession of 2008 hit — 16 million kids, compared to 9 million in 2007, according to a recent report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In Virginia, more than 12 percent of our population struggles to provide enough food for their families, while more than 16 percent of our children and almost 12 percent of our elderly citizens are food insecure, meaning they do not have consistent access to adequate food.

And in Alexandria, an estimated 11.9 percent of our population experience food insecurity, including one in every seven children.

Aside from the basic immorality of letting anyone go hungry in a country as prosperous as America, it is just bad public policy. Hungry children can’t learn. If they don’t learn, they won’t go to college and get the training they need to compete in today’s work force and to make America competitive in the global marketplace. And that will create a downward spiral that will shrink our tax base, harm future generations and create the need for an even larger safety net — requiring more tax dollars from a smaller tax base. As we spiral downward, all of us are hit in the pocketbook.

So what can we do?

We can protect and defend programs that we know work. Programs that historically have had strong, bipartisan support, like SNAP and the National School Lunch Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

This is why the Alexandria City Council will take up and hopefully pass a resolution demanding an end to hunger, particularly childhood hunger. We are a people worthy of issuing this demand and then following through to make sure it is heeded.

Euille is mayor of Alexandria; Arent is state organizer for Virginia Fair Share Education Fund, which is working to end childhood hunger.

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against these “members of the community” who disagree with their policies but has just not allocated tax payer money for it … yet. Would these be the same members of the community who pay for the schools through their real estate taxes, whose ancestors’ land was taken for pennies on the dollar to build T.C. Williams to begin with, and who already are dealing with the impact of having a high school right in their backyard? You promise not to sue? Oh, I feel so much better now. And this promise should be believed while you are breaking your promise, codified in the DSUR to not put lights on the football field? We are told that ACPS is working to leave a legacy of quality and pride for our citizens and students.”

Using “urban renewal” to take taxpayer land and then breaking promises is certainly a good way to do that. Remember when the tennis court lights ran over budget and you just “found” $500K? This should make the parents of George Mason students happy to know that these lights were more important than fixing windows with rotted panes, rodent issues, inadequate plumbing, etc. Surely it is not that the School Board and mayor just want to play tennis at night or go to Friday night football games. Finally, Ms. Graf says they are “striving to maintain positive relationships” with their neighbors. I would suggest that not suing your neighbors does not make you a good neighbor.

**Frank Bires**

(A neighbor not sued, yet)

Have Council Ask for Funds

To the Editor:

Our Dear leaders have spoken. Well, not really. What they did was not listen, for the umpteenth time, to the citizens whose interests they were elected to represent. Their latest bout of deafness was their vote to rezone land on King Street allowing the construction of a health care facility.

Having followed the issue thanks to a series of pre- and post-vote letters published by the Gazette, I share the angst of those who feel let down by the City Council’s vote. Several who wrote impassioned, but reasonable rebuttals of our Dear Leaders did so because they were disappointed that no amount of public pleas had any effect; “the fix was in,” as one writer observed.

And so it was, which means another segment of the community has discovered the futility of addressing our Dear Leaders at a council hearing. This revelation is a rite of passage akin to discovering crass fundamentals of life such as taxation does not create prosperity; that a college education doesn’t guarantee employment; that printing money does not produce wealth.

What’s the solution? For starters, toss this mayor and his say-nothing, do-nothing council acolytes.

Put in some sensible, fiscally frugal people whose vision for the city is not their personal one, but an amalgam of the residents’. After all, who are they representing? And for icing on the cake, restrict future city councils from burdening the taxpayers with any new program the cost of which exceeds, say, $15 million unless the public approves it.

It’s our money after all. It will also turn the tables. Instead of citizens making pleas to our City Council, this spending restriction will require the council to persuade us, the taxpayers why, for a city as deeply in debt as Alexandria, more debt is necessary.

It will also revitalize our local democracy by making voting evermore important. The voting booth, not a back-office whispered deal, is where the assorted $15 million plus programs will be approved or rejected.

Foremost, require those who replace our Dear Leaders to explain, to the best of their ability, why they defied the majority of those who pleaded for another outcome. This is what decent people do instinctively; it’s what every parent does a gazillion times a day; it’s what our next City Council should do too. Our current council members, especially our mayor, are beyond redemption.

**Jimm Roberts**

Alexandria

**Act for The Uninsured**

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille recently has formed a Special Advisory Panel on the Health Care Needs of the Uninsured in Alexandria. The purpose of this panel is to address a compelling local issue: how to help some 5,000 city residents affected by the General Assembly’s refusal to expand Medicaid to an estimated 171,000 of the Commonwealth’s poorest people, 70 percent of whom live in working families.

Health care is basic to the health and well-being of all of us. But given its high cost, health insurance is absolutely vital. The General Assembly’s unwillingness — for purely ideological reasons — to accept hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicaid expansion funds carries enormous health and economic consequences. But as the mayor pointed out, this should not be the end of the story for a community such as Alexandria. Even as efforts to persuade the General Assembly to reverse course continue, the mayor is absolutely correct that the basic community values that guide our city mean that we all should step in and take action to protect our uninsured residents.

**Sara Rosenbaum**

Alexandria

**Portentous Political Event**

To the Editor:

Not since Bill Clinton’s first campaign swing through here has an Alexandria political political matched the excitement generated Sunday. In Alexandria (March 2) by Allison Silberberg’s announcement of her candidacy for mayor. Having attended dozens of local political events over the last 30 years, I have never known such an overwhelming response to a candidate. Ms. Silberberg, Alexandria’s vice mayor for the last three years, has been a lonely progressive voice on the City Council. A large and diverse — politically and ethnically — bipartisan audience braved polar weather and greeted her announcement — and the prospect of a turning point in city governance — with an ovation that can only be described as electric.

**Richard M. Moore**

Alexandria

**Elect by Neighborhoods**

To the Editor:

The Alexandria City Council (minus the esteemed vice mayor) recently approved a spot zoning request on upper King Street to construct a memory care facility. This decision was the latest example of City Council having little to no regard for residents of an affected neighborhood. A number of the City Council members lamented this decision in their posts in the community forum. Yet, nothing was done to protect the residents from this decision.

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We are proud to welcome Anne Marie Drechsler and Elizabeth Minoso as the newest additions to the firm.

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Offered at $354,500

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Basketball Pioneer Earl Lloyd Dies at 86

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Famer died at his home in Crossville, Tenn. He was 86.

“He was an incredible human being,” said Lloyd’s nephew Reggie Lloyd. “He gave so much of himself to everyone. He had a torch to carry and he carried it well throughout his life.”

Earl Francis Lloyd was born in Alexandria on April 3, 1928, the youngest of three sons born to Theodore Benjamin Lloyd and Daisy Mitchell Lloyd. He was raised on Montgomery Street in “the Berg” section of Alexandria and was a standout athlete at both Lyles-Crouch Elementary School and Parker-Gray High School. His father worked in a coal yard and his mother was a domestic for white families.

As a high school basketball star, Lloyd was named to the All-South Atlantic Conference three times and the All-State Virginia Interscholastic Conference twice. Following his graduation from Parker-Gray, the 6’6” Lloyd attended West Virginia State College, where he led the school to two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference and Tournament Championships in 1948 and 1949. Lloyd was named All-Conference three times and was All-American twice. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in 1950.

Following his college graduation, Lloyd was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He returned to basketball in 1952 with the Washington Capitols. After seven games, he was traded to the Syracuse Nationals. In 1958, Lloyd moved to Detroit, where he played two seasons with the Pistons before retiring as a player and moving into coaching. In 2003, he was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

“I’ll represent a lot of people when I go in there,” Lloyd said prior to his induction. “I was born in 1928 in Alexandria, Virginia – the cradle of segregation. That was a desolate time.”

Lloyd credited Coach Johnson, his seventh grade teacher Helen Day and his parents, particularly his mother, for his success.

“I was a black baby whose life was a question mark,” Lloyd said following his Hall of Fame induction ceremony. “A black baby who so easily could have been lost to the history books but whose life became an exclamation mark. But I stood on the shoulders of people like Helen Day and my mother. Without people like them we were destined to lose, to disappear one by one.”

Harley “Skeeter” Swift, who also went on to play in the NBA from Alexandria, grew closer to Lloyd in later years.

“Earl was a very special man,” Swift said from his home in Tennessee. “As we get older, the impact any of us may have had on others diminishes with time. But the legacy of Earl Lloyd should never be forgotten.”

Lloyd was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the CIAA Hall of fame in 1998. In 2001, Alexandria celebrated Earl Lloyd Day and in 2007, the new basketball court at T.C. Williams High School was named in his honor.

Whoever said you can’t go home?” Lloyd said at the T.C. dedication. “I don’t know what the hell they were talking about. Whenever I feel I need to be loved, I come here to Alexandria.”

Lloyd was predeceased by his parents and older brothers Theodore and Ernest. He is survived by his wife Charlita, sons, Kevin, Kenneth and David, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Earl Lloyd will be held Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church, 130 Towne Center Way, Crossville, Tenn.
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ALEXANDRIA / Waynewood $ 649,900

5 level Addington model with three level sunroom addition, 4BR / 2.5BA, remodeled kitchen with SS appliances, granite, heated floor, 4th floor loft room, big bring down level rec room and plenty of storage throughout. Walk to school, pool and more.

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Beautiful top floor 2BR / 2BA loft with cathedral ceiling, walls of windows, private balcony overlooking woods. High-end kitchen with quartz, marble/baths, sunroom with porcine floors, freshly carpeted and painted. Gas fireplace, fireplaces within, newer HVAC and parking. Easy commute, Fairfax County schools.

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ALEXANDRIA / Belle View $ 225,000

Porch unit with Winter River View. The perfect Belle View Condo location. Dine Marsh views, plenty of sunlight with 2 sides of windows, top floor of a 2 story building with the laundry room in basement, steps to the bike trail and easy parking on front or in lot behind. Good condition and a great price.

Randy Bender 703.960.1749
ALEXANDRIA $ 599,900 UNDER CONTRACT

A wonderful townhouse in Bunker Hill. 4 level / 3BR / 3.5BA, updated kitchen with SS/Maytag appliances, granite, custom ceramic tile, hardwoods on main level. Custom paint, trim and many more upgrades throughout. Community club house, pool and so much more.

Julia Martin 703.860.5543
ALEXANDRIA / Hollihills $ 795,000

The Jewel in the Crown – this home was custom designed by architect Thevenot. 4 BR / 3.5 BA, flexible layout for all stages of life. Master suite on main level. Theater room in basement. Truly one of a kind.

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ALEXANDRIA / Old Town Grooms $ 855,000

Move-in-ready, well maintained brick front 4 level townhome. Upgraded kitchen with granite, marble backsplash, SS appliances and breakfast nook. Spacious rec room, 3 outdoor areas - deck, patio, and roof-top deck plus ample storage, heated garage and more. 4BR / 3.5BA, 1 mile to Metro, community pool/tennis/basketball court.

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ALEXANDRIA / Del Ray $ 469,900 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4

1707 CLIFF ST. Updated townhouse has great living space on 3 levels. ML has remodeled kitchen, spacious living room and separate dining room. UL offers rec room, FPM and storage. Deck style patio. Hardwood flooring. Within walking distance to Metro and Del Ray.

Unique Mid-Century Goodman home with two large additions include rear butler’s pantry. Roof deck includes large family room below. Kitchen renovation. 2 Car Garage, marble countertops, Gerbera gas range, slab flooring. Foyer addition and 3 outdoor patios for entertaining.

Poolo+Brown Team 703.960.3100 ALEXANDRIA / Mt Vernon

Collingwood Springs $ 724,500 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4

8250 FT HUNT RD. Expanded and remodeled owner-occupied. 3BR/3BA, gorgeous home with stunning poolside master suite. Luxury bath. Open gourmet kitchen has quartz, hardwoods and layered lighting. Master window, breakfast bar. LL in-law suite and family room with fireplace. 1 year construction warranty.

Hollihills $ 774,500

BS24 GREGORY DR. Spacious all brick Cape Cod with lots of updates. Hardwoods on main and upper levels. ML bedroom. Remodeled kitchen opens to deck. Gas fireplace in living room. Remodeled baths. LL, family room and 4th bedroom with full bath. 1/2 acre professionally landscaped lot. Fully fenced.
When Parvi Gandhi Irwin first heard about the Alexandria City Public Schools’ Strategic Plan, she did not have a child in any Alexandria City public school. She was instead a preservation architect who sat on the Park & Open Space Board of Review with an almost five-year-old who was zoned to go to Jefferson-Harwood School.

“I was involved in the design of the building, but I wanted more. I wanted to be involved in shaping the future of Alexandria City Public Schools as a whole for all our students,” Irwin said.

After four months designing the future for ACPS, she has realized that her views are making a difference.

“It shouldn’t matter which school a child attends. I want the quality of education and facilities to be the same level of excellence at every ACPS school.”

Isaiah Tolbert is passionate about finding a sustained plan that will close the achievement gap. As co-chair of the Stakeholder Committee, she is also interested in making sure ACPS students have a learning environment that is conducive to the work at hand.

“Our infrastructure is aging and we are losing valuable instruction time to maintenance and facility issues,” said Isaacs, a policy director of the President’s Commission on White-House Fellowships and assistant chief of protocol for the United States.

“I have tremendous faith in ACPS. This district has all the reasons in the world to be extraordinary and all it takes is a little focus. My goal is to help the community prioritize what we want ACPS to be good at—what our core competencies are. No school district can excel at everything. We must focus on the things that matter most.”

LaDonna Sanders is proud that she brings the ability to challenge the Stakeholder Committee. As an aunt to nine nephews and three nieces in a wide range of schools in ACPS, and as a social worker and President of the Alexandria Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), she has plenty of experience to offer.

“I have constantly reminded the committee of the continued need to engage the most vulnerable segments of the community who do not have a voice. I have brought to the meetings an ability to challenge how ACPS and families create equitable and sustaining partnerships,” she said.

Sanders believes empowerment happens when people are met where they are. “I want everyone’s voice to be heard.”

“ACPS 2020

What should be the direction of Alexandria City Public Schools between now and the year 2020? Twenty-five local community members have weighed in on the ACPS Strategic Plan Stakeholder Committee. Now it’s your turn.

On March 11 and 19, the Strategic Plan Committee is hosting two forums where the public can review the draft Strategic Plan and give feedback.

Strategic Plan Forums

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 7 p.m.
George Washington Middle School Media Center/Library

Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7 p.m.
Francis C. Hammond Middle School Media Center/Library

Give Feedback Online

You can also view a draft outline of the Strategic Plan and give feedback online at: www.acps.k12.va.us

“ACPS 2020

Alexandria City Public Schools needs your opinion on its five-year strategic plan

Alexandria City Public Schools is fully focused on becoming a high-performing school division. We take pride in our schools and want to see every student succeed.

Our goal is to make sure that we have an engaging and collaborative climate that promotes ethical behavior and values diversity. We want to see our students become well-rounded critical thinkers with a real passion for learning.

To do this, ACPS is collaborating with 25 members of our community including business leaders, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and civic associations to develop a Strategic Plan to guide our schools over the next five years. In June, the School Board will adopt the plan and that will guide everything we do as a division and every dollar spent until the year 2020.

ACPS is a vital part of the fabric of Alexandria’s community and we all want to see our school division reach its goals.

As parents, family members, students, teachers, staff, taxpayers and members of the Alexandria community your opinions matter.

Please join us at one of the community forums or online to review the first draft of the Strategic Plan. Your voice can help build a brighter future for our students.

The Strategic Plan will focus on six areas:

- Academic Performance
- Accountability
- Family and Community Engagement
- Professional Development
- Facilities and Learning Environment
- Health and Wellness

What do you want to see accomplished within these areas?

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

On March 11 and 19, the Strategic Plan Committee is hosting two forums where the public can review the draft Strategic Plan and give feedback.

John Lennon, co-chair of the Stakeholder Committee, is a graduate of public schools and is a firm believer in public education. When he was approached to co-chair the committee, he was eager to take on the challenge.

“My wife and I have lived in Alexandria since 2002 and have one child who just graduated from T.C. Williams High School and another at Francis C. Hammond Middle School. For most of my career, I was either a journalist or in charge of journalists with the Voice of America. I spent a good deal of time planning ahead about what the Voice of America could or should be doing,” Lennon said.

“What I want is a plan that builds on the one that existed, but that extends into the future and expands accountability. Five years from now, I want to ensure that this plan is still relevant as a matter of substance and works as a guide for how ACPS operates and communicates as a business organization.”

“I am a taxpayer and my children go to the public schools. I want to see this plan meet the needs of the entire City of Alexandria.”

--- John Lennon, Stakeholder Committee co-chair

Thank you to all of the members of the Strategic Plan Stakeholder Committee: Bill Campbell, Michael Caruso, Amelia Castellanos, Trina Christopher, Kenneth Cooper, Alvin Crenshaw, Erin Davidson, Darsee Dillarian, McKenna Dilworth, Janet Eisenstat, Pilar Garcia, Bill Hendrickson, Parvi Gandhi Irwin, Justin Keating, Ellen Kennedy Folts, Ellen Klein, Michael Koff, John Lennon, Matt Livengood, Charles Lyons, Tammy Mann, Terri Meadors, Linda Odel, Denny Oludinni, Clinton Page, Joyce Rawlings, Margareth Rippy, Traci Rodgers, Nancy Ronson, Lalonna Sandif, Cynthia Werner, Jennifer Walker and Deborah Warren.
Remodeled Home Tour Will Benefit Casa Chirilagua

A March 7 tour of recently remodeled Arlington home will benefit Casa Chirilagua.

By JOHN BYRD

A tour of a recently remodeled Arlington home will benefit Casa Chirilagua, a four-year-old nonprofit that provides after-school classes, mentoring, and leadership development to local children whose parents have relocated from Central American countries since the 1980s.

The tour and networking event will be held at the home of Steve and Louise Brooks on March 7, noon-4 p.m. Steve Brooks, who helped Casa Chirilagua improve staff retention rates, is a management consultant. Louise Brooks is the director of the Kids’ Small Group at The Restoration Anglican Church in Arlington.

Casa Chirilagua is a faith-based non-profit (501c3) headquartered in Alexandria. The organization provides academic assistance and support to children in grades 1-5.

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Casa Chirilagua has a staff of nine and more than 100 weekly volunteers who serve more than 80 children and their families. After-school classes are held in the Beverly Hills Community Church.

“We know Dawnielle from our church,” said Louise Brooks. “She has been remarkably effective in building cultural bridges within the uniquely diverse community that is all around us. Steve and I want more of our neighbors to know who Dawnielle and her team are doing, and to see how they can get involved.”

Miller said, “By finding the common ground that underlies the perceived ethnic and economic barriers, we’ve formed a community that has been able to make a difference in the lives of local children and their families. Identifying local leaders who recognize that they have something to contribute has been critical.”

Currently, 37 children receive daily reading support, homework help, and character-building activities through Casa Chirilagua’s Kids Club. A mentoring program also matches each student with a caring adult.

Looking ahead, Dawnielle says, “Spring To Action,” the annual 24-hour, online giving campaign, is scheduled for April 27. Donations are also accepted at www.casachirilagua.org.

Sun Design Remodeling, in its 27th year of business, is headquartered in Burke and has a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

Miller says the nonprofit has been steadily increasing the number of children in its mentoring program while enlarging its volunteer base. Classes aimed at improving parenting and family communication skills are currently being developed. Plans include adult classes focused on reading skills, language development and even financial literacy. The group has also begun a search for a facility of its own.

John Byrd (byrdmatx@comcast.net) has been writing about home improvement and related topics for 30 years.
Shedding Pounds and Keeping Them Off
Suggestions for maintaining a healthy weight.

By Marilyn Campbell
Gazette Packet

For Toni Williams, effective weight loss and maintenance have been a struggle her entire adult life. Her introduction to unhealthy food came in college. “Instead of the ‘freshman five,’ I did the freshman 20,” she said. “I ate cheeseburgers and fried chicken every day.”

Williams, now 60, identified here by a pseudonym, counts herself among the estimated 97 million Americans who the National Institutes of Health identifies as overweight or obese and at risk for health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Approximately 90 percent of people who have lost weight, including Williams, have regained weight after a weight loss.

“There are a lot of different ways to lose weight, and I know how to lose weight,” said Williams. “The problem is keeping it off.”

Williams is a patient at the Washington Center for Weight Management & Research, Inc., in Arlington, and says that through her work at the center, she has discovered her own personal formula for losing weight.

“Weight is a constant work in progress,” she said. “There is no one way to do it. What works for some people won’t work for others. You have to figure out what works for you.”

VIEWING OBESITY as a medical condition is the first step to solving it, said Dr. Domenica M. Rubino, director of the Washington Center.

“Obesity is a serious and complex disease that affects each individual differently,” said “It is significantly influenced by risk factors including genetic, environmental, economic, psychological and social determinants, as with most chronic diseases.”

Rubino recommends a research-based, comprehensive, mind-body approach to weight loss and maintenance that includes medical, nutritional, behavioral and psychological factors, and includes physicians, dietitians and psychotherapists.

“I try to help my patients explore the triggers [such as sadness, anger, and anxiety] that lead them to turn to food as a way to cope,” said Mougeh Yasai, a clinical psychologist at the Washington Center. “Mindfulness can help patients become more attuned to their feeling states, and also how to deal with these feelings when they come up. Once triggers are identified, we explore various coping skills that can be helpful during times of distress. The emphasis on mindful observation of eating behaviors is to practice the skill of observing with a nonjudgmental stance.”

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS at Weight Loss Services at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, also assist patients in a weight loss program that includes a variety of bariatric (or weight loss) surgeries, generally reserved for those with a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or more.

“We also might use pharmacological methods to jump start weight loss,” said Carmen Spencer, a registered nurse. She is the clinical program coordinator at the clinic.

“Medical weight loss is pretty much open to anyone with a BMI of 27 or higher,” she said. “We offer a 12-week program that uses meal replacements.”

“Maintaining weight can be difficult for several reasons,” said Yasai. “There are physiologic signals of appetite, satiety and hunger that increase after we lose weight. These are normal responses after weight loss.

Some strategies are helpful in increasing one’s chances of keeping excess weight at bay. “The environment is filled with opportunities to eat high-calorie foods and not move much,” said Yasai. “So in addition to continuing the lifestyle changes that helped you lose weight, it is important to have strengthened coping skills for managing stress as well as being mindful of potential emotional triggers to eating.”

Setting unrealistic goals, losing too much weight at one time and following fad diets can lead to rapid weight regain or failure to lose weight in the first place.

“There is no magic, no special potion or diet,” said Rubino. “In fact, no one person or thing holds the key for the treatment of obesity.”

Maintaining a healthy weight involves work and dedication. Adherence to healthy eating and physical activity are two of the most important aspects of keeping weight off. Williams builds both into her daily routine.

“I go to the gym three times a week at 6 a.m.,” said Williams. “If I don’t do it then, something will come up later during the day. I use a trainer because I find that it’s a luxury that I can’t afford not to have. My trainer keeps me motivated and from making the gym my favorite place.”

Massage, Zumba, Yoga, Reiki, Animal Reiki, Meditation, Crystal Healing, Tuning Forks, Body Energy Work, Emotional Freedom Technique & Holistic Workshops/Classes

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Meet the Chef: Niko Papaloizou at Taverna Cretekou

In the Kitchen

By Shirley Ruhe
Gazette Packet

The kitchen door swings open. “This is my sister Maria,” he says with a big hug, “who joined the restaurant in 2005 when my father and mother bought it. She manages the front desk. I am in charge of the kitchen. I think she must have inspired me.”

He points to his Assistant Chef Mateo Guevara, who is dishing up the Taverna Cretekou Special. “We have to make those early in the morning because this kind of Greek food needs three to four hours to settle. Otherwise when you cut it, the pieces get sloppy.”

Niko Papaloizou generally arrives about 6 o’clock in the morning at the restaurant on King Street to get everything set up. He has a kitchen crew for lunch and another for dinner. He says all of them have been with him for at least 15 years. “Every one has their part; we’ve been together so long.” He says if he has to go do inventory or check the refrigerator, they all know how to back up each other.

At 3 p.m. he heads home to relax with a “bottle of ouzo and get ready to work for the night. In the busy summer season this can mean 200-300 for dinner and 80-100 for lunch.”

He dishes half a chicken onto a white plate. “Here let me dress it up.” Soon roasted potatoes line the edge of the plate and vegetables join the display. “The summer has some lighter menu items, a different sauce for the lamb and a nice Greek salat,” he said.

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Chef Niko Papaloizou sprinkles olive oil on the branzino, just flown in fresh from the Mediterranean. He rubs salt and pepper between his fingers, spoons minced garlic inside the fish, dribbles a little lemon juice with a flourish. Finally he pours from a bottle of 2012 cabernet sauvignon which has been imported from their own vineyard in Messinia in southern Greece.

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The fish will bake for 15-20 minutes. “This is my favorite,” Niko Papaloizou said, “and also one of the two customer favorites. We make a chicken lemonato, a similar chicken recipe that I’m having for lunch today. The other favorite is the special of five traditional Greek dishes like pastitsio and moussaka.”

Papaloizou had been working there since he was 15 years old. When the restaurant was closed on Mondays, his father brought in a Greek chef from Cyprus “to teach us traditional Greek cooking.”

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MARCH 5-APRIL 6

Thursday/March 5

"Reconstructing the Landscape." Through April 6 at The Art League, 800 North Quincy St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Community College NOVA Alexandria Band, the John Adams Elementary School Orff Ensemble and the George Mason and Jefferson-Houston Elementary Schools Jazz Band will perform a variety of musical selections as part of the annual Children’s Concert. The concert is free and open to the public. Parking is free in the Beauregard Street Garage. Call 703-845-6252 or email leckstein@nvcc.edu for more.

Children’s Concert.

7:30-8:45 p.m. at the Lyceum History Museum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The United States Air Force Band Chamber Players concert featuring eclectic music for Tuba-Euphonium Quartet. Concert subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Friday/March 6

“Family Paint Night.” 6-8 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Lane in Alexandria. Explore the arts with guided participants through painting their own masterpiece. No experience needed. Art supplies, pizza and soda provided. $15 per adult, children under 12 years old are free and must be accompanied by one adult. For reservations, stop by the Durant Arts Center, call 706-746-5560, or email durantcenter@alexandriava.gov.

Scottish Social and Tasting.

7-9 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. The City of Alexandria’s Sister City Committee is hosting a fundraiser to support educational and cultural exchanges.

March 19-22, 2015

A parade of musical stand-outs from American Century’s history, including Lady in the Dark, Hollywood Pinata, Dear World, I Do! I Do!, Danny & Sylvia, a few surprises and more!

Assistant Editor

Full-time assistant editor to help with all aspects of producing award-winning weekly newspapers, including daily web and social media updates. Must be a prolific, efficient, detail-oriented worker with good knowledge of AP Style and an eye for detail. Self-starter with excellent time management skills who can work independently and collaboratively with strong organizational skills. High proficiency in MS Office, especially attention to detail. Must be creative in thinking up stories.

Essential Responsibilities:

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 6-7

“Legally Blonde: The Musical.” 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. 2, 630 King St., Alexandria. The 1,000 Square Feet of Alexandria is sponsoring a Java Jolt lecture with Wilbur Jacquish. Hannicki will present an illustrated lecture on recent discoveries of ancient Greek art and forms, possibly dating to the paleoera. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Free. Email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

Travel Presentation. 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Library, 500 Fifth St. N. Alex Fantasia, who has been a travel writer for 30 years, will present a travel presentation on the Maori. She will discuss their culture and their lifestyle, their food, their history, and their future. An illustrated lecture. Free. Register at https://support.naaf.org/alexandria/events/2nd-annual-bowling-for-family-fun.

Wednesday/March 11

Grand Opening and Art Show. 7-9 p.m. at Cove, 805 King St., Alexandria. Cove will partner with Artistic to open the doors of their new Alexandria location for a reception featuring the work of Alexandria artist, Pete McCutchen. The work on display shares McCutchen’s “Geometric” series. The nature of the space will be invited to host McCutchen’s work. High-maintenance artist welcomes the public to tour the space. Free admittance. For more, see www.coveart.org.

Illustrated Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. First Fridays at the Civil War, an illustrated lecture exploring the life of Civil War hero, Colonel Lloyd Davis and mortar Todd Lincoln as First Ladies, her children and their lives. As curator of the Civil War, she is the author of “American Pottery and the Civil War.” The lecture will be presented by Kelly R. Hancock, Manager of Education and Programs, The Alexandria Living Historians Museum and White House of the Confederacy. Free. Call 703-746-4554.

MARCH 12-29

Blossom’s Rainbow. Runs through March 29. 10:30 am. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays. In the show, a painter’s brush sets a young cherry blossom’s world into motion. Infused with whimsical dance, vibrant colors, and dynamic live music, join Blossom on her journey from the red mountains down to the indigo city in this new piece that celebrates Japanese culture. Best for children ages 2-5 and their families. The show will be performed on March 12-29 at 2pm. $7. Visit www.alexandriaarts.org/event/march-12-29 for more.

Gold Mettle, NOVA United’s 60-64 team, at the 2013 National Senior Games with a medal in the AA division. NOVA United is the premiere senior women’s basketball association in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. Approximately 500 women between the ages of 50-75 come from Northern Virginia, Maryland, D.C. and West Virginia to practice every Friday night at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church. Film Screening

Join the Alexandria Film Festival at a screening of “Coming Back to the Hoop,” winner of the 2014 Audience Award. The film chronicles an Alexandria woman as she returns to play competitive basketball after a 40-year hiatus. QA with film star and director, Jane Pittman after the screening.

Run's through Sunday, March 30 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2794 Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Local area artists use any media to express their dreams through their art in “DREAM ON!” Visit www.delrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays. Free. Visit www.alexandriacsarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

International Women’s Day at Ten Thousand Villages. Noon-6 p.m. at 915 King St., Alexandria. Shoppers can find the perfect gift for the woman in their lives; that gift was most likely created by one of the thousands of female artisans working with Ten Thousand Villages. On March 8 the store will donate a portion of the day’s sales to the City of Alexandria’s programs combating domestic violence. Visit alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

Saturday/March 8

SARAH’S DAUGHTER. 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. A new play in the life of Sarah Easton, a 17th-century women who used her legal savvy to help her husband, who was a lawyer, and to support her nine children. She was a fierce advocate for women's rights and was the first woman in Virginia to serve as a deacon in a church. Free. Email cpdance@gmail.com or call 703-212-2950 for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 9

Opening Reception. 6-8:30 p.m. at the Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. “Reconstructing the Landscape” features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia Cappelle. Visit www.alexandriaarts.org/artleague or call 703-967-4037. Visit https://www.theoutonthehorizon.com for more.

Tuesday/March 10

Balloons for Blondes. 2:30-4:30 p.m. at AMF Alexandria Lanes, 6228 N Kings Highway, Alexandria. The National Capital Area Alopecia Areata Support Group is hosting their 2nd annual bowling for baldness to benefit the National Alopecia Areata Foundation. $20, includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, a drink and a donation to the NAAF. Register at https://support.naaf.org/alexandria/events/2nd-annual-bowling-for-family-fun.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2794 Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Local area artists express their dreams through their art in “DREAM ON!” Visit www.delrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

Pajama Party. 7-10 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2794 Monroe Ave., Alexandria. A fun-filled evening to celebrate the “DREAM ON!” exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, with raffles and prizes. Free to those who wear pajamas; $5 each for those who don’t. Visit www.delrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

SAXOPHONE CONCERT. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Washington Saxophone Quartet performs music of American composers like Ellington and more. $10-$20. Visit www.saintlukechurch.net or call 703-726-3474.

Concert and Gala. 8 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 1 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. “Persian New Year” of its 45th season, the Alexandria Choral Society presents Joseph Haydn’s “The Creation,” with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, and featuring Samantha Arias, soprano; Brian Thorsett, tenor; and Justin Wilson, baritone. Followed by a gala and silent auction. $260/adult; $20/senior and military; $15/student; free for 13 and younger. $5 more at the door. Visit www.alexandriachoralociety.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Persian New Year Celebration. 11 a.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. “Persian New Year” of its 45th season, the Alexandria Choral Society presents Joseph Haydn’s “The Creation,” with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, and featuring Samantha Arias, soprano; Brian Thorsett, tenor; and Justin Wilson, baritone. Followed by a gala and silent auction. $260/adult; $20/senior and military; $15/student; free for 13 and younger. $5 more at the door. Visit www.alexandriachoralociety.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 17

“MAPS.” Through April 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The artist’s imagination plays with physical features such as cities, roads, rivers, mountains, geographical borders, etc. that are represented by diagramming on maps of land and sea. Whether for self or gifts, jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. Free admission. Visit www.potomaclibraries.org or call 703-548-0935.

MUSEUM LESSON. 12:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 107 South West Street, Alexandria. Free. Learn how museums store, care for their objects in order to preserve it for generations to come. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.firstumcasso.com for more.

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY. 1-3 p.m. at Shenandoah Road Historical Society, 707 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Learn about your Ancestors. $10. Visit www.shenandoahroadhistoricalsociety.org or call 703-652-5737.

Congressional records related to the War of 1812 in the National Archives are digitized and made available online. A presentation about the history of the War of 1812 and how that information is made available to the public. Free. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society presents a free Family History workshop. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-736-4164.
In the Library for the Study of George Washington

Gazette Packet co-publisher Jerry Vernon examines the first President’s personal library collection with Archivist Mark Santangelo. During the tour of the National Library for the Study of George Washington, Vernon met with Santangelo and founding director Douglas Bradburn to discuss if the library has an interest in preserving for the archives of the Alexandria Gazette’s editions dating back to the 1800s.

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cases. Jinks also noted that the payment of ambulance services was worked out after the fact, possibly to prevent the medical emergency from being compounded by a heart attack at the ambulance cost.

Debra Collins, deputy city manager, also noted that the city's funding to Alexandria's nonprofits in its human services fund remained untouched from previous years, a development Councilman Tim Lovain praised.

One of the developments of the County Manager's budget Jinks personally lamented was the funding cut to Alexandria's Law Library, from $116,808 down to an unsustainable $54,346. According to the County Manager's budget Jinks, this reflects the end of the city's General Fund contribution to the library's operations. In the short-term, this forces the library to reduce its operating hours and access to its collections. If the budget is passed, the Law Library Board will have to determine a new operating structure.

Mark Jinks
Acting City Manager

The next major development for the proposed budget is a work session on March 12, followed by a public hearing on March 16 at 4 p.m. at City Council chambers.

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Some Victories in This Legislative Session

By Rob Krupicka
State Delegate (D-45)

This past week, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned “Sine Die.” Over the past six weeks, the House of Delegates and Senate looked at over 2,500 pieces of legislation. I’ve written over the past five weeks about the legislation I’ve worked on this year. I was proud to pass bills to give military members tax relief on their vehicles; to ensure tenants are able to have mold quickly and safely removed from their homes; to protect our seniors looking for quality home care services; and to make sure our schools are subjected to strong-arming by others. This model must continue. This is all good progress, but the budget does not go nearly far enough. Education is still drastically underfunded, and while it does fund some major components of health care services, like dental coverage for pregnant women and FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan) for children of low-income state employees, it still does not close the coverage gap and continues to send out federal tax dollars to other states who have expanded Medicaid.

Ethics: Ethics reform remains a big issue in the General Assembly. This session, the legislature passed a bill to strengthen the anemic ethics reform passed last year. The bill takes some small steps in the right direction, but does not go far enough. Among the stronger reforms I would like to see implemented, I believe it is important to support the Governor’s call for an independent body to investigate and review ethics issues.

TNCs: Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft have had a dramatic impact on the ride service industry. Legislation was passed this year to ensure that these companies can continue to operate, while protecting consumers and also making sure there is a level playing field for all ride service companies. The bill requires TNCs to maintain certain insurance policies and also requires TNCs to run thorough background checks on all drivers.

Child Care: Many of you may have read the Washington Post article this past December discussing the nine children that died in an unregulated day care homes in Virginia in 2014. In an effort to prevent anymore tragic loss, legislation passed this year that seeks to help parents identify quality day care services for their children and ensure they are not misled by organizations or individuals misrepresenting their services. The bill requires the number of children being cared for before an operator must be licensed by the Department of Social Services and adds in background checks for providers.

Sexual Assault: The General Assembly passed legislation this year to enforce prevention and appropriate response to sexual assaults at our colleges and universities while ensuring the privacy and wishes of the victim are protected. The bill requires colleges to ensure victims are aware of, and have access to, support services. It requires school employees to report any sexual assaults they become aware of to their school’s Title IX coordinator. The bill also establishes a review team to examine cases brought to the coordinator, and based on those proceedings, to determine whether to release information about the victim and begin a law enforcement investigation.

Gun Safety: The Governor proposed a number of ideas for commonsense gun safety at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, the legislature voted against the measures and instead, took a step in the wrong direction by passing a dangerous bill that makes it legal for individuals to carry a loaded shotgun in their vehicle.

Alternative To Demolition?

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Alternatives To Demolition?

To the Editor:
The Historic Alexandria Foundation, established in 1954, undertakes to help protect the historic and architectural character of the city’s historic buildings, streetscapes and districts. HAF understands and appreciates that the ARHA mission to provide affordable housing is in the public interest. But this proposal does not even acknowledge the public interest in historic preservation that is reflected in the fact that Ramsey Homes has been designated a contributing resource to the Uptown/Parker Gray National Register Historic District and is located in the City's Parker-Gray Historic District, which was established in 1984.

Under the city’s preservation ordinance there is a presumption against demolition of historic structures, but this proposal takes demolition as a given. There is no indication that alternatives to demolition have been considered, or any attempt to minimize or mitigate the potential demolition.

The National Register Nomination for the Parker Gray District states: The Ramsey Homes public housing is very different in style and character from the [Samuel Madder and James Bland] units just north of it. The units ... were constructed with 3-4 units clustered together back-to-back so that they form four-unit symmetrical and cubic buildings with hipped roofs. They have stucco walls and are detailed to resemble Prairie-style houses.

Constructed in 1942, to provide housing for African American workers in the war effort, they were the first public housing constructed in the Uptown/Parker Gray neighborhood area. It is quite disappointing, therefore, to find that the staff report states (p.5): that Ramsey Homes does not contribute to the integrity of the Uptown/Parker Gray NRHD, when in fact, they provide a significant contribution to the integrity both historically and as a unique example of architectural design of public housing in the district.

The staff report also states that the Ramsey Homes do not have individual architectural merit that distinguishes them through uncommon design, material or craftsmanship. This is in direct opposition to the point made in the NR nomination: that this complex is detailed to resemble Prairie-style houses. The use of precast-concrete for the floors, walls, and roof was also unusual and an innovation.

To address, then, the criteria to be considered for a permit to demolish we find that the Ramsey Homes meet four of the criteria, and therefore alternatives should be sought to demolition.

#1 – The buildings are of architectural and historical interest, as an example of the use of the Prairie style in public housing. I am not aware of any other examples in Alexandria; furthermore, they are representative of the Federal Government’s effort to provide housing for African-American war workers.

#4 – Retention of the buildings would preserve and protect an historic area of interest in the city. These buildings are unique, their open space and setting provide value to their residents, and to the community.

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Letters to the Editor

Profusely about their respective family relations having been subjected to dementia, which in effect was a “red herring” — not the real issue to be voted upon. Pure and simple, it was a zoning issue.

Despite the fact that this bunch continues to ignore the will of the people, they will say that they are champions for neighborhood rights in their respective campaigns for re-election. This is almost laughable, since the good citizens in the West End, Cameron Station, Potomac Greens, Old Town, Rosemont, Northeast, Seminary and other neighborhoods have all been told the same thing, but the record speaks for itself. The citizens in those neighborhoods have been trampled to death by developers, or subjected to strong-arming by others. This “build it and they will come” approach started under the leadership of Kerry Donley and David Speck in 1996, and it has not slowed down one iota. This model must change, because it has put us a half billion dollars in debt, and it has mortgaged our future.

To what end, and for whom? So, if any of the six council members have the temerity to say during their respective future elections that the good citizens in the West End, Cameron Station, Potomac Greens, Old Town, Rosemont, Northeast, Seminary and other neighborhoods have all been told the same thing, but the record speaks for itself. The citizens in those neighborhoods have been trampled to death by developers, or subjected to strong-arming by others. This “build it and they will come” approach started under the leadership of Kerry Donley and David Speck in 1996, and it has not slowed down one iota. This model must change, because it has put us a half billion dollars in debt, and it has mortgaged our future.

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Better still, perhaps it is time for the City Council “at large” representation to end, to be replaced by a ward system. To date, “at large” has only meant “I am accountable to no one.” What we have in Alexandria is taxation without representation, which has got to stop. Even if all of the “terrible six” (minus Allison Silberberg) are re-elected, under a ward system, they would be accountable to at least some of the people.
T he 2015 session of the General Assembly has officially ad-
journed. Bills I introduced that now await Governor McAuliffe’s signature include legislation on issues from job placement and hospital patients’ rights to tax refunds and ethics reform. I believe that this legislation will improve the lives of Virginians.

Jobs: Last year, Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. This legislation provides more funding, technical resources, and flexibility for creativity and innovation to the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) throughout the country in order to better train and provide job placement assistance to unemployed workers for the jobs of the future. Essential job training programs for an unemployed worker can cost up to $3,700; however, if we are not able to help them find a position to match their new skills, then that money is not well spent.

That is why I introduced and passed SB857 along with Senators George Barker and Dick Black, so that hospital patients will receive explicit notifications of a status change.

Tax Refunds: Another bill I passed with Senator Barker is SB1105, which restores the option for taxpayers to receive their state refunds in the form of a paper check. In 2012, Virginia changed the system of delivering tax refunds so that the only two options for payment would be in the form of direct deposit or a plastic debit card. This was done under the guise of saving the state money from the printing and postage of the checks. Instead, the change pursued a core function of the Virginia Department of Taxation to a private, for-profit company that resulted in taxpayers receiving plastic debit cards and being charged fees for using the cards at ATMs, businesses and even for inquiring about their balance too often. A 2013 study by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) shows that 6.5 percent of Virginia’s citizens do not have a bank account for direct deposit, a 1.7 percent increase since 2009. Using fee-ridden debit cards hurts those who can least afford it.

Our legislation will allow taxpayers once again to have the option of choosing a paper check or direct deposit for their tax refund.

Ethics: Virginians need and deserve to have confidence in their elected officials — but the McDonnell scandal gave citizens every reason to doubt. From the outset, I have called for strong, decisive action to fix our laws and restore Virginians’ trust. I introduced reform bills in both 2014 and 2015, and I have offered amendments to strengthen my colleagues’ legislation. I am pleased to see that the final bill incorporates several of the ideas I have fought for.

The legislation we passed moves us in the right direction, but it leaves much work undone. The bill imposes a $100 gift cap on officials, strengthens the Ethics Advisory Council and ensures that disclosure forms will be publicly available online. It will also prohibit gifts of travel unrelated to a legislator’s official duties — like trips to golf tournaments on corporate jets. Still, it also leaves gaping loopholes in place. There is no limit on the cumulative value of gifts, and the Ethics Council lacks crucial investigative authority. Many other issues — like the ability for legislators to attend secret meetings on the taxpayer’s dime — go totally unaddressed.

We still need to restore Virginians’ trust — and until we have done that, I will keep working for stronger and more substantive reforms.

There are still many pressing issues that were not addressed this session. Unfortu-
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cies, and enacting smarter regulations to prevent gun violence, all failed to advance. I also co-sponsored bills to raise the mini-
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lican majority. It is my hope that the progress that we have made this year will serve as a foundation to build upon in 2016 when next year’s General Assembly convenes.

You can email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov. I am also active on Twitter @AdamEbbin and Facebook at www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign.

It is my continued honor to represent the citizens of the 30th Senate District.

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Sports

TC Girls’ Basketball Falls at Regionals

The T.C. Williams girls’ basketball team lost to Chantilly High School. The Titans entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed from Conference 7 after losing to South County in the conference semifinals. Chantilly was the No. 2 seed from Conference 5 and reached the region semifinals, where the Cavaliers lost to Madison on Tuesday.

TC. Williams senior guard Rejoice Spivey earned first-team all-region honors from the Northern Virginia Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.

Alexandria Volleyball Players Win Gold in Maryland Tournament

The Alexandria Titans Volleyball Club’s “Titans 13” won the club championship at a Maryland Juniors girls’ volleyball tournament held in Jessup on Saturday, Feb. 28. After 10 hours of tournament play, the Titans 13 players faced two No. 1 seeds in the championship round and went undefeated to secure their first tournament championship of the travel volleyball season.

T.C. Williams senior guard Rejoice Spivey was named first-team all-region by the NVWBCA.

The top-seed NoVa Ice Dogs U12-A girls’ ice hockey team defeated the Montgomery (MD) Blue Devils 4-3 to win the Chesapeake Bay Hockey League U12 girls’ championship on Feb. 22 in Frederick, MD. The Ice Dogs, coached by Mike Donovan of Falls Church, are composed of 19 11-year-olds from around Northern Virginia. The roster includes: Katherine Donovan, Sarah Ettinger, Kaia Jefferson, Jillian Kendrick, and Bryana Nace of Falls Church City; Kelly DeMatties and Mira Majure of Falls Church Fairfax County; Alexandra Friedman and Ana Evans of Alexandria; Rachel Clarke and Emily Rotter of Arlington; Gwenyth Holloway and Braylee Weets of Springfield; Lexi Lewis of Nokesville; Elizabeth Mueller of Fairfax Station; Caley Duchak of Vienna; Mia Boris and Macie McGraw of Washington, D.C., and Sara ten Broecke of Columbia, Md. Tryouts for next year’s girls’ teams will be held April 30-May 7 in Alexandria. Please contact Peter Townsend at peterwtownsend@comcast.net for more information.

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Ferdinand Day Drive. Acting City Manager Mark B. Jinks invites the public to a presentation of his proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. Live and archived video will be available at www.alexandriava.gov. Following his presentation, Jinks will answer questions from in-person attendees and online viewers. Proposed budget documents will be available at www.alexandriava.gov on March 3. At 5:30 p.m. City Council will review the proposed budget and conduct a series of work sessions and public hearings culminating with adoption on May 7.

Alexandria Commission for Aging. 9-11 a.m. at Trademark Basics. Ask the Commissioner for Trademarks, what every small business should know now, not later. Free. Call 703-778-1292, email GFlanagan@AlexandriaSBDC.org or visit www.alexandriavia.org.

Alexandria Renew Enterprises Board of Directors. 6 p.m. at Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1500 Eisenhower Ave. Contact Lorna Huff, 703-549-3381, ext. 2260.

City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Call 703-764-4500.

Family Reading Night. 6:30-8 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School – Cafeteria, 5651 Rayburn Ave. Enjoy a fun-filled night of reading activities, listen to stories, participate in a Uglys the Squirrel based activity and receive tips on reading at home with children. The first 100 children whose families register will receive a Kate DiCamillo book. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or kristina.leyva@acps.k12.va.us. See more at http://states.aarp.org/march11.

How to Keep Your Kids Strong. 6-7:30 p.m. at ARHA FACE Center, 300 Wythe St. This workshop for families will focus on the importance of maintaining optimal mental health, reducing stigma related to mental health, and self-care. A light dinner, childcare and interpreter services provided free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or kristina.leyva@acps.k12.va.us.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission. 8 a.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Contact Lance Mallamo, 703-746-5030.

Modifying A Home. 9:30 a.m.-noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Get comprehensive advice, tips, and checklists from a panel of experts on modifying a home. Free. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested. See more at http://states.aarp.org/march11.
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Just Listed! All-brick, 4-bedroom, 2-full-bath Colonial exudes warmth - easy living! Gorgeous kitchen, updated baths, full basement/ lower level, separate garage, amazing closet space, huge attic, and fenced back yard. 8 W. Howell Ave.

Cindy Clemmer
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Old Town Alexandria

Sought-after, 3-bedroom, 2-bath, all-brick, detached home on 25 city lot homesite. Located on a quiet, tree-lined street, a few blocks from town with a floor plan that offers high style and casual elegance. Screened porch, huge landscaped yard with patio and shed. 2 blocks to Metro. 428 N. Peyton St.

Susan Taylor
703.927.5000
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Alexandria/Southwood

Rare opportunity to live on part of Washington's original estate! Located on 1/4 acre, this lovely home's renovations include gourmet kitchen (that walks out to a spacious custom deck and professionally landscaped yard), updated baths and oversized 2-car garage. 4203 Dandridge Terrace.

Vicki Binkley
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Alexandria/Stonegate

Light-filled and spacious, 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath townhouse with hardwood floors on main level, kitchen family room with stainless steel appliances, gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen. Walkout lower level rec room & bedroom opens to a lovely professionally landscaped patio & garden. Located close to 395, Pentagon, Mark Center and just a zip to DC. 2421 Gorges Place.

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Alexandria

Stunning center hall with newly renovated kitchen & breakfast area that adjoins family room with fireplace. Main level library & living room, each with a fireplace, & a gracious dining room. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths upstairs. Master with fireplace & sitting room. MacArthur Elementary School.

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