



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Brooke Lyons portrays a follower of Viennese physician Franz Anton Mesmer. Mesmer sought to develop other practices for curing people than those commonly used that included a combination of bleeding, purgatives and opiates.

Fun with 18th Century Science

The Virginia Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge met on Sunday, March 22, at the Apothecary Shop in Alexandria. The society is led by science educator and living history instructor Dean Howarth and is comprised of students attending McLean High School. Each student studies the life and work of an 18th century thinker and reenacts that individual. Students demonstrated the use of an electrostatic generator in producing electricity, methods of producing a vacuum, described various medical remedies for ailments including blood-letting and leeches and popular cosmetics in the 1700's.

The original society was established in Williamsburg in 1773 with the aim of studying nature using empirical methods to advance scientific knowledge.

The society will be returning to the Carlyle House gardens on Garden Day, April 18.

Coming up on April 12 at the Apothecary Shop will be an afternoon with Mad Science. Group sessions start every 30 minutes between 1 and 4:30 p.m. The sessions last approximately 45 minutes. Tickets may be pre-ordered at



Ben Galdo demonstrates the properties of a vacuum to visitors at the Apothecary Shop on Sunday afternoon.

www.shop.alexandriava.gov/events Prices are \$6 per person, ages 5 and up.

For more information visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.



Anna Penn and Karen Aroche describe the ingredients of popular cosmetics in the late 18th century.



Ashwin Dasgupta portrays one of the Montgolfier brothers. In 1783, the brothers' launched the first manned hot air balloon in France.

Fighting Fires Without Firefighters

Fire Station 210: No firefighters until 2016?

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Fire Station 210 is one of the newest and nicest buildings around the Van Dorn Metro area. It is full three-story building with four operation bays and a training tower.

Except it doesn't have any firefighters.

Currently the facility is staffed by emergency medical technicians. Acting City Manager Mark Jinks said that, while the original plan was to have the facility be fully staffed by the end of 2015, "that process could be pushed back to

the end of 2016."

"When they first designed and built it, they were going to include a fire engine and a medic unit, but they cut the staffing funding for the engine," said Robert Dubé, Alexandria's fire chief. "The only thing that will be in there April 1 will be the EMS unit."

According to Jinks, the original plan to fully staff the facility by the end of 2015 would have included a fully operational fire engine. The engine is at Fire Station 210, but according to Jinks, a higher than anticipated wave of retirements in 2014 has left the fire department understaffed and unable to both maintain current operations and supply manpower to fire station 210.

The decision to leave Fire Station 210 without firefighting ca

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Little Packets That Save Lives

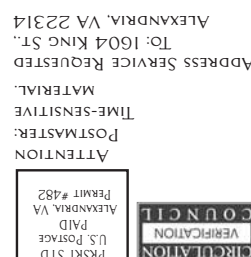
Temple Beth El hosts rehydration packet project.

BY EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET

"At my table this morning there was a massage therapist from Old Town; he came with a girl who had just been accepted to medical school," said Dave Ingold, a volunteer from Emmanuel on the Hill Church who had been there all day. "I was amazed two young people like that would give their time to do this."

There were second graders and seniors, a rabbi and a rector; there were doctors, 13 U.S. Public Health Service officers, lobbyists, and grandfathers. They volunteered their time on Sunday, March 15 at Temple Beth El to sit around a table mixing sugar, baking soda, salt, potassium chloride, packing it in clear envelopes which would be sent to countries like Liberia, or perhaps Syria, or India, and given to people suffering from dehydration. One in 70 of these packets will save a life; all of them will improve health in countries with chronic diseases like amoebic dysentery.

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Sentenced To Serve 21 Years

On March 19, in the Alexandria Circuit Court, Jose M. Quintanilla, 44, was sentenced on one count of forcible sodomy, two counts of aggravated sexual battery, three counts of production of child pornography, two counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of indecent liberties with a minor.

Quintanilla was sentenced to a total of 90 years in the penitentiary with 69 years of that sentence suspended; he will serve 21 years in the penitentiary. Following his release from prison, Quintanilla will be on supervised probation for the remainder of his life.

The case was investigated by the Alexandria Police Department. Investigation established that between the years 2011 and 2014, Quintanilla, on several occasions, performed sex acts on a victim under the age of 13, against the victim's will and consent. On a number of occasions, the defendant videotaped himself assaulting the victim. Quintanilla saved these images on electronic storage devices. The videos were later recovered through a forensic computer examination, along with other images of children being sexually assaulted.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Cathryn Evans.

"My first thoughts are with the victim and the victim's family," Evans said in a release. "It is our hope that in this sentence, the victim will find some small degree of closure and that the process of healing can begin. The significant sentence in this case should put sex offenders and child pornographers on notice that the Alexandria Police and Commonwealth's Attorney's Office will zealously prosecute crimes of sexual violence against children."

The defendant is in custody at the William G. Truesdale Alexandria Adult Detention Center awaiting transfer to the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Arrest in 7-11 Robbery

The Alexandria Police Department arrested a 30-year-old Washington D.C. man on March 18 for a robbery that occurred at the 7-11 convenience store located in the 4600 block of Kenmore Avenue on Dec. 11, 2014. He is currently awaiting extradition from Washington D.C.

Around 8:30 p.m., a person approached the store's check-out counter and handed the clerk money for several items. When the register opened, the person jumped up onto the counter and struggled with the clerk before grabbing cash from the register drawer. The person then fled the scene. The female clerk was not injured.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Detective Dan Gordon at 703-746-6685.

Transloading Changes

By letter on March 19, Norfolk Southern Corporation advised the City of Alexandria that it plans to make changes to its ethanol transloading facility in the West End area of Alexandria.

The proposed changes would include reconfiguring track layout, installing additional equipment, and lengthening rail cars or trains. The letter also indicated that Norfolk Southern plans to shift the transfer point approximately one quarter mile west.

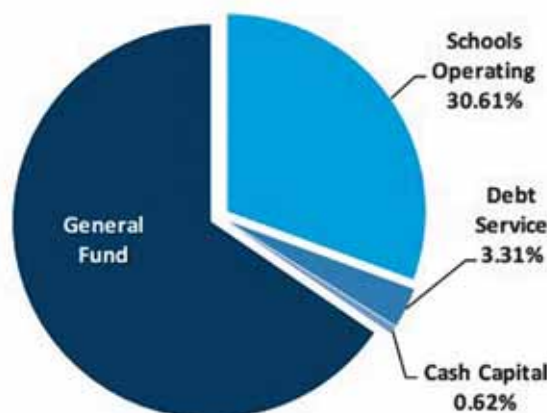
City staff will seek a meeting with Norfolk Southern's chief executive officer to request that new ethanol facilities not be constructed in Alexandria. If the company does not agree to limit its proposal, the city will continue to press for additional safety measures and improvements in community relations.

Since 2006, when Norfolk Southern first notified the city of the company's plans to locate an ethanol transloading facility in Alexandria, city leaders have opposed the facility as being incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The courts have ruled that the interstate commerce provisions of federal law preempt the city's authority to regulate railroad operations.

EXPENDITURE & REVENUE SUMMARY

Expenditure By Classification	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Final	FY 2016 Proposed	\$ Change 2015-2016	% Change 2015-2016
City Appropriation for Operating Fund	\$185,611,472	\$191,811,472	\$197,811,472	\$6,000,000	3.1%
Total Department FTEs	2,140.30	2,153.24	2,214.88	61.64	2.9%
Total Enrollment	13,623	14,224	14,745	521.00	3.7%

ACPS Share of General Fund Operating Budget



COST PER PUPIL

Division	FY 2015
Alexandria City	\$17,041
Arlington County	\$19,040
Fairfax County	\$13,519
Loudoun County	\$12,195
Prince William County	\$10,365

*Source: The most current version available of the Washington Area Boards of Education (WABE) 2015 Guide

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

City Manager's Proposed Budget summary of funding to Alexandria public schools.

Negotiating for Budget Funds

Schools and city clash over continued budget gap.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The deadline for proposing a tax rate increase for fiscal year 2016 passed on March 17 with out any update from the city, meaning the funding in the current budget is all of the funding that will be available. For Alexandria police officers and city employees, that means a pay increase and additional career opportunities inside their departments. For Alexandria public schools, who were hoping a last minute decision to raise the tax rate might be enough to cover the \$3 million gap between the school's budget and the city manager's proposed budget, the news means budget discussions between now and May are going to be tense.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Superintendent Alvin Crawley requested \$201 million from the city in his budget proposal. What he got was a \$197.8 million budget from acting City Manager Mark Jinks — a \$6 million, or 3 percent, increase over last year's budget.

While ACPS and the city continue their ongoing collaboration, both sides have been tight lipped about the future of that gap. While the City Council and ACPS held a joint work session on Tuesday, March 17, at the March 24 City Council meeting Mayor William Euille

added that there were other meetings happening behind closed doors where the budget resolution was being discussed.

"There was a meeting between myself, the acting City Manager [Jinks], [acting Deputy City Manager] Nelsie Birch, along with School Superintendent [Crawley], School Board Chair [Karen Graf], and their Chief Financial Officer [Stacey Johnson] at the superintendent's office on Wednesday last week," said Euille. "It was another follow up to the budget discussion reinforcing to them the challenges that we face ... and hearing their side of the story, but encouraging them to take another look at their budget and narrow their gap. Suffice to say, there's some level of confidence that we'll get there like we have done in the past; we'll just keep looking."

For the Alexandria School Board, the city's decision not to propose a tax rate increase limits the city and schools' options for closing that gap.

"The decision to maintain the tax means the city has limited ways to close the gap between the city manager's proposal and the school board's budget," said Chris Lewis, vice chairman of the Alexandria School Board. "We're continuing to talk with them about ideas ... The council will have to figure out where they can move

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Making 19,970 Packets — and Saving Lives

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“We never intended to keep doing this,” said Bobbie Gershman. “A friend of mine had a friend from church who wanted to involve another religious organization in her rehydration project.” Then the Tsunami hit, and she plunged into the project, sending packets to Indonesia. At the end of the day, they were exhausted, and as they cleaned up one of the team looked at her and said: “When we do this next year”

That was 11 years ago. One year, they did 19,000 packets. Each packet they put together costs about 24 cents to make. Gershman goes out to buy the supplies with her cohort. Twelve hundred pounds is a lot of sugar. Then, they hope people will come to help.

They never do a formal announcement, but people have been coming. Each year, someone hears about the effort and joins up. The U.S. Public Health Service joined in, the Emmanuel Church on the Hill became a partner with Temple Beth El, students came from the University of Maryland.

Families came. The Rev. Bruce Stewart from Goodwin House in Alexandria brought 23 volunteers. Dr. Barry Rothman, gynecologist in Alexandria for 36 years said his girlfriend, Marsha Kaufman, brought him to the event. Dani Sassin, 11, said she had been doing this for a “long time.” Brenda King was part of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington; her group was doing outreach. Elizabeth Thomas, a graduate of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health was there, noting that she had used packets like this in her work in Bangladesh. She could think of many times when a packet like this had saved the life of a woman or a baby in the crowded and underfunded hospital where she worked in Sylhet.

James Holcombe, of Arlington, who teaches history at J.E.B Stuart Middle School, was there. He encouraged some of the students at Stuart to join the Bailey’s Crossroads Rotary Club and found an enthusiastic group of young people. He and his young Rotarians have been doing the rehydration packets for 8 years. The Rotary Club of Bailey’s Crossroads was named Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2009-10 Partner of the Year for its work with



Organizer of the event Bobbie Gershman.

Stuart High School. Holcombe believes bringing his young people to events like this helps develop responsible and ethical future leaders. As he brought them over to say hello, two girls from Falls Church, Fatima Ahmed and Amani Anderson, and a boy from Annandale, Sam Laveson, it was easy to see why he was named “Everyday Hero” in 2014. His enthusiasm for youths, causes, and putting the two together was infectious.

Jared Goldstein and Liz Brodie were in the 10th grade confirmation class at Beth El and this was part of their community service. Abigail Ajuma was there, from Kenya. She is at Episcopal High School and living with a host family. Amanda Eisenhour, a 10th grader at T.C. Williams, came as part of the Emmanuel on the Hill group. She has come to the event for seven years. And Arlene Hewitt of Alexandria was there. Organizer extraordinaire, she bustled about the room, pointing out the work by students and octogenarians alike.

An announcement came over the P.A. at



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From left: James Holcombe, Amani Anderson, Fatima Ahmed, Sam Laveson, and Rabbi Brett Isserow stand together. Holcombe leads the young Rotarians at Stuart High School. This is one of several volunteer projects they do to enhance the community.



Art Gershman, volunteer, congregation member, and husband of organizer Bobbie.

2:10 p.m.: “12,375 packets.” Everyone clapped and resumed passing the sugars and envelopes. They were shooting for the goal of 20,000. As they closed, at 3 p.m., Deborah Schaffer came over to supervise the counting of packets. She would have to



The Rev. Bruce Stewart brought 23 seniors from Goodwin House. Next to him on the left is John Wartel, of Lake Braddock High School whose family is in the congregation at Beth El, and to his left his brother, Jake Wartel.

finish whatever the volunteers don’t finish. Like Gershman, she has been doing this for 11 years. Gershman and Akuamoa Boat from Ghana, who has worked at the Temple for 20 years, packed boxes.

Tally: Packets made: 19,970.



Dani Sassin, 11, worked all day at the event and has been doing this for “a long time.”



Tony Simmons, Roger Sandler and Sam Fortune



Vanessa Hanible of Gamma Sigma Sigma, a service sorority, with Kiyo Yamada of Goodwin House on her right, and Sally Slough of Goodwin House on her right.

Getting Ready for Best Bib & Tucker Ball

This year the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society is putting on Gadsby's Best Bib & Tucker Ball - Black & White Masquerade on Saturday, April 11. The term Best Bib and Tucker refers to one's best clothes and was first used in 1747 in the translation of the Marquis d'Argens' "New Memoirs Establishing a True Knowledge of Mankind:" "The Country-woman minds nothing on Sundays so much as her best Bib and Tucker."

Both bibs and tuckers were women's clothing items in use from the 17th to 19th centuries. Early bibs were somewhat like modern day bibs, although they weren't specifically used to protect clothes from spilled food as they are today. Tuckers were lace modesty pieces fitted over the bodice of a dress.

Doc Scantlin and the fabulous Chou Chou will be back for a return engagement at the tavern. They and their band, The Imperial Palms Orchestra, will be playing Big Band classics for listening and dancing. There will also be the wandering musicians including the Girlfriends. A GTMS Silent Auction will offer a variety of items, services, and experiences.

The Ball is the society's premier event to raise money to support the museum. This event is timely since it comes on the heels of two floods resulting from frozen pipes that inundated the 1785 Tavern



PHOTO BY ANN CAMERON SIEGEL

Dressed up and ready for Gadsby's Best Bid & Tucker Ball are Karen Byers, Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society (GTMS) board of directors; Kay and Terry Zerwick, GTMS president; John Gadsby; Carol Ann Brown, GTMS secretary; Nancy Smith, GTMS membership chair; and Danny Smith, GTMS former president.

building on Jan. 9 and again on Feb. 20. Funds raised from the Ball will help defray some of the restoration costs. Tick-

ets may be purchased online at www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us or by calling 703-746-4242



Delays, Costs In Severance Trial

Motions and delays continued in the ongoing pre-trial for Charles Severance, accused of three murders in Alexandria. Judge Jane Marum Roush granted a request from the defense to have until April 2 to review a report compiled on Severance's competency to stand trial. After debate between the prosecution and the defense, Roush also authorized Severance's defense team an additional \$60,000 of paid investigator research.

"This is not a death case," said James Entas, one of two associate attorney generals assigned to the prosecution by Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring. "Severance is not entitled to a perfect defense, he is entitled to an adequate defense."

Rough acknowledged that while the prosecution was not seeking the death penalty, it was still a capital case that would result in a mandatory life sentence if convicted, though she also warned the defense that the constitutional standard in this regard isn't a blank check from the state.

— VERNON MILES



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PEOPLE

A Day of Cleaning Teeth

— and bringing down blood pressure.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

“Open wide.” Sidney Siewert offers her patient sunglasses because the light is bright and “so that the minty grit doesn’t get in her eyeballs.” Siewert is a dental hygienist for Dr. Daniel Cassidy on Duke Street. She begins with a periodontal exam. “I’m checking her gums. We do this every couple of years so we can keep track of patterns.” Cassidy stops by for a short chat. “How are her gums?” So far, so good.

Siewert proceeds to the scaling of Tina Colby’s teeth that she says takes most of the hour appointment. “This is to clean the tartar from the teeth,” Siewert said.

PEOPLE AT WORK

Colby adds, “I am a nervous patient. I know my blood pressure will be high.”

Cassidy says they take the blood pressure of all the patients because they see most dental patients 2-3 times a year which is more than most of the patients see their doctors. “We have caught some patients’ high blood pressure that they didn’t even know they had and referred them to a doctor.” Sure enough, Colby’s blood pressure is 140/90 but she said, “Here they make me feel safe.”

Siewert said, “I have some really nervous patients. Some can’t stand the noise or have had a bad experience in the past. I try to build rapport and treat them with kindness and consideration, find out what is going on in their lives.”

Colby said, “Sidney’s bedside manner is fabulous.”

Siewert shoots a little spurt of air into Colby’s mouth. “That makes tartar look chalky so I can find anything I might have missed.”

Siewert said this is her first real job. “I thought I wanted to be a nurse but I shadowed a nurse for a week and found out she put in a lot of catheters. That’s not my thing.” She had a friend who was a dental hygienist so decided to give it a try. “I like it a lot.” She said she thought studying to be a dental hygienist would be easier than nursing but “it was surprisingly difficult.” She said you have to know all the curves of the teeth and the teachers at Northern Virginia Community College were strict.

“Lots of times I brought home my sterilized instruments and practiced scaling my husband’s teeth.”



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Dr. Daniel Cassidy stops by to check on Tina Colby, a regular patient as Sidney Siewert begins the examination.

Siewert has about eight appointments a day in Cassidy’s office and works for another dentist in Old Town where she sees 12-14 patients a day.

Siewert moves on to polishing Colby’s teeth with a small container of pink mint toothpaste. “This removes the plaque and coffee stains and makes the teeth feel smooth.” Colby is starting to relax. She said, “I’m crowned all over and these two top front teeth aren’t mine.” Colby explains she was a twirler in college at the halftime shows for the Cincinnati Bengals. She had an accident with her baton and knocked out her two front teeth. “I spit them out and finished the show.”

When the appointment is finished, Siewert sets up a follow-up for Colby’s last crown. It has to be scheduled around a busy schedule. “I travel a lot because my 11-year-old son plays tennis. He is ranked in the top 60 in the country and we’re headed to a tournament in Florida next week.”

Dentists are a lot more conservative than in the past according to Siewert. She explains today there are different attitudes about prevention with people taking better care of their teeth and nutrition is important, too. She says another improvement is digital x-rays with lower radiation — also dental hygiene.

Siewert said, “Instead of doing surgery first thing with a lot of tartar, we start with a deep cleaning to try to get the big nasties out.” The dentist stops by for a final check. The appointment is over, and it’s time for another blood pressure check.



Sidney Siewert, dental hygienist for Dr. Daniel Cassidy on Duke Street, begins the appointment with a periodontal examination.



Most of the dental appointment according to the dental hygienist Sidney Siewert is scaling the enamel to remove tartar from the teeth, then polishing and flossing.

Pennies for Patients

MacArthur students raise \$8,443.17.

With the support of family, friends, and teachers, the students of Douglas MacArthur Elementary were able to raise \$8,443.17 during their three-week Pennies for Patients campaign. MacArthur students collected pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to benefit the work of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Ronaldo Diaz-Paz and Lily Krakowski

This year’s Pennies for Patients drive saw hard work by all students. In particular, two students and one classroom went above and beyond the call. Third grader Ronaldo Diaz-Paz began saving his coins at the end of last year’s drive. Saving pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, Ronaldo donated \$349.50 to help others in need. Fourth grader Lily Krakowski took the fight online, raising \$385.15 through online donations from Florida to California. Whitney Greisinger’s 4th grade class raised more than \$400 in the first week of the drive. The class increased its goal to \$600 then increased it again, and again, and again, donating \$1,034.20 to the Pennies for Patients campaign.

Each year the Pennies for Pa-

tients program brings together over 12 million students from across the country to help find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society funds life-saving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services.

The Douglas MacArthur SCA is looking for local businesses to partner with next year to make the donation drive a bigger success. If a business is interested in providing matching donations during next year’s drive, contact SCA sponsor Matthew Holland at matthew.holland@acps.k12.va.us.

In Concert



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Elizabeth Kluegel and Lewis Freeman sing Donizetti: Don Pasquale duet, at the Rock Spring Concert series on Feb. 8 entitled “What is This Thing Called Love?” Kluegel lives in Alexandria where she has two children in the public school system and teaches voice lessons to a number of local students. Freeman is a singer of classical music and an actor who has performed more than 70 roles locally. They were accompanied by Edward Roberts, a pianist and vocal accompanist. The Recital Series, held at Rock Spring United Church of Christ in Arlington, began in the spring of 2001.

OBITUARIES

Gloria June Miles Hanback

On March 20, 2015, Alexandria lost one of its long-time residents. Born in 1933 in Schuyler, Va., Gloria moved to the area when she was 9 years old and never moved away.



A 1950 graduate of George Washington High School and Homecoming Queen, she was also a former Miss Alexandria and past president of the Alexandria Ki-Wives.

Gloria worked for the U.S. Army for more than 35 years and retired from Army Material Command 13 years ago.

She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Hanback and Dina Gorrell and her beloved grandson, Seth Gorrell. A Celebration of her Life will occur on Monday, March 30, 2015 at Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Service will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch following at Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

William Anderson Payne

William Anderson Payne, 93, a native Alexandrian, died Friday, March 13, 2015. He retired from Southern Railway after 42 years of service, was an active member of The Fraternal Order of Eagles and was a member of the Andrew Jackson Lodge #120, A.F.&A.M.

In her 2009 nomination of her dad for Living Legends honors, his daughter Janet Payne Cashion wrote: "Alexandrian Bill Payne was born in the blizzard of 1922 in an apartment above the Burke & Herbert Bank at King and S. Fairfax Streets. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1941, where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Cadet Corp. While just a teenager, in 1940, he began his career shoveling coal into the engine of a freight train for The Southern Railway — the company that employed him for 42 years, until his retirement in 1982. Bill was promoted to Road Foreman of Engineers towards the end of his tenure with the railroad. Just like his father, who was also an engineer for Southern, and his grandfather, who was a conductor, Bill took to railroading naturally — it was in his blood. Whether it was bringing passenger trains through Alexandria on their way down South to Lynchburg and beyond, or driving freight trains carrying a myriad of goods and supplies to the rest of the State, he always had one goal in mind — safety first. It was a career that he absolutely loved and he can recall each and every detail of every stop along the way.

"It was granddaughter Michele who gave

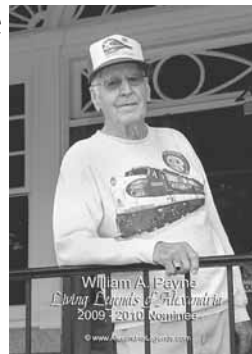


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Bill "Puffy" Payne

him the nickname 'Puffy' after the children's book about "The Little Engine that Could" — "puffed the little locomotive, and put itself in front of the great heavy train. As it went on the little engine kept bravely puffing faster and faster, 'I think I can, I think I can, I think I can'."

Preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Martin Payne, he is survived by his daughters, Margaret Lee Allen and her husband, Paul, and Janet Payne Cashion and her husband, Ronald; granddaughter, Michele Lee Snoddy and her husband, John; granddaughter, Margaret Lee Cashion; great-grandson, Beau Snoddy, all of Alexandria, and his brother, Donald Payne of Colonial Beach, Va.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Christ Episcopal Church, 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Interment will follow in Bethel Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church. A memorial guest book may be found at www.everlywheatley.com.

Michael Graves

The architect and designer of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, Michael Graves, died from natural causes on March 12, 2015. In his honor, Beatley Central Library has devoted a memorial table of his work along with a feature on the Alexandria Library website. The display includes blueprints of Graves' library designs for Beatley, books written by Graves, and a three-dimensional model of the library, to name a few.

Graves was born on July 9, 1934 and has designed architectural structures across the world, including the Denver Public Library (Denver, Colo.), the Dolphin Resort at Walt Disney World (Orlando, Fla.), and the American Academy in Rome Rare Books Library (Rome, Italy).

In 1995, Graves submitted his architectural drawings to the City of Alexandria with hopes of having his work chosen for the newest Alexandria library facility.

Three years later, in 1998, during the groundbreaking event, Graves was in attendance, along with other city officials. "It was always my goal to 'up the ante' on good design, and I've devoted much of my career to this," Graves said at the time.

Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us to read more about the history of Beatley's architect.

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At 10, YouTube as Marketing Tool Comes of Age

Web site serves variety of business needs.

BY MIKE SALMON
GAZETTE PACKET

Listing a pool table in a real estate ad is one way to market a property, but watching the cue ball break the rack, via a YouTube video “shows the excitement,” said local real estate agent Ann Duff, who incorporates video as a big part of her marketing plan. In its 10th year of existence, using YouTube is apparent throughout “new media” marketing plans in Northern Virginia.

“I have my own channel,” said Duff, of McEneaney & Associates. “A video reinforces the sense of the house.”

Ten years ago when the first YouTube video showed one of the founders, Jawed Karim, at the zoo, there was no sign that YouTube would get so big. In a recently released montage by YouTube editor “Zapatu” everything from a Brittany Spears fan going into hysterics, to the talking orange shows the spectrum it’s reached after 10 years. During that time, a variety of subjects have hit it big or gone “viral” in YouTube terms.

“Businesses must be strategic about where they place their brand on social media. If a company has the means to be on YouTube, they have meaningful content, and their research shows that their audience is active on YouTube, then I definitely think it would make sense for them to be there,” said Alex Chagouris, director of communications and marketing at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.



A screen shot of the YouTube site of Ann Duff, Realtor with McEneaney & Associates.

“At the chamber, there are members who use YouTube for human resources and talent recruitment videos, as well as other consultants or educators use YouTube for best practice or ‘how to’ videos. I’ve also seen members use video for events and conferences,” Chagouris added.

Steve Gladis of Steve Gladis Leadership Partners is a Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce member whose YouTube videos are a part of his business plan that saves time. “It’s a way for me to help clients ‘see’ some of the services I offer. Often, clients will ask what executive coaching is all about, so I suggest they watch four to five videos and then we can chat,” he said. His videos are only about four minutes long, a little outside the industry standard of two minutes but explain more than entertain.

To Gladis, putting an exact profit figure derived from his YouTube videos is hard,

but YouTube is part of his “new media,” platform earning him about \$100,000. To make the videos, Gladis invested about \$500-700 for a good camera and tripod, another \$200-300 for lighting, assistance with camera work and editing, and time. “There’s real money to be made here,” he said.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has a channel, but with “the chamber’s channel, the biggest challenge is the time it takes to prepare the video, properly. I think that holds for many of our members, primarily because most are small businesses with few staff,” said chamber executive director Nancy-jo Manney.

Alejo Media is a member of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce that specializes in video production. Before starting production on a marketing video at Alejo, “we sit down with the client, go over their objectives, get to know them and un-

Inside YouTube

- ❖ YouTube has more than 1 billion users
- ❖ Every day people watch hundreds of millions of hours on YouTube and generate billions of views
- ❖ The number of hours people are watching on YouTube each month is up 50 percent year over year
- ❖ 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute
- ❖ YouTube is localized in 75 countries and available in 61 languages
- ❖ Half of YouTube views are on mobile devices
- ❖ Mobile revenue on YouTube is up over 100% year to year

SOURCE: YOUTUBE.COM

derstand what they want this video to do, and what message they want to get to their audience,” said Alejo owner Anna Davalos. “Our job is to help them tell it well.” Most of the videos they produce for the various company’s YouTube channels are about two to three minutes in length.

One video produced at Alejo, for example, was a lawyer describing what set his firm apart from others, with no music, and just his words. It was very effective, Davalos said. “He had a serious message to deliver and the end product worked well for him.”

Another was a quicker, lighter video for the American Diabetes Association for their biggest fundraiser, the Tour de Cure, a bike ride to raise money and awareness for diabetes. This was meant to show how good helping others can make you feel, how you can have a great time and see the people you’re affecting. The video was around two minutes, featuring all music and some natural sound, Davalos said.

Back at the real estate business, Ann Duff stars in many of her real estate videos, even drinking a fake glass of wine from the breakfast bar to show the convenience of the room set up. “I do enjoy it,” she said of her acting.

Schools and City Clash over Continued Budget Gap

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funding around. That’s their decision. We talk about what our needs are and the decisions we make in terms of budget cuts.”

But according to the city, ACPS is facing the same tight budget as the rest of the departments. “All budgets require difficult choices, particularly in a sluggish regional economy,” said Craig Fifer, director of communications for the City of Alexandria. “The city manager’s proposed budget did not include any tax rate increases. That substantially locks in new available revenue, forcing a balance between important spending needs in the areas of public safety, human services, public works, support services, and public education.”

ACPS projections indicate 521 new students in 2016, an overall increase to 14,745 students throughout the school system. At \$201 million, Crawley said the per-pupil cost is already a decrease, from \$17,153 in the 2015 budget to \$16,838 in the proposed 2016 budget. This spending is less than Arlington’s FY 2016 budget proposal of \$19,000 per student, but more than Fairfax

County’s \$13,564 per student.

Melissa Herrington, the Parent Teacher Association president at George Mason Elementary, criticized the proposed budget for leaving the schools \$3 million short of the requested budget.

“That three million increase is needed to refurbish and rebuild the schools,” said Herrington. Like other parents at the public hearing, Herrington said she supported a one percent real estate tax increase, but acknowledged it was unlikely in an election year.

So far, the School Board has been sticking to its argument that the schools have cut their budget as far back as they can.

“We have made cuts before you saw the budget,” said Graf. “Our teachers go in every day and work with, not only teaching these children, but providing some of the basic needs in food and clothing and emotional support that I think are absolutely necessary. This enrollment growth is real and it’s filling up our buildings. We’re attempting to meet the student and staff needs with the operating at the \$9.2 [mil-

lion increase].”

“It’s tough when your student population goes up and your funding per student goes down,” said Lewis.

However, the city says the argument that the \$9.2 million is what’s needed to cover the enrollment increase contradicts early figures the schools gave them.

“City Council’s budget guidance to the City Manager directed that he propose a transfer to ACPS of at least enough to meet the demands of increased enrollment,” said Fifer. “ACPS provided this figure as \$4.6 million of new funding, and the city manager proposed \$6.0 million, or 30 percent more than the guidance required. This \$6.0 million represents approximately 55 percent of all new general fund revenue, and was the most the city manager could responsibly include while still meeting other funding needs. The \$9 million of new funds that ACPS requested would have represented more than 80 percent of the city’s new revenue. In the end, while the proposed budget could not provide all the money ACPS requested, it did provide more than 98 per-

cent of requested operating funds.”

With an approaching May 7 deadline for budget adoption and Add/Delete forms due on April 23, at the March 24 City Council meeting Councilman Paul Smedberg asked Jinks when the school budget crisis will be resolved. “As soon as we get some agreement for you to consider,” said Jinks, “we’ll get that in front of you.”

Meanwhile, at the March 14 public hearing, police officers and city employees showed up to express their support of the 9 percent increase in starting pay for police officers, an upgrade for the lieutenant rank, and an across the board increase of 4.5 percent for all other sworn police positions. The budget also included a \$4.6 million for a 2.3-5 merit based percent pay increase for city employees.

“It’s been increasingly difficult to tell people [interested in being a police officer in Alexandria] that this is where they should work,” said Diana Barrett, whose worked in the Alexandria police force for 10 years. “This will help retain a lot of highly qualified officers.”

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kindergarten Registration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at all elementary schools across Alexandria City Public Schools. Parents are encouraged to walk into their neighborhood school to collect a registration packet. Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30 to register for kindergarten. All children born in the U.S. and who speak English at home must register at their home elementary school, even if they will attend a different school. If a child was not born in the U.S. or does not speak English as a first language, register at the Office of English Language Learner Services at ACPS Central Office at 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria. Visit www.acps.k12.va.us.

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Volunteers from Community Tax Aid, Inc. will ensure that taxpayers apply for all applicable credits and deductions. The following documentation is required: Social Security cards for each family member; a photo ID for the taxpayer(s); dependents' income documents; W-2 forms and other income records such as Social Security, bank interest or SSI; receipts or records for expenses such as child care and education; Form 1095-A if you purchased health insurance through the marketplace; and if possible, a copy of last year's tax return. People will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For further information, to request a disability accommodation or to receive materials in an alternative format, contact Esperita Bullard at 703-746-6070.

COMMUNITY INPUT WANTED

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Parent Education. 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at Ladrey High Rise, 300



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In Concert

Virginia Bronze performed to a crowd of more than 200 at the Masonic Auditorium on King Street on Sunday, March 17. The thematic program featured music from "South of the Border" including Brazilian rhythms and original pieces arranged and transcribed by music teachers in the Alexandria area. Kate Vetter Cain, soprano soloist, performed with the ensemble. The Virginia Bronze, an artist-in-residence at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, is dedicated to advancing the art of English handbell ringing. Contact Virginia Bronze at vab@vabronze.org to request a concert at galas, embassies, festivals, weddings, association conferences, and Washington conventions.

Wythe St. or Wednesdays at Brookside Center, 601 Four Mile Run Road. Join the FACE Center, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia and a network of other providers to learn how to ensure a child's academic success and quality of life. Free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Call.Click.Connect. Evaluation. 9

a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave. The City of Alexandria would like your input on its customer service system, Call.Click.Connect. Learn more at alexandriava.gov/82564.

Friends of Alexandria Archaeology Meeting. 11 a.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Volunteers review the past year's activities and discuss ideas and plans for next year's calendar of events. Free. See www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 31

Homebuyer Training. 6-9 p.m. Office of Housing Conference Room, 421 King Street, Suite 200. The City of Alexandria provides monthly homebuyer training class. The session, taught in Spanish, gives students access to Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA)'s below market interest rates. To register, contact Oscar Bermudez at 202-667-7006, ext. 230 or email oscarbermudez@housingetc.org.

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Sunday, 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II- Family Service with Procession from Market Square

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

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7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir and the stripping of the altar

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

12:00-1:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, joint service at Christ Church

5:30 p.m. Family Service

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

12:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Service in the Chapel

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at St. Paul's Cemetery

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music

9:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Eucharist, Children's Choir, and Brass

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass

OPINION

Working Together for the Community

BY JOHN PORTER
ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA

On Wednesday, March 25, the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO) released its recently completed report “Meeting Needs Today: A Needs Assessment of the Alexandria Human Services System” — an update of the last needs assessment in 2008. This is the second in a series of studies commissioned by ACHSO following last year’s “Return on Investment: Alexandria Nonprofit Impact Report.” Both studies can be downloaded at: www.achsova.org

“Meeting Needs Today” provides a snapshot update of impressions regarding the state of Alexandria’s human services system — services, service gaps and service improvements — since the last needs assessment in 2008. The research model included formal focus groups and a broadly disseminated survey to determine access to services and information, barriers to progress since the previous study and recommendations for future direction. The report provides impor-



tant information to the public and policy makers about the challenges faced by children, youth and families in the city in hopes of strengthening support for a stronger and more robust human services support system in Alexandria.

The study outlines five major areas which repeatedly were noted by those interviewed and surveyed. These key issues are:

- ❖ Development of more affordable housing.
- ❖ Early intervention for physical and behavioral health and development issues for youth.
- ❖ Bridging the information gap for immigrant non-English speakers, and more specifically, immigrants who also cannot read or write in their native language.
- ❖ Bridging the eligibility gap between subsidy levels and income needed to afford the market cost of services.
- ❖ Enhancing nonprofit advocacy — particularly at the local and state levels.

The report provides next step recommendations in hopes of inspiring community engagement and action to more effectively address the needs and

issues noted in the report. ACHSO will continue efforts to raise awareness throughout the community and engage stakeholders in further discussions to this end.

ACHSO was launched in 2006 as a joint initiative of ACT for Alexandria and the City of Alexandria’s Department of Community and Human Services to bring together city and nonprofit organization leaders to network, collaborate, share best practices, and leverage resources. Working together has proven valuable for creating an innovative and integrated approach to providing important human services to residents.

I hope you will read the report, share it with others, and let decision makers know the importance of providing necessary resources to assist those who are most vulnerable in our community.

As W. H. Auden once remarked, “We are all here on earth to help others; what others are here for, I don’t know.” Your support of ACHSO’s work and that of the city and nonprofit providers will make a difference.

John Porter is president/CEO of ACT for Alexandria and co-convenor of the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too Much Talk of Lawsuits

To the Editor:

Can you believe it? Mayor Euille has declared another legal war. This time it’s against a railroad for moving further from homes its site where ethanol is transferred from railcars into tanker trucks.

Has there ever been a mayor of Alexandria who brought more legal actions against its tax-paying

businesses and citizens? Get this: Litigant Euille is the same Euille who was among those who approved building the homes next to the existing railroad site in the first place.

Is he next going to sue all the gasoline trucks that travel throughout Alexandria daily discharging explosive, flammable fuel into underground tanks throughout Alexandria? Or the gazillion citizens who pump this fuel into smaller tanks in their

cars? Or every restaurant that uses combustible cooking oil? Remember, each legal war he wages is paid with your money.

Frankly, I’d like more leadership using litigation only as a last lamentable resort. Lack of the former and too much of the latter is another signal that it’s time to change mayors

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria



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Thanks From the Ballyshaners

To the Editor:

The Ballyshaners enjoyed hosting our 34th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Alexandria on March 7. We hope that the spectators enjoyed it as much as we did. Our thanks go out to all of the groups who drove, marched, danced and walked in the parade. Key thanks go to the Alexandria Police Department, the Sheriff’s Department, and staff from the city’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities for managing the event’s logistics. We are especially grateful to Transportation and Environmental Services staff for clearing the snow from the streets, making the parade possible. The Ballyshaners also extend special appreciation to King Street Blues for opening early, serving as a headquarters for the parade staff and volunteers.

We look forward to bringing you next year’s parade, Saturday, March 5, 2016.

JJ Kelly
Chairman, Ballyshaners

Is Safety A Priority?

To the Editor:

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OPINION

New Program for Seniors: 'Groceries to Go'

BY SARAH DREXLER
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SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria has a new service for seniors as part of its Senior Nutrition Program called "Groceries to Go." This service is for seniors 60 and over who live in the City of Alexandria and have a difficult time grocery shopping on their own.

Groceries to Go, was started as a pilot program last fall, and our clients are thrilled with the service. To accomplish this new service, SSA found a wonderful partner in Steve Mason, general manager, and his staff at the Giant on Duke Street in Alexandria. One of our program participants states that, "with the passage of time, aging and temporary or permanent disabilities, grocery shopping ceases to be fun."

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She goes on to say that "she was fortunate to find the 'Groceries to Go' program that delivers groceries to her door, rain, sleet or snow and now she doesn't have to worry about how to get the heavy kitty litter up

the stairs."



Senior Services Volunteers and Giant Food employees working together on SSA's "Groceries to Go" delivery day orders.

the stairs."

SSA volunteers contact all program participants by telephone to confirm their shopping lists before the grocery delivery day.

Volunteers then order clients' groceries every other Tuesday. Shopping orders are processed onsite at the Giant on Duke Street are then delivered by SSA volunteers, ev-

ery other Thursday. There is no delivery fee. Seniors must have a debit or credit card to participate in the service, and will be charged for the groceries purchased on their behalf after each shop.

On the day of delivery, volunteers pick up the shopping orders and deliver the groceries between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to their assigned seniors' kitchens, and if requested to do so, will put the groceries away, loosen lids, and help dispose of any out dated or expired food items.

One of our long-term volunteers states, "I really enjoy my bi-weekly visits with my new friend and look forward to catching up on all the latest news about her family and hearing her marvelous stories. Although it started out as an opportunity to 'give back' in a meaningful way, I'm quite sure that I get the better end of the deal."

Senior Services is proud of this new service that compliments its mission to "foster independence, and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the city of Alexandria to age with dignity."

If you're a senior and would like to try "Groceries to Go," or if you're interested in volunteering call Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414, ext. 120 or email friendlyvisitor@seniorservicesalex.org.

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OPINION

Filling the Gap Volunteering before college.

BY VALERIE BAMBHA

Why should young people volunteer? Isn't that something only seniors do? Not at all. Young people who volunteer gain valuable insight into the inner workings of their communities and are able to obtain a wider perspective by supporting the diverse missions of non-profit organizations. Volunteering is more than just a few hours of free labor; it's an opportunity for networking, skill building and individual growth.

I speak from experience. As a gap year student taking a year off before college to learn to navigate the complex twists and turns of the "real world," I can confidently say that volunteering has been an irreplaceable part of my time.

The organizational and interpersonal skills I have acquired will assist me at the College of William & Mary this fall and into the rest of my adult life.

As part of this year, I wanted to push myself to try things that were outside of my comfort zone. Though an artsy, creative, bookish type, I found myself on my hands and knees digging holes and yanking weeds

at the American Horticultural Society thanks to an entry I found in the Volunteer Alexandria database. I now know the names of various garden tools (scuffle hoe anyone?) and am rather proud of my expanded plant vocabulary. During my time at the AHS, I also met some unforgettable people, staff and fellow volunteers whose exuberance and energy made me feel excited about the work I was doing and treated me like I was part of the team.

I also underwent the volunteer training at Ten Thousand Villages of Alexandria, a fair trade store dedicated to providing artisans in developing countries with fair, living wages. I learned how to operate the cash register, unpack and catalog shipments and interact with the customers in the store. I had not fully appreciated how much work maintaining a retail shop could be until I was behind the register myself.



Valerie Bambha volunteering at the American Horticultural Society.

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Volunteering can also unlock the door to a whole new series of opportunities. I began volunteering once a week at my dance studio in 2010 as an assistant teacher. I now am an intern and help teach six classes a week.

I love working with the students and giving back to a place that has been important to me since I was a little girl. That for me is truly the best part of service, knowing that I've helped make something that was special for me special for someone else. The bright eyes and young smiles at the end of the day are all I need to know I've made a difference.

For anyone interested in volunteering, you can call the Volunteer Alexandria offices at 703-836-2176 or visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org and search the many opportunities available in our community.



Lorene Wescott and Arianna

Sharing Stories

BY LUISA REYES

I hate it. I don't want to read it anymore." That was Arianna's first reaction to "Runny Babbit" by Shel Silverstein. However, with the encouragement and support of her tutor/mentor, Lorene Wescott, the following week she tried it again and fell in love with the book.

MENTOR OF THE MONTH Wescott and Arianna have been working together since the spring of 2013. Wescott, an avid

reader, remembers going to the library several times a week with her family and being surrounded with books. She believes reading is an important skill and wanted to help a student improve his or her reading.

Tutoring is the base of their relationship, but they enjoy doing other things as well. Wescott and Arianna have participated in many of the enrichment activities hosted by Wright to Read, such as the annual picnic and holiday dinner. One of their favorite trips was going to Burgundy Farm and interacting with the animals. Arianna, although nervous, held a bunny in her hands for the first time.

Wescott enjoys sharing some of her childhood favorite things with Arianna. She recently found her sticker collection and showed it to her. Arianna enjoys seeing the variety of stickers Wescott collected when she was about her age. She also enjoys taking a sticker home with her at the end of their weekly tutoring.

They've continued to read other Shel Silverstein books and Wescott also introduced Arianna to Amelia Bedelia. Although, Arianna was unsure about reading the same books Wescott enjoyed while growing up, at the end, she always asked, "Are there more?"

Celebrating 35 years of giving the gift of literacy, Wright to Read has been serving elementary school students who are reading below grade level. Volunteers meet with their student once a week for an hour in the evenings or on the weekend. Wright to Read is a member of the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership. The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP) was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. There are 11 professionally managed programs in the partnership that need adult mentors. To learn more about AMP, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 10

sic tenants of local government are the health, welfare and safety of its residents. The issue at hand is the Eisenhower West Fire Station, #210, which was approved by the mayor and council in 2008 and has been constructed on Eisenhower West and to date, remains empty. A little bit of history is needed to explain this major faux pas. The Eisenhower East Small Area Plan was adopted by council on March 15, 2003 when Eileen Fogerty was director of Planning and Zoning and the question was raised about the need to have a fire station to meet the needs of that area and its surrounding developments. However, for whatever reason, our elected officials at that time let it slide by and no funding was made available. Unfortunately, the Eisenhower Valley development did not include all of Eisenhower Avenue, so only Eisenhower East was developed. So here we are in 2015 wherein fire station 210 on Eisenhower Avenue West remains empty and continues to not be part of the city manager's budget for the past seven years.

Of course there are lots of fingers of blame to go around which includes Mayor Euille and all members of council along with acting city manager Mark Jinks, previous city manager Rashad Young along with city staff who assist in drafting a budget based on the supposed "guidelines and direction" from Mayor Euille and all members of council.

Based on the new paradigm for Mr. Jinks' current budget, he and his staff have divided the budget up into four areas, one of which is related to safety and experienced staff. This is not rocket science and the safety of this West End neighborhood apparently is

off the screen for our budget folks, elected officials and senior staff. When 911 calls are made to respond to a fire on the Duke Street side of the West End, Station 209 (Potomac Yard) is the first fire station to receive the call and hopefully they have trucks available to respond. Should there be some kind of ethanol explosion at the Norfolk Southern site, fire station 209 is where the foam equipment is located and the most experienced firefighters are located to fight an ethanol incident. That being said, if foam is needed and if 209 is the closest and not already occupied, and Potomac Yard fire station 209 is the only thing available why not keep this equipment, trained staff at the already existing empty fire station 210 located on Eisenhower West?

Where are our city's priorities? Too busy spending taxpayer dollars on issues not related to the health, welfare and safety of our citizens and increasing taxes via fees? How can the city expect any businesses to move into the West Eisenhower neighborhood knowing that any calls for fire assistance or medical help will be dispatched to fire station 209 at Potomac Yard. This is totally unacceptable, but not surprising from all of our current elected officials and those from the past seven years who voted to build fire station 210. Are we safe in Alexandria and especially in the Eisenhower Valley or does keeping fire stations open in Old Town and other parts of the city more important? The money is there.

Time to delete the \$1.8 million set aside for AEDP. Time to delete the \$3.8 million set aside for ACVS. Time to reduce the increased spending for ACPS. These are wants, not needs and do not comply with the basic responsibilities of city government.

Shame on all of current and past elected officials, those who have known about this matter since approval for fire station 210 was done in 2008.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Still Much To Be Done

To the Editor:

On behalf of Virginia Fair Share, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the City Council of Alexandria.

On Tuesday March 10, the City Council of Alexandria unanimously approved a proclamation affirming the efforts of Hunger-Free Alexandria to combat food hardship locally and commending the efforts of Gov. Terry McAuliffe and First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe for their work to address childhood hunger at the state level with the Commonwealth Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide.

This proclamation not only recognizes the hard work that has been done to reduce the number of people and children at risk of food insecurity but also represents a renewed commitment on behalf of the City of Alexandria to make ending hunger a priority. Alexandrian's should be extremely proud of the leaders that they have elected, who are fighting and will continue to fight for everyone to have enough to eat.

I would especially like to thank Mayor Bill Euille and Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg for their important contributions. Mayor Euille

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‘Devil’s Tailors’ Sow Roots in Alexandria

Scottish music group finds new home in Old Town tavern.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Many bars in Old Town Alexandria have live music venues. Some have folk musicians perform on a small stage, others have karaoke nights. John Strongbow’s Tavern on King Street is, so far, the only one to regularly feature regular “jam sessions” with bagpipes. Every fourth Sunday of the month, Peter Walker and members of his band, The Devil’s Tailors, play in the main dining room at Strongbow’s, a medieval tavern in Old Town, where they invite other local musicians to join them and play traditional Scottish songs.

Technically, Walker leads the group with a tune played from his border pipes which a variant of their more infamous cousin, the bagpipes. The border pipes aren’t quite as abrasive as the bagpipes and Walker says they accompany fiddle tunes better, whereas highland bagpipes are meant to be played alongside drums. While the music is certainly a draw to the restaurant on Sunday mornings, the group is mindful that the patrons are primarily there to eat and dine in peace, and the music is a background feature. This is evident when the group gathers on the stage, instruments at the ready, only to wait a half-hour for two patrons at a nearby table to finish their meal.

Walker’s group relocated to Alexandria in January, making the March 22 session its third appearance at Strongbow’s tavern. Walker’s “jam sessions” have had nomadic existence across the region: starting in 2004 at the Royal Mile pub in Wheaton, Md., and eventually relocating to O’Sullivan’s in



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

Peter Walker, his band members and other attendees of his Jam Session at John Strongbow’s Tavern.

Herndon. The jam sessions mostly consist of members of Devil’s Tailors, but he says members of the community often come out and join them and some have become regulars.

Sandy Hoar has played fiddle for the past 11 years and played with the group when they were at the location in Wheaton, but this is her first time joining them at Strongbow’s.

“You never know if it’s going to be three people here,” said Hoar, “or 20.”

Brandon Kennedy was a newcomer to the group, showing up just before the first song and nervously pulling his fiddle from its case. He’s already sent a message to the facebook group, but he still asks if it’s all right to join. As soon as the music starts though, he’s immediately in sync with the rest of the group.

“I just googled ‘jam sessions,’” said Kennedy, an Alexandria resident, “I have been looking for something like this in the area.”

Kennedy says he enjoys this type of informal concert. Not only is it a good place to practice, but Kennedy says that he loves that

it feels like it’s part of a long-standing oral tradition.

It’s Barbara Saliunas’ second time at one of the Strongbow’s jam sessions. She’s played Scottish style fiddle for 10 years, becoming enthralled with it after hearing a concert played in 2003’s Smithsonian Folk Life Festival. Immediately after the concert, she sought out instruction in Scottish style string instruments and put her training in classical music on hold.

“Most of the people here aren’t full time musicians,” said Saliunas, “we all have jobs that we do to pay the bills.”

Like many others in the jam session, Walker isn’t Scottish, not even a little. His family is Irish-English, but he says there’s something in the rhythm of Scottish folk tunes that feels very familiar to many Americans.

“Walker attributes it to American folk’s — and by extension Country and Rock — roots in Scottish music played in the American colonies by settlers. In Alexandria, a city founded in large part by Scottish settlers, the music represents a piece of the city’s ancestry.

“When you think of Ireland, you think of rolling green hills,” said Walker. “And when you think of Scotland, you think mostly of rocks and crags. That carries over into the language and style of the music ... There’s an energy there that’s compelling.”

The reception on March 22 seemed mixed. The two patrons sitting near the musicians immediately moved across the room as soon as the music started playing. Others playing a card game at a nearby table complained throughout the first song, but when the second song started one recognized it from the 2002 sci-fi show Firefly. By the third song, several members of the card-playing cadre were tapping their feet and nodding along.

“It’s usually more customers tapping their feet than complaining,” said Ramona Cojocar, a manager at Strongbow’s Tavern. “Customers usually stay longer. They stay to listen to the jam music, it’s something special. Not every place has Scottish music, and we’ve only been doing it for about two months now. Once more people start to know we do it every month, then it will start to get more popular.”

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ONGOING

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“In and of the Land.” Through Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph

L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. “In and of the Land” is a two person exhibition of recent work in paintings by Clive Pates and ceramics by Virginia Rood Pates. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/Gallery for more.

“Four.” Through Sunday, March 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 319, at the Torpedo Factory,

105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory gallery presents “Four,” featuring photographer Julie Patrick, mixed media artist Kara Hammond, painter Jill Finsen and painting/mixed media artist Barbara Muth. TAG will present a new show each month. Visit torpedofactory.org for more.

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Alexandria. "Reconstructing the Landscape" features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia Cappelle. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Michael Graves Memorial Exhibit. Through Friday, April 10 during library hours at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The architect and designer of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, Michael Graves, passed away on March 12. The Library has devoted a memorial table of his work along with a feature on the Alexandria Library website. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, April 14. Sunday and Monday, 12-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Artist Kevin Fitzgerald presents a collection of coastal images painted in the tonalist style. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

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Chapman. Through May 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Nine unique paintings by the Virginia born artist John Gadsby Chapman (1808-1889) illustrating landscape scenes important to George Washington's biography are on view. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

"Paws 'N Claws for Art." Runs through May 31 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle's Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

"Intricacies" Exhibit. Through Sunday, May 31 at various times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara unveils her "Intricacies" exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

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. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525. Thursday/March 26

Art and Book Sale. 1-5 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Find art, children's books, and individually priced books. Visit the Hollin Hall

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TAG Gallery Introduces ‘Layers’

The Associates Gallery (TAG), located at the Torpedo Factory, studio 319, 105 North Union St., is introducing a new exhibit, “Layers” starting March 30. The exhibit will feature four artists; ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley. The exhibit will run until April 25. TAG Gallery’s hours are 11-6. Find more information at www.torpedofactory.com.

Mansion for flat-rate prices on books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs. \$5 a bag on Saturday. Visit www.mvuc.org.

SWAN Day. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Poet Shelly Bell will host an evening of poetry, dance, music and the visual arts by women artists. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Air Force Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Lyceum History Museum, 201 S Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Woodwind Quintet and Chamber Trio offer a public concert. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

MARCH 26-APRIL 26

“The Island.” Various times at MetroStage, 1201 N Royal St. The Island is set on Robben Island in South Africa where two political prisoners labor during the day and perform “Antigone” by night. Visit www.metrostage.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 27

“Arts on the Horizon.” 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Blossom’s Rainbow” is a combination of live music and dance narrating the journey of “Blossom.” Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Braddock Day. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Meet General Braddock, the man who secured funding for his upcoming campaign against the French, making history. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com.

Eggstravaganza at Four Mile Run. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This is an early Easter event featuring a visit by the Easter bunny and several Easter egg hunts for children. Free. Visit theaterchurch.com.

CRAVE Micro-Granting Dinner. 5-8 p.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. The Torpedo Factory Art Center and Convergence will host a CRAVE (Creating

Resources for Artistic Vision and Engagement) micro-granting dinner. Attendees hear four short presentations on new arts-related projects. After an interactive communal dinner, they vote and the chosen presenter receives an on-the-spot grant. Tickets are \$15 for dinner and a vote. Visit ourconvergence.org.

Orchestra. 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents “Les Misérables.” Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 29

“Arts on the Horizon.” 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Blossom’s Rainbow” is a combination of live music and dance narrating the journey of “Blossom.” Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Easter Egg Hunt. 2:30 p.m. at Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living Center, 3709 Shannon’s Green Way. Seniors and their families may enjoy Easter-themed festivities and crafts, then partake in an egg hunt. Free. Register by calling 703-650-0779.

Dance in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Take a sneak peek at the group’s spring concert lineup. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Concert. 3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Works by Dukas, Koetsier, Gershwin, Beethoven, Bernstein, Valjean and Piazzolla will be presented by the Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra. Free. Visit www.ancoselftconducted.org.

Exhibit Reception. 2-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Two new exhibits will be on display at the Multiple Exposures Gallery by artists Susan Meyers and Colleen Henderson. Attend the reception. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

10th Annual Spring Forward. 6-9 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S Union St. Nonprofit Community Lodgings is hosting their annual Spring Forward event featuring a silent auction, live music, an open bar, and dinner.

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MARCH 29-APRIL 26

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MARCH 30-APRIL 25

Art Exhibit. The Torpedo Factory, The Associates Gallery, studio 319, 105 North Union. Ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley will present work for an exhibit titled “Layers.” Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 31

Cookie Class. 6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Larry Calvert leads a class on how to make hand-decorated sugar cookies. All supplies included. \$45 for the general public, \$35 for NVFAA members. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S Pickett St. The Kelley Walters Band will provide the music for a night of swing dancing. \$10. Call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

Tango Concert. 7:30p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St.

QuinTango with guest Carina Losano, will perform an interactive concert and a Q&A. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 3

Blues Night. 7 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The “Blues Night” is part of the “First Fridays” Series. The Series is a project of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Appetizers, soda and water are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. complements of the King Street Blues Restaurant. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 per family. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 3-5

Easter Egg Hunt. Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The historic Lee-Fendall House will host their 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Other activities include games, crafts, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter Egg. Tickets are \$12 for children 12 and younger, \$5 for all others. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 6

R.E. Lee Camp Dinner. 6:15 p.m. at American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron St. Hear speaker Billie Earnest speak on “The Life of George Pickett.” On display, find items that once belonged to the General and his family. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 17 and under. Visit www.leecamp.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 4

The Ivy Hill Players. 1-3 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. costumed interpreters will perform as historical personalities that are buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery.
Pohick Church Tours. 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit www.pohick.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 7

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Attend a lecture on the arrival of Emancipation to Alexandria presented by Char McCargo Bah. Free. Email lance.mallamo@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4554.
Public Art in Alexandria. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House Hotel, 116 South Alfred St. Join Diane Ruggiero and Matthew Harwood from the City's Office of the Arts in a talk about Alexandria's new implementation plan for public art. Free. Contact Alexandria Archaeology at 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

Artist Talk: Enveloping Time. 3 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Opening for an exhibition of the works of Robert Cwiok in the Athenaeum gallery. Cwiok's paintings, collage, and mixed media works lead visitors on a visual tour through the development of an artist. Text, print ephemera and envelopes are visual leitmotifs

throughout his career. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Antiques Club. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club presents Dick Hamly, discussing oarlocks. Experience with sailing and rowing, as well as serving in the Navy sparked his interest in different oarlock types, including visits to Venice where he learned about variations in shape and details of design in Italian oarlocks, even to a high art. Free. Call 703-360-4979.
Joan Armatrading. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. singer/songwriter/guitarist Joan Armatrading performs. Tickets start at \$75. visit www.joanarmatrading.com.
Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Tom Bowes, Willie Barry, Eric Hurt and Louis Newmyer form the newest rockabilly and early rock-n-roll quartet in the DC area. Admission is \$10. Call 703- 751-8900.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 16-19

Spring Book Sale. Members preview on Thursday, 4-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Books are \$3 or less unless specifically marked. Find hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, and audio-visual items. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

APRIL 16- MAY 31

Art Exhibit. Athenaeum Gallery, 201

Prince St. “Rara Avis” is an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

“Rara Avis” Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Attend the reception for “Rara Avis,” an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21

Honoring the Past. 12:45 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Join the Director of the Alexandria Black History Museum as she takes you through the 20-year process from rediscovering to reopening and remembering this part of Alexandria's story. Call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the ‘Aqua Challenge’ floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. \$4 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280 for more.

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'The Island' Returns to MetroStage

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
METROSTAGE PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

I have wanted to bring "The Island" back to our stage since 1991 when it was first produced in our little storefront on Duke Street. Original cast member Doug Brown has returned to the role of Winston 24 years later. In the theatre, time really does fly.

NOTES FROM THE PRODUCER

"The Island" is a remarkable play devised by Athol Fugard with his colleagues John Kani and Winston Ntshona. It so real, so powerful, so honest and so human, as it depicts the horror of apartheid in South Africa. It is a wrenching experience, yet at the same time heart-felt and elevating.

From fighting for equality, revering family and community, the political stances taken against oppression, in this case by black activists in South Africa against apartheid resonates today. Featured in the play is the classic stand by Antigone, who defies King Creon and illegally buries her warrior brother, which

parallels the story of the activists.

Too many are oppressed by too few and man's inhumanity to man has continued into the 21st century. In fact, in some cases, it seems to have escalated. "The Island" is one of the most memorable, inspiring, dramatic works that we have ever produced—and in my opinion ever to have been written.

Fugard has written a masterpiece that resonates with everyone who cares about equality, human dignity and the right to live a fulfilling life. Sadly, parts of the world today have devolved into chaos/horror, whether it is the plight of Syrian refugees, oppressed religions, or continuing tribal warfare, but one thing we have to believe is that the human spirit will ultimately triumph. Thank you Athol, John, and Winston; also MetroStage director Tom Jones and actors Doug Brown and Michael Anthony Williams for providing us the means to feel, to believe, to embrace the power of our collective humanity. Isn't this what the theatre stage is for—to collectively share this experience and be empowered to work towards change, progress and fulfillment for all?

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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center.

A Twist to St. Paddy's Day

BY JACKIE PERSON,
NANNIE J. LEE MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION,
PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The City of Alexandria's Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center rocked the green on St. Patrick's Day. From little leprechauns in tutus, green eggs and nuggets, not ham, marshmallows dripped in green chocolate and green popcorn, participants from Youth Achieving Greatness put a twist into St. Paddy's Day.

RECREATION

The Mainstream Program put its own twist to the day by dipping and splashing for shamrocks under water at the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility. There is never a dull moment and every day is a new day of adventure because we are a lucky bunch at NJL. Staff on roller skates with green hair dancing with participants was a true sight to see. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is making major strides as we implement new concepts for delivering enrichment programs.

We are proud to offer a facility and programs that are accessible for all and facilitate acceptance for all abilities to engage in leisure pursuits together. If you would like to experience some great adventure, summer is just around the corner. Join us for our summer camp of adventure which will be filled with games, excursions, scavenger hunts, sports, swimming, and Six Flags of America adventure. So bring your kids and let us put a twist into their summer. Our summer camps is not only about having fun; it's about creating a safe place for all and providing endless opportunities in building confidence, forming friendships, and ensuring everyone is fully engaged every step of the way.

It's time to cruise into summer. Summer Camp registration is available now. If you're looking for a great summer camp experience for your child, stop by our office at 1108 Jefferson St. or contact our office at 703-746-5550.

The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks, and Culture Activities 2015 "Summer of Smiles" summer camp registration information is now available on-line at www.Alexandriava.gov/recreation

Leibig Teaches Digital Evidence in Jamaica

Local attorney to lecture in Wales and Canada later this year.

BY HARRY COVERT
GAZETTE PACKET

In the fifth in a series of lectures at foreign law schools, local attorney and former Alexandria public defender Chris Leibig traveled to Kingston, Jamaica to speak at the Norman Manley Law School about digital evidence.

Students and professors were interested in the topic largely because of the 2014 conviction of Jamaican rock star Vybz Kartel for murder. Kartel was convicted in the longest trial in Jamaica's history based on evidence recovered from his cell phone. More than 200 people attended the panel discussion, including students, professors, judges and Chief Justice Zaila McCa of the Jamaica Supreme Court.

Leibig and other local criminal defense attorneys,



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Chris Leibig with Bob Marley's friend Georgie Robinson in Kingston, Jamaica.

including Joni Robin and Cary Citronberg, have been invited to teach and lecture at law schools in Wales, Great Britain, and Calgary, Canada later this year.

Students and prosecutors also debated America's Exclusionary Rule. Leibig, a leading capital case attorney, said the rule generally forbids evidence obtained in violation of the Constitution from being used in criminal trials.



Julie Becker and Kate McMahon of Ten Thousand Villages.

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Marking International Women's Day

Ten Thousand Villages sales benefit Alexandria's domestic abuse program.

BY EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET



Sage Boucher

Thirteen-year-old Sage Boucher knew it was International Women's Day on March 8. She alerted her family to the fact when she checked her social media in the morning: "Tumblr had it, and I always check Google graphics first thing because if something is going on, the graphic will hint at it." They were going to get cupcakes to celebrate. Sage loves the idea of celebrating women. She wishes more people knew about this day. Her sister, Sierra, said, "International Women's Day is important because women aren't a minority, but they are often treated that way, so this is a chance to honor women and bring attention to the fact that women need support. Women have, like, their own culture, too — so this is a way to celebrate that."

Sage's family was delighted to find the store, Ten Thousand Villages, at 915 King S., on their way to get cupcakes. It was just the right place to celebrate International Women's Day. Started in 1946 by Edna Ruth Byler, a pioneering businesswoman, the textile and crafts marketing idea ignited a global movement. Byler had travelled to Puerto Rico, was shocked at the poverty she found there, and began purchasing the local needlework to sell to her friends and neighbors in central Pennsylvania. She sold items out of the trunk of her car. As the wife of a Mennonite Central Committee administrator, she soon attracted the attention of the committee, and in 1962, the committee adopted the "Overseas Needle-

point and Crafts Project" as an official program. This evolved into SelfHelp: Crafts of the World, with sales topping \$3.6 million, and then became Ten Thousand Villages. The King Street store opened in 1994.

The King Street store buys from Fair Trade vendors of crafts, almost entirely made by women in countries below the poverty line. Artisans receive up to 50 percent in cash advances when an order is placed, and payment in full when the order is shipped, said Kate McMahon, manager of the King Street store. "That way, the burden of selling is on the store, not the artisans."

Ten Thousand Villages volunteer Julie Becker has been with the store for 17 years. She was on the board a few times as well, donating her time and watching the business grow. Ten Thousand Villages National Capital Area is about to open a second store in Washington, D.C.

There are 80 stores in the U.S., and over \$20 million in sales.

On March 8, the Alexandria store donated a portion of its profits for the day to the Domestic Violence Program, a City of Alexandria program to prevent domestic partner violence. McMahon said they would be able to donate \$250-\$300 to the program by the end of the day. McMahon organizes events year round to benefit to local organizations.

The full schedule of events is available at www.tenthousandvillages.com/Alexandria or at [Facebook.com/villagesalexandria](https://www.facebook.com/villagesalexandria) and [Instagram.com/villagesalex](https://www.instagram.com/villagesalex).

Fire Station 210: No Firefighters until 2016?

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pabilities has disturbed some nearby residents.

"We were told the station is complete, except there is no equipment or personnel," said Don Buch. "We are told there is equipment, but it is being used elsewhere."

Overall, the proposed FY 2016 budget gives a \$2.2 million increase over the 2015 budget to the Alexandria Fire Department, a 4.8 percent increase from \$44 million to \$47 million. But 72 percent of this increase is taken up by \$1.6 million in retirement costs. The fire department is also receiving \$167,000 to implement career ladder opportunities for firefighters and medics. The \$199,050 going to Fire Station 210 will cover operating costs.

The area's vulnerability isn't new. A FEMA report filed in 2004 stated that while the area has traditionally been identified as small warehouses and high-rise offices, developers have repeatedly expressed an interest in moving businesses along Eisenhower Avenue.

"Aside from the increase in growth, access to the area is limited to two roads at either end of Eisenhower Avenue," said the report. "This results in difficulty for responding units trying to meet the five-minute response time ... [and] the increase in both residential and office space will significantly increase the demand for service in the area."

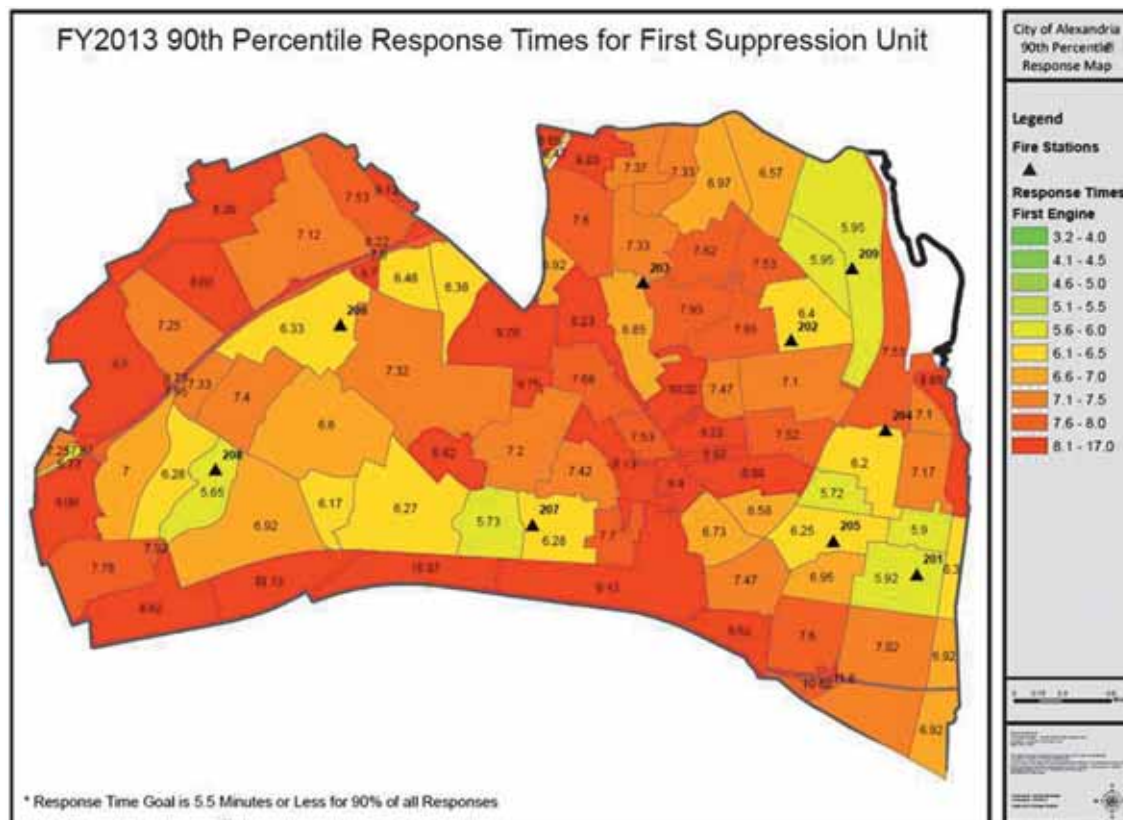
While there are six fire stations in the east end of the city and one at a central location on Duke Street, there are only two fire stations in the west end. Fire station 206 on Seminary Road and 208 at North Paxton are the two busiest fire stations in Alexandria.

The National Fire Protection Association's 2010 report determined, based on the amount of demand, that nine minutes should be the proper response time for an urban zone and 10 minutes for a suburban zone. However, in Alexandria, the response time goal is 5.5 minutes or less. According to Google Maps, from Fire Station 206 to

210 is 10 minutes without traffic across four miles of the city and seven minutes from Fire Station 208. Dubé added that the city has a mutual aid response agreement with Fairfax, meaning if any of their fire engines are closer to the scene they will respond, but acknowledged that the response time would still be around 10 minutes. Dubé also noted that the Google maps time, without traffic, was an optimistic estimate given that fire engines still have to wait for traffic to clear a path.

According to Mark Jinks, acting city manager, "The plan has been to put an EMS unit in that station and eventually add flexibility."

There's not a clear answer at the moment



Response times throughout Alexandria.



Fire Station 210 near the Van Dorn Street Metro station.

whether the station is open or not. While the facility is currently staffed with EMS personnel, Jinks said the facility hasn't yet had any kind of grand opening. Currently, that ribbon cutting is planned for April 6.

Jinks and Dubé both noted that the city's

primary concern regarding fire hazards around 210 is the Norfolk Southern rail line. According to Jinks, any kind of chemical or hazardous spill or fire that would occur in Alexandria would likely be connected to the railway immediately adjacent to Fire Station 210. To combat any sort of chemical emergency, the firefighting crew would need to utilize a special 20-foot utility trailer, which carries absorbent materials, containers, and various tools to combat hazardous material incidents. However, the trailer is currently housed with the rest of Alexandria's Hazardous Materials Response Team at Fire Station 209 in Potomac Yard. The drive from Alexandria Fire Station 209 to Fire Station 210 is approximately 11 minutes without any traffic on the roads.

"West end residents are concerned about an ethanol unit," said Dubé.

"That certainly is a concern, but we also have a mutual aid response from Fairfax. It's not that

it's not going to get a response."

At the March 23 City Council meeting, the Eisenhower West Development Plan was presented by Karl Moritz, Alexandria director of Planning and Zoning. In each of the proposed scenarios, the city plans on expanding both industrial and residential uses in the area around Fire Station 210.

"We're looking at Eisenhower Avenue West as a great street," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "Not as we see it, but its full potential of what it could be. It takes a little adjusting of the brain cells to imagine its full potential. We need to be seeing this as something greater than it is right now."

But Pepper acknowledged that the city's plans for the future of Eisenhower West seem directly at odds with the empty Fire Station 210.

"This is like opening a library without any books in it," said Pepper. "We do not want this to be a symbol that West End services don't matter."

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T.C. Williams senior midfielder Ramsey Benzina is one of the key returners from last season's state championship team.



T.C. Williams sophomore forward Benjamin Velis will be relied upon to help generate offense this season.

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Defending Champion Titans Looking for Offense

T.C. Williams must find way to score without standout Williamson.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Late in Tuesday's match against Centreville, Sebastian Hendi thought back to last season, when the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team would blast the ball ahead to Eryk Williamson and let the talented striker do what he does best: put the ball in the net and help the Titans win.

Williamson's speed and skills were too much for opponents during the 2014 season. Then a junior, Williamson led T.C. Williams to the first state championship in program history. His hat trick helped the Titans beat C.D. Hylton 6-2 in the 6A state semifinals, and Williamson scored a goal during T.C.'s 2-0 win over Washington-Lee in the championship match. The Titans finished the season with a 19-2 record, including Conference 7 and 6A North region titles.

Nine months later, Hendi and the 2015 T.C. Williams boys' soccer team needed a goal Tuesday against Centreville. The Titans and Wildcats were tied at 1 late in regulation at Parker-Gray Stadium, but unlike last season, Williamson, now a member of the D.C. United Academy, wasn't an option.

On this day, T.C. Williams failed to find the back of the net and the match ended in a 1-all draw, moving the Titans' record to 2-0-1.

"I felt the responsibility because I was playing up top [that] if the ball comes to me, I've got to put it away," Hendi said. "Unfortunately, I just couldn't find it."

Junior midfielder Kevin Nunez scored the Titans' lone goal in the 60th minute.

"We need to create more chances," senior midfielder and captain Ramsey Benzina said. "We didn't create enough. We just need to put the ball in the back of the net."

The defending state champion T.C. Will-

iams boys' soccer team is a different group than the one that hoisted the trophy last season. Williamson, a member of the U18 men's national team, isn't around to score goals. The Titans also graduated Wilson Miezan, a goal-scoring threat and talented defender, who helped shut down Washington-Lee's Maycol Nunez in the region and state finals.

With the loss of multiple talented athletes, T.C. Williams will utilize a different style on the field.

"We're definitely less direct this year," Benzina said. "We play a lot on the ground and moving the ball around. We have more



Edgar Martinez is in his third season playing goalkeeper for T.C. Williams.

skillful players this year and we work with that — less over the top and more passing."

With Williamson gone, other Titans will have to help pick up the scoring slack. Nunez scored a goal against Centreville on Tuesday. Sophomore striker Benjamin Velis and senior midfielder Abdurazak Abdulla are also scoring threats. Hendi, a defender on last year's team, moved to striker this season.

"I think without Eryk — it's obviously a huge loss — but it helps us play more as a team," Hendi said. "Last year, it was great being able to find him for that last-second goal, but now we have to play more as a team to [score] goals."

Head coach Martin Nickley said Benzina's service ability could help the Titans on set pieces. Benzina assisted freshman defender Kenneth Batista on a set piece against Edison on March 17. Batista scored on a header, helping the Titans win 2-0.

"You can't get stuck in a style, you've got to work with the personnel that you have," Nickley said, "but I think our personnel allows us to attack in a variety of different ways, to defend solidly as we like to, and possess at midfield."

Senior Edgar Martinez is in his third season as the Titans' goalkeeper. Patrick Kelly, a senior, is a key member of the T.C. defense.

As defending state champions, the Titans figure to get an opponent's best effort each match. However, Benzina said T.C. is approaching the season as if it were the underdog.

"We definitely know that we have a target on our backs, but it seems like we're still the underdogs," Benzina said. "We still play with a chip on our shoulder like we're the underdogs. ... Obviously, we want to defend what's ours, but we're taking it game by game."



T.C. Williams junior midfielder Kevin Nunez scored a goal against Centreville on Tuesday.

T.C. Williams faced South Lakes on Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline. The Titans will travel to face Lee at 7 p.m. on April 7.

"We have always emphasized hard work and enjoying what you're doing and those have always been the focal points of our program," Nickley said. "If doing those things ultimately ends up with some championships, that's kind of a nice thing, as well. We're going in with those as our attitude — we're going to work real hard, we're going to enjoy what we're doing and hopefully that takes us to some high places again."

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OBITUARY

Sydna Mae Stanley, 80, of Front Royal, VA, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2015 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal. Family and friends will meet at Robin's house on Saturday, March 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Stanley was born November 21, 1934, in Alexandria, VA daughter of the late William Walter King and Hazel Lee Lovette King.

Surviving are her husband McDonald Stanley of Front Royal; five children Debra Faye Painter of Rileyville, Douglas Edward Stanley of Stafford, Robin Jean Scriva of Front Royal, Jeffrey Matthew Allen Stanley of Winchester, and Anthony Dean Stanley of Front Royal; two brothers James King of Myrtle Beach, SC and Lesley King of Ohio; one sister Carol Johnson of Waldorf, MD; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Vice Mayor Silberberg too has given much of her time to the cause of fighting food insecurity and has been an instrumental force in bringing the local anti-hunger community together in Alexandria to share resources and exchange ideas.

This small victory should remind all of us of the families who struggle every day to put enough food on the table and to give their children the best opportunities to live happy, healthy, and productive lives. There is still a ton of work ahead of us but together we will solve this problem.

Nick Arent
Virginia Fair Share

Next Journey for Seaport Foundation

To the Editor:

Tucked away in Robinson Terminal Warehouse, where they have been building boats and changing lives, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation has been part of lower Duke Street's landscape for over 10 years. Graham Holdings Company, landlord to ASF, has been helping the Foundation prepare financially for the move over the past year. ASF will relocate at the end of March to the James McIlhenny Seaport Center, its handcrafted timber frame perched along the Potomac River, adjacent to Founders Park.

Never has community or the adage "it takes a village" been more important to the mission and programs of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a nationally recognized nonprofit which has improved the lives of thousands of young people since 1995 through traditional wooden boat building, adult mentoring and project-based learning.

The list of community partners offering assistance is extensive, including: AlexRenew providing indoor and outdoor storage space, Maestro Management providing administrative office space, Covanta providing a corporate donation and BoatUS providing an industrial dumpster for trash removal.

ASF's Apprentice and Educational Programs will be building smaller boats and hands-on projects which provide young people the skills necessary for job placement and educational success.

The core mission of serving young people in need of direction will remain the same, with an average of 24 apprentices going through the program annually. ASF's Middle School Math Program, currently serving 150 Francis C. Hammond and George Washington middle school students, will continue to improve math competency using this proven, project-based, educational approach.

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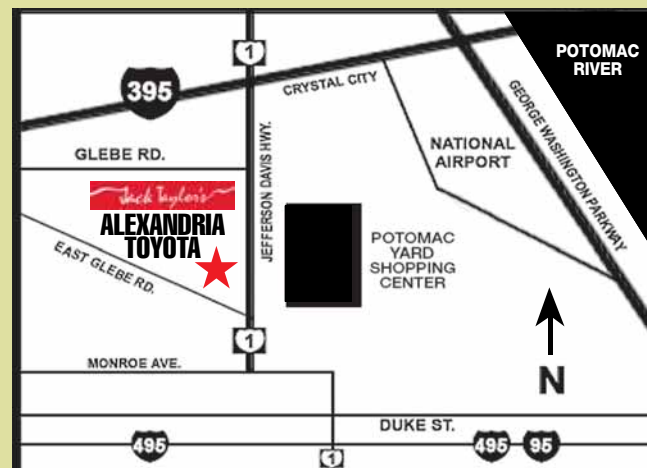


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