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The City Council recognizes a \$100,000 grant from United Way of the National Capital Area to local nonprofits: Family Matters, New Hope Housing, the Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Clubs, Alive!, Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County, Senior Services of Alexandria, Carpenter's Shelter, Bethany House of Northern Virginia, and the Ethiopian Community Development Council.

Make Eisenhower Great Again

City Manager Mark Jinks lays out plans for Eisenhower area.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

While the city makes adjustments to local transit and fosters more cultural activities in the Carlyle and Eisenhower area, there's been no word yet on the biggest issue affecting the Eisenhower Valley: whether or not the Transportation Safety Administration will move into the long-vacant Victory Center. At the March 10 meeting of the Eisenhower Partnership, City Manager Mark Jinks said that the city's been hearing that they'll find out whether or not Alexandria will be the new TSA home "any day now" since a judge voided the contract in November 2015.



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City Manager Mark Jinks

Jinks confirmed that the Victory Center is still one of the final five contenders for the contract, as is one of the Hoffman buildings in Eisenhower East, but that the site does face the disadvantage that the details of its offer is now public record.

"Because we 'won,' everyone saw our numbers," said Jinks.

The move would bring the administration to Alexandria from its current home in Arlington, part of a recent flight of major office tenants from Alexandria's northern neighbor. Though some of Arlington's losses, like the National Science Foundation, have been Alexandria's gains, Jinks said that the office vacancy rates in Arlington could have a detrimental effect on Alexandria in the long run.

"Office vacancy in Rosslyn is bad for Alexandria," said Jinks. "It means they can offer lower prices with better metro access."

But competition from Arlington isn't the only threat to the Eisenhower area's office space.

"We've been hearing from people that Carlyle is boring," said Jinks. "That it's pretty dull, that there's no culture. Over the last year, we've been trying to put more events there, and we've expanded the Duke Street tunnel hours."

"Live, Work, and Play" are buzzwords many developers use to advertize projects and neighborhoods, and the Eisenhower Partnership is no different, Jinks said the "play" part is what is missing from the Carlyle area.

"Food trucks can be a part of that

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Ramsey Resolved

Despite approvals, Ramsey Homes redevelopment pushed back until 2017.

BY VERNON MILES
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The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority has agreed to a work plan with the city. One of the core tenets of this plan, number 3 on the list, is "no surprises." Unlike the last City Council public hearing on the Feb. 20, the March 12 meeting went about as expected. Given Councilman Paul Smedberg's vote reversal that allowed the issue to be brought before the City Council again, ARHA had the supermajority vote it needed for the master plan and zoning amendments. Even Mayor Allison Silberberg yielded her opposition and the council voted unanimously in favor of the amendments and deferral of the development special use permit

(DSUP) as ARHA had requested.

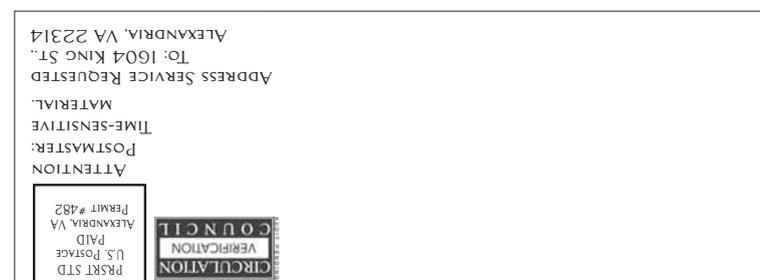
But for opponents of the Ramsey Homes redevelopment, Saturday was not a complete loss: ARHA will now have to wait another year of working with the city and community on the DSUP before they can move forward.

Because of the deferral, though later overturned, ARHA's CEO Roy Priest says they missed the deadline for requesting state funding for 2016. While the council did ultimately approve the rezoning, March 4 was ARHA's deadline to apply for funding from the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Priest said the delays with the city stacked up over the months, starting with the Board of Architectural Review's denial of the demolition permit in the fall

"Every board member inherits the legacy of ARHA, good and bad."

— Michele Chapman, former ARHA board chair

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Convicted of Child Sexual Abuse, Man Faces 6 Years in Prison

Oscar Antonio Rodriguez Granados, 33, of Alexandria, was convicted by a jury on March 9 of three counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor over whom he maintained a custodial or supervisory relationship. According to the Alexandria Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the evidence presented at trial showed that the defendant offered to provide work to a 15-year-old child whom he had met just two weeks before the offense. After obtaining permission from the child's father to transport the child to inspect the work site and return immediately home, the defendant took the child inside an empty apartment and sexually abused the child.

Specifically, the defendant was convicted of three felony counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor for the acts of: sexually abusing the child; exposing himself to the child; and proposing an indecent act by the child. The Commonwealth further proved that the defendant exercised custody and control over the child at the time these acts were committed.

After convicting the defendant of all three felonies, the jury recommended a sentence of six years and six months, and a \$2,500 fine. The case was continued for a pre-sentence investigation and a formal sentencing hearing on May 19. Upon conviction, the defendant's bond was revoked. He is currently in custody in the William G. Truesdale Alexandria Adult Detention Center.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Jessica Best Smith prosecuted the matter on the behalf of the Commonwealth with the assistance of Victim Advocate Patricia Benavidez of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Program. The case was investigated by Detective Kevin Thomas of the Alexandria Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section, Special Victims Unit.

"The unmistakable message sent by the jury is that sex crimes against children will not be tolerated in this community," said Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter. "It is our hope that in this sentence the victim will find some degree of closure and that the process of healing can begin. The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office continues to zealously prosecute crimes of sexual violence against children, and this prosecution is emblematic of the emphasis I place on such cases."

Four-Vehicle Crash on I-395

Virginia State Police responded to a four-vehicle, chain reaction crash in the northbound lanes of I-395, just south of Seminary Road, at 11:01 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Three Metro Transit Police officers were northbound on I-395 responding to an emergency call. All three police vehicles were traveling with emergency lights and sirens activated.

In the left northbound lane, a 2014 Toyota Camry suddenly slowed to a stop in the travel lane. The first of the three Metro Transit Police vehicles immediately slowed to avoid the Toyota. The second police vehicle swerved to the right in an attempt to avoid the first police vehicle, but ended up sideswiping the first police vehicle. The impact of that crash caused the second police vehicle to strike the Camry. Then the third police vehicle struck the second police vehicle. The third police vehicle ran off the road and struck the Jersey wall.

All three Metro Transit Officers were transported to George Washington University Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Toyota was transported to Inova Alexandria Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The driver was charged with stopping in a highway (Code of Virginia 46.2-888). The crash remains under investigation.

K9s to Receive Body Armor

Alexandria Police Department K9's Chance, Gage, XigXag, Trajan, and Zara will each receive a ballistic and stab-protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9s Chance, Gage, and XigXag's vests are sponsored by the Alexandria Police Foundation and Pamela Verick of Alexandria. K9s Trajan and Zara's vests are sponsored by Dr. Michael and Lynda Gordon of Coconut Grove, Fla. See www.vik9s.org.

Euille Meets with Inmates

Former mayor discusses need for jobs to curb recidivism.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

"Before we start, I want you to know that I can't do anything to get you out sooner," said former Mayor William Euille to inmates at the Alexandria Detention Center on March 10. Euille spoke about his own experiences with successes and defeats throughout his life, including his recent loss to Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg.

"Did it catch me by surprise? No," said Euille. "Was I prepared to lose? No ... but after 22 years of elected office, I'm free to just be Bill Euille again."

Since the loss, Euille says he's been working for America's Future Workforce, a nonprofit that advocates for fair workplace practices. This work brought him to the detention center.

"For so long, ex-cons have been ignored in our workforce," said Euille. "We have to look at the people in our institutions. I want to have a one-on-one dialogue to help."

Several inmates took Euille up on that offer, the universal reaction being that any kind of steady job post-release from jail is a vital part of keeping them from slipping back into criminal habits.

"The enduring issue behind curbing recidivism is employment," said Ian Simpson, an inmate at the

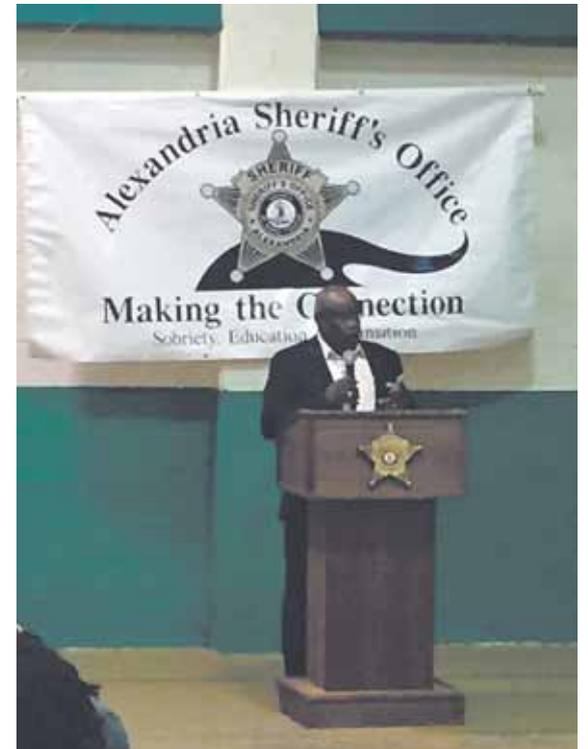


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Euille speaks to inmates at the Alexandria Detention Center.

detention center. "If gainfully employed, it wouldn't be as much of a rat race."

Simpson is a native Washingtonian who says that once he's released from jail he'd like to work to help other ex-cons find employment.



Five Crisis Intervention Team members were honored March 15: Officer Frank Powers, Deputy Darold Crawford, Public Safety Communications Officer Kanesha Foster, Officer Tarek Helmy, and Paramedic Chip Myers.

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Honored for Crisis Intervention Work

The Alexandria Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) honored five CIT members at its annual awards luncheon at police headquarters on Tuesday, March 15. Mayor Allison Silberberg joined City Manager Mark Jinks, Police Chief Earl Cook, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Fire Chief Robert Dubé, Emergency Communications Director Renee Gordon and Liz Wixson of the Department of Community and Human Services in recognizing the five public safety honorees as well as the accomplishments of the entire CIT program.

❖ Officer Tarek Helmy was named "CIT Officer of the Year" for his assistance to a disruptive and disorderly woman, who began to trust him and even-

tually revealed her true name allowing the officer to confirm that her family had reported her missing. Helmy notified her family and then escorted her to the hospital for evaluation.

❖ Deputy Darold Crawford was named "CIT Deputy of the Year" for his keen observations and quick interactions with an inmate in the Critical Care Mental Health Unit at the jail. When Crawford noted a change in the inmate's behavior, he monitored the inmate even more closely and was in a position to take immediate action when the inmate tried to harm himself.

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Honored for Crisis Intervention

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❖ Paramedic Chip Myers was named “CIT Medic of the Year” for using his CIT training and skills to more effectively assist patients he encounters. His CIT experience and his ability to engage in easy conversation puts many patients who are suffering a crisis at ease as he cares for them and transports them for further treatment.

❖ Public Safety Communications Officer Kanesha Foster was named “CIT DEC Employee of the Year” for successfully engaging a suicidal caller armed with a gun. She patiently de-escalated the situation over the phone, encouraging the caller to put down the gun and then getting him to agree for EMS to transport him for evaluation.

❖ Officer Frank Powers was honored for the “CIT Intervention of the Year” for diverting the case of a former U.S. Marine, suffering from PTSD and suspected of property destruction, away from the criminal justice system and into care. Thanks to Powers’ efforts, the man received the necessary treatment from the Veterans Administration and avoided jail when neighbors agreed not to pursue criminal charges.

CIT was developed in collaboration with the DCHS, Police Department and Sheriff’s Office to help improve staff interactions with persons with mental illness and substance use disorders. Since the program began in 2010, more than 400 first responders have completed CIT training.

Plans for Eisenhower Area

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vibrancy,” said Jinks. “We’ve had a very small food truck pilot. The council is now pushing for more. Staff is putting out a survey about where food trucks should go.”

According to Jinks, East Eisenhower is preparing for some changes, both in terms of transit and composition of the neighborhood. Jinks said that if Parc Meridian property near the Eisenhower Metro station

leases well, the city is expecting that it could spur future apartment development in the area. To deal with some of the increased traffic, Jinks said the city is planning on converting the traffic circle at the end of Eisenhower into a T intersection. After some attending the meeting expressed concern about the statue of President Dwight Eisenhower currently at the heart of the circle, Jinks said it would most likely be moved to the Eisenhower Metro Station.

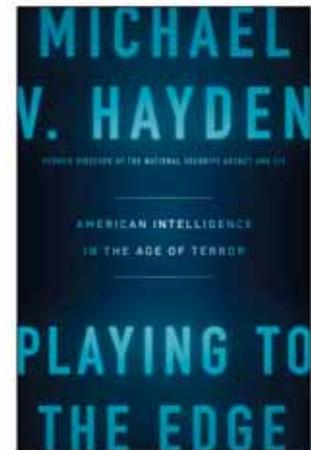
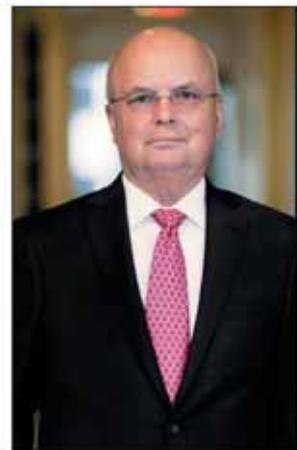
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Ramsey Homes Redevelopment Pushed Back until 2017

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of 2015 and the appeals process with the city in the months that followed.

Priest said there were two major factors driving ARHA's decision not to pursue the lower occupancy options that the City Council had requested: competitiveness for tax credits and the debt coverage ratio. While the 49 resident housing option the city had requested ARHA pursue does meet the low end requirement for competitiveness for tax credits, it does not meet ARHA's debt coverage minimum. While the City Council had been pushing ARHA to look into an option that preserved one of the existing Ramsey Homes for historic preservation purposes, Councilwoman Del Pepper said she was beginning to recognize that it may not be possible.

While some of the February meeting's redevelopment opponents returned at the March 12 meeting to speak out against the proposal, overall ARHA was also backed by a more supportive public voice. Supporters included several representatives from the regional interfaith group V.O.I.C.E., Tenants and Workers United, nearby residents, and a former ARHA board chair.

"Every board member inherits the legacy of ARHA, good and bad," said Michele Chapman, former ARHA board chair and



North Building – North Patrick Street

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Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) designs for the affordable housing replacing Ramsey Homes.

mother to City Councilman John Chapman. "I will always be grateful to the Lord that I was allowed to put a roof over someone's head, despite opposition; that people won't be sleeping in their cars, that they won't be couch surfing. It will be a little tough to build that community with increased density, but it can be done. It's just a start, but it will make a difference for 53 families, and they need that difference."

But ARHA still faced harsh criticism from local residents.

"Let's not forget it was ARHA who let the projects deteriorate ... they certainly haven't been investing money in the project," said Heidi Ford, representing the West Old Town Citizen's Association. "If you don't require ARHA to play by the rules on

this one, you can't expect them to [for future developments]."

"If you reach a compromise ... you have to stand by it, otherwise you're dealing with

the public you represent in an uneven way," said Dino Drudi, citing the city's deal with ARHA as the type of thing an ethics commission was supposed to prevent. Drudi's comments provoked a direct reaction from Councilman John Chapman.

"This is not about ethics, it's about flexibility," said Chapman. "If we don't engage our business community, to look to keep them here, things get rough. If we don't react to schools bursting at the seams ... we won't have families in this community. If we have a housing crisis in this city, and we as a community don't react to that, we're not going to be a city that people want to come to. That's what you're seeing here. It is not unethical by any means, it is reacting to a current crisis."

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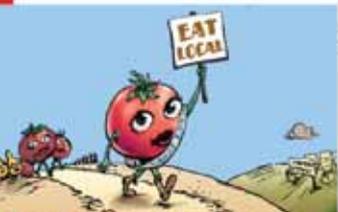
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Back to Kindergarten

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Ponytails and polka dots bounce through the door at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School a few minutes before 8 a.m. The noise gradually levels off, and the daily kindergarten routine begins. Tiny hands reach up to pull off a magnet picture and place it under the “I am here today” category on the tall blue cabinet. “Over here, put your

daily folders. Boys and girls, you should be making your way to the carpet.” Kate Martin, kindergarten teacher, turns on “The Good Morning MacArthur Show” as heads turn to the screen to watch the daily children’s program. Martin puts her hand over her heart as the program turns to “the Pledge of Allegiance.” This is followed by a moment of silence. Twenty-two tiny bodies wiggle on the red, blue and orange carpet squares. “Everyone in their own space please.” Martin pulls out a green fuzzy frog puppet. She says, “we’re going to pass the puppet around the square and each of you should use the puppet to say hello to the person next to you around the circle. You can use a normal voice or make up a voice.” The greetings start tentatively but pick up as a high squeaky voice says hello to a room full of giggles. This week features Will. “Every child has a super special week. Often it is chosen around the child’s birthday.” Monday features photos. “See Will’s family pictures by the flag.” Another day Will gets to pick a group activity, and Wednesday is “compliment Will day.” Martin lets a child choose the color of paper and asks, “what is special about Will.” Hands shoot up with answers from “he is a fast runner,” “I like to play with Will,” to “he will share,” and “he is good at standing in line.” Martin fills up the red piece of paper.

On to a quick brainstorm. Hands go up, fingers click, hands hit knees and feet stomp on the ground. Martin sits down beside a white board with the focus for Wednesday. “We will add the words yes, no, not and got to our list.” A sign language alphabet sits at the top of the board. Children’s fingers form the letters for y-e-s. Martin says, “I have always done this.” She explains it is good to incorporate movement for the wide range of abilities in the class. They turn to the new words for the day. “Riley, would you like to put this under the Y on the alphabet board on the wall?” The board also reminds the class this is



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Kate Martin joins the morning school program “Good Morning the MacArthur Show” in leading the pledge of allegiance for her kindergarten class on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday and they have PE. Other days they have library, art or music.

Later the class will move to the reading block where the children read aloud. Martin says the children are taught to be independent so they are reading to themselves. “We have a lot of books around the room so we find a good fit for each of them.” They work on writing in journals, at this point words and sentences. “We call it writing without tears, stress free and to make it fun.” Martin says when she first started teaching things were more child-guided and directed. “There is a lot of choice now, and the children are taught to be independent. They are so motivated to learn.” Martin says they follow the system’s curriculum guide, but she says teachers come up with ideas like the science class water cycle. She points to plastic bags filled with water hanging on the front window. Recess, lunch and quiet time are still to come with loading the buses at 2:35 p.m.

Martin has been teaching 12 years at MacArthur. Before that she taught a couple of years at Jefferson-Houston and Samuel Tucker Elementary Schools. She says, “It’s a funny story. I went to kindergarten in this same classroom.” She explains her first year in kindergarten she fell asleep all the time and missed half the year. Her mother wanted her to take kindergarten again before continuing to first grade. And that started it all. She loved her teacher, her friends. She says she was always involved with kids. Her mom had all the play dates and she was a lifeguard and babysitter. By seventh grade she knew she wanted to be a kindergarten teacher and in Alexandria. No place else. She still recalls her kindergarten teacher, Miss May. “There is something really special about the beginning, learning from the start and being remembered.”



Natalie Harris and Aiden Clary slap hands together. Kate Martin says, “Now faster; does faster mean louder?” Children yell back “No.”



Tai Harrington and Katherine Whitman pass the green puppet frog as their turn comes in the circle to say hello. Kate Martin says they can use their own voice or invent a new one. A funny voice makes the class erupt in giggles.

Davis Named to State Board

Audrey P. Davis, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, has been appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to the State Historical Records Advisory Board. The board serves as the central advisory body for historical records planning and related projects developed and carried out by the state, and promotes an understanding of the role and value of historical records.



Davis is the former president of the Alexandria Historical Society (AHS) and currently serves as the AHS vice president. She was past president of the Virginia Association of Museums Council. Currently, Davis serves on the boards of Preservation Virginia, Carlyle House and Living Legends of Alexandria.

Davis was hired by the City of Alexandria in 1993 and has served as the Alexandria Black History Museum’s director since 2014. In 2004, then Gov. Mark R. Warner appointed Davis to the board of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH). In 2007, then Gov. Timothy Kaine reappointed her to the VFH Board for a second

Salute to Women Nominees

The following individuals have been nominated for the Salute to Women Awards. The Selection Committee will announce the winners by Friday March 18:

Lisa Baker, Gloria Barbre, Cathy Bartholomew, Karen Bune, Kathleen Burns, Royce Cohen, Tamika Coleman, Traci DeShazor, McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla, Shakina Dunbar-Rawlings, Claire Dunn, Hannah Godshall, Isabella Lovain, Genea Luck, Helen Morris, The Nu Xi Zeta Chapter of Zeta

Phi beta Sorority Inc., Tricia Sabatini and Stephanie Wright, and David Weintritt. The Alexandria Commission for Women holds the annual Salute to Women Awards to celebrate Alexandria’s outstanding women, men and youth who have made a significant impact on women and girls in the City of Alexandria. The event will be held on Monday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/dchs/info/default.aspx?id=82658 for ticket and sponsorship information.



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Read Across America

To celebrate Read Across America, Cora Kelly School invited Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Deputy Valarie Wright and other guest readers from the community to read books to their students. The Read Across America campaign is held annually during the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as children’s author Dr. Seuss. Lawhorne and Wright visited Cora Kelly on March 2 and read to students in a classroom and in the library. Lawhorne wore a “Cat in the Hat” hat as he read “Miss Nelson is Missing” and Wright, wearing a big green and white hat, read “The Lady with the Alligator Purse” to the students.

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Davis and Family and Community Engagement Center Manager, Krishna Leyva, for a monthly parent breakfast to discuss issues of importance to Cora Kelly families. Light breakfast and interpretation services provided. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

Understanding the IEP Process. 6-7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Ave. This workshop is designed to help parents: learn more about and navigate the IEP process; increase collaboration with the school during the process; and learn about the role that the Parent Resource Center plays in fostering positive relationships between parents and schools for students. Q&A session with the PRC team will follow. A light dinner, interpretation services and childcare provided with registration. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us.

Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The meeting will be the fifth in a series of sessions seeking public input into the station concept design. The meeting will include a discussion of design concepts for the station, the concept for Potomac Yard Park, and an update on the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Open to the public. Contact Jason Kacamburas at 703-746-4049 or Jason.Kacamburas@alexandriava.gov or visit alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard.

Hearing. 7 p.m. in Room 2000, 301 King St. The Carlyle Design Review Board meeting includes the following agenda items: Carlyle Plaza Two – South Residential Building - final design review of the first phase of the Carlyle Plaza Two development. Open to the public. Individuals with questions concerning the meeting should call the Department of Planning & Zoning at 746-4666.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Planning and Zoning Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon in the Sister Cities Conference Room in City Hall, 301 King St. To improve the City's business environment for new and existing businesses, the Department of Planning and Zoning will present proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and solicit community feedback on the draft zoning amendments. The agenda and any relevant materials will be posted at <http://1.usa.gov/21jzu1h> prior to the meeting. Open to the public; members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate.

Plant Propagation. 10:30-noon, Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Spend a morning with Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia and learn tips and techniques for expanding plant inventory. This program covers the basics of sexual plant propagation, including pollination, planting seeds and transplanting seedlings. Demonstrations of asexual plant propagation will include stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, division and air layering. Register early; limited to 30 participants. Free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested at mgmv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlaalex@gmail.com.



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The 2015 Westminster Community Grant award winners included: Alexandria Police Youth Camp, Carpenter's Shelter, Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, Hopkins House, Neighborhood Health, Senior Services of Alexandria, Space of Her Own (SOHO).

Church Offers Grants to Nonprofits

For the fifth year in a row, Westminster Presbyterian Church opened its call for local grant applications as part of its local mission program. The grant program seeks to award \$25,000 to local non-profits in 2016 who aid children, hunger, education, shelter or self-sufficiency for Northern Virginia residents. To date, the Westminster Community Grant Program has awarded 23 grants totaling more than \$85,000 to local community programs.

Certified tax-exempt charitable organizations in Northern Virginia are eligible to apply for one-time financial assistance. Applications for 2016 must be

received by 5 p.m. on April 1. Multiple grants will be awarded and the value of each grant will be up to \$5,000. All applying organizations must provide services linked to children, hunger, education, shelter and self-sufficiency. Both secular as well as faith-based organizations are equally encouraged to apply for grant funds. For application information, go to www.wpc-alex.org/community_grant.htm or email communitygrant@wpc-alex.org.

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OPINION

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

... of the 2016 General Assembly session.

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



The Virginia General Assembly finished its work for the 2016 legislative session a day early and adjourned a “long” 60-day session where we made progress on many issues but fought bitterly on several others. Because the improving economy has led to increased revenue collections, we were able to invest in critical areas and make a sizable deposit to our Rainy Day Fund without increasing taxes.

The two-year budget that we sent to Governor McAuliffe adds more than \$1 billion in education funding at all levels, with increases of \$4.9 million in Arlington, \$4.0 million in Alexandria and \$30.5 million in Fairfax. The budget restores \$34 million for Northern Virginia’s cost of living adjustment for school staff and sets aside \$134 million for the state share of a 2 percent pay raise for K-12 teach-

ers. Meanwhile, all state employees including faculty at public colleges and universities will see a 3 percent pay raise. An additional \$104 million will go to higher education, not including \$56 million more for financial aid that will help more people attend college and better prepare themselves for entering the workforce.

Other funding includes \$36 million for GO Virginia, the new regional economic development initiative; \$13 million for workforce certification; and \$6 million to expand access to mental health services. We were also able to deposit \$606 million into our Rainy Day Fund to safeguard against future economic downturns.

It is sad and extremely frustrating that Republicans again refused to accept \$1.5 billion per year in federal Medicaid funds that could be providing much-needed medical services to working Virginians.

There were some ugly fights this session, including the protracted battle over Governor McAuliffe’s Supreme Court appointee, former Fairfax Judge Jane Roush. A major twist emerged in the final days of session when Sen-

ate Republicans nominated controversial former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli to the state’s highest court. Within 24 hours of Cuccinelli’s nomination, thousands of Virginians emailed and signed petitions to their legislators in opposition. In part due to the swift backlash, Cuccinelli’s name was removed from consideration. However, the person Republicans nominated next, Court of Appeals Judge Stephen McCullough, worked for Cuccinelli in the Attorney General’s office.

McCullough’s nomination was rushed through in less than 24 hours and he was elected to the Supreme Court for a 12-year term. I strongly supported the continuation of Justice Roush’s service on the Court. Prior to Roush, no Governor’s interim appointee had been removed from the bench for over 100 years.

The General Assembly also clashed on whether or not to allow the electric chair to be used in capital punishment cases when lethal injection drugs are unavailable. I oppose the death penalty in all forms and particularly find it unconscionable to revert to the electric chair.

We return to Richmond on April 20 to consider the Governor’s amendments and vetoes.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Tale of Three Tickets

To the Editor:

My recent experience with the city’s parking bureaucracy has confirmed that city government has failed to make the most basic review of its system and rushed gluttonously into proposing to raise

taxes and spend \$1.1 million on parking enforcement.

I park on the street with a parking permit like most Old Town residents but received three tickets for no permit. Someone had stolen mine. At City Hall it took two different rooms to get a replacement.

To challenge the tickets, you must request a court date which

must be “notarized.” There was no notary available in City Hall. Most notary services usually cost \$5 so to fight each \$20 ticket, can cost \$5.

So the city denies you justice, unless you pay a notary. Notary requirements for basic government rights is a holdover from Jim Crow days. The form also threatens to charge you for extra court

costs for contesting the ticket. Blatant intimidation.

I am assigned two different court dates almost three weeks apart.

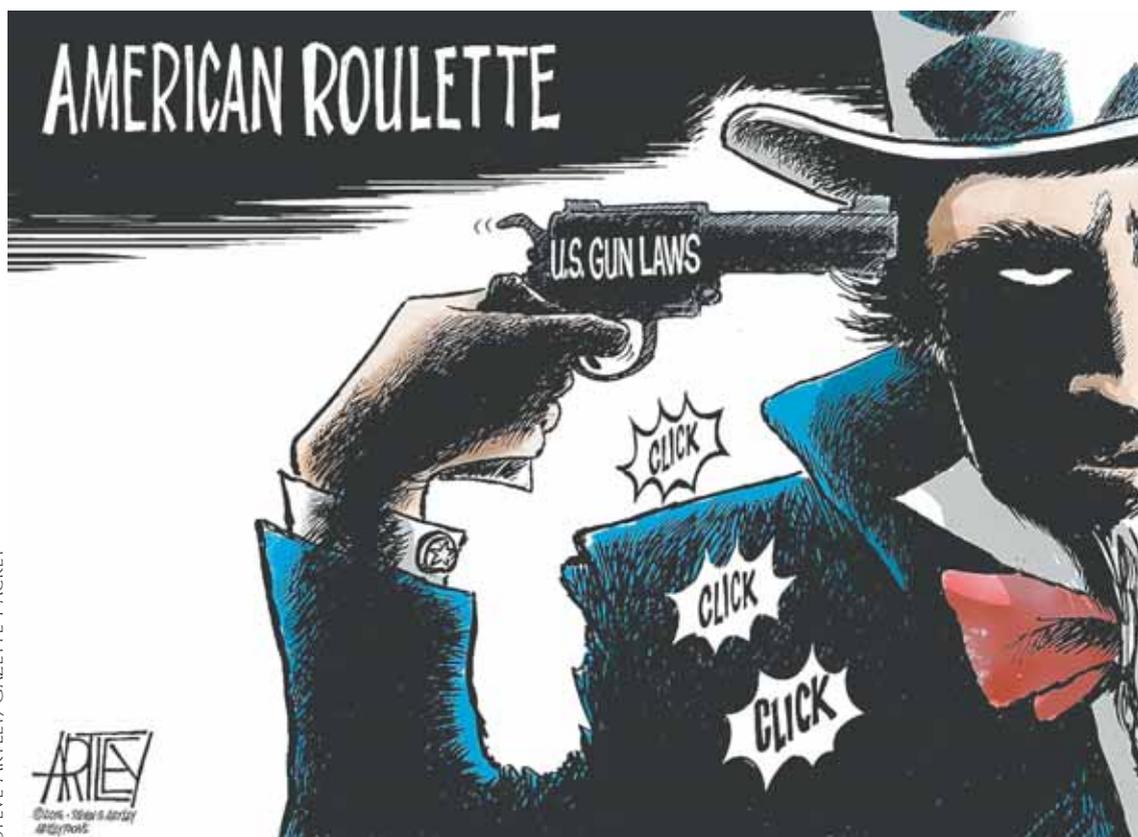
The letter directs me to General District Court, Room 201. There is no check in. The bailiff says have a seat and your name will be called. People are being called in alphabetical order. They skip me in the alphabet. I ask: “Am I in the right place?” Nope, traffic is room 203.

I scurry down to room 203, late. Here many people have to show proof of a repair. A dozen police officers, two bailiffs, two administrative staff, a judge and the public waste a lot of time. The parking officer confirmed I was the only reason he was in court.

My name is called. The judge confirms my name. The officer replies the charges are dropped. Gavel strikes, two tickets dismissed in under one minute. I say, “Your honor, I have a third ticket here.” The judge says she is sorry and shrugs.

A deputy in the courthouse tells me people go to the wrong room a lot. “How long?” With a smile the deputy says: “Longer than I have been working here.”

Three weeks later I am back. This time I actually present my defense. The judge asks two clari-



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LETTERS

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fyng points then dismisses.

This is a bureaucracy that preys on the economically weak and teaches people to have no faith in government. City Hall doesn't need more money, it needs basic reform.

Dan Hazelwood
Alexandria

A Too Tall Proposal

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, March 9, a neighborhood association meeting was held at the Durant Center for the purpose of listening to representatives from MHF Properties V LLC an affiliate of Magna Hospitality. A representative from planning and zoning also attended. There were approximately 22 members of our neighborhood also in attendance.

What MHF Properties told the audience was their future proposal to the City of Alexandria to build a seven-story hotel with 118 rooms as well as demolishing the Naval Reserve Association building at 1617 King St. including the parking lot at the corner of Harvard and King streets for two-level underground parking.

After listening to this information, I spoke out as a resident of Harvard Street against this proposal to build a seven-story hotel. My concerns were the proposed hotel is too tall; it will overshadow all the residential



Sunrise Saturday, March 13.

PHOTO BY HAL HARDAWAY

homes along Harvard Street. It destroys the building of the Naval Research Association, and takes away the complete parking lot now available. Harvard is historical on one side, but both sides are dated with structures which are unique with front yards and porches. This building will butt right up to them. The beautiful street also contains very mature trees and landscaping with patri-

otic flags displayed on the porches. Traffic will multiply and overwhelm the existing parking that is already a major problem because of vehicles that already park throughout the whole day along Harvard Street. Only two spaces will be designated as street parking for the hotel of which they have not accommodated their respective employees. The hotel will also include re-

tail space that will include a restaurant.

The upper King Street area already has six hotels within a two-block area from this location. Of the 22 people in attendance at the Wednesday meeting no one specifically spoke out against this proposed seven-story hotel but they were in agreement this size of a structure will not fit at this location. The SUP has not yet been submitted but will be by the fall. We must oppose this seven-story hotel because of the before mentioned reasons, and others that were not mentioned here in this letter.

Jim Melton
Alexandria

Correcting The Record

To the Editor:

Ellen Tabb's coverage [Letter, "Careful about History," page 14] of the Feb. 8 hearing of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names was indeed right on. I was the individual who mentioned George Mason's name only after several speakers indicated that their lineage in Virginia was decades old, and one committee member noted that his own ancestry went back some 189 years. My Virginia ancestry is nearly 400 years in duration, starting with the first George Mason, who was born in 1629. Although I stated

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MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 24

7:15 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. 🎵 – Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. – All-Night Prayer Vigil (Chapel)

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 25

7:15 a.m. – Good Friday Service (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service at St. Paul's (228 S. Pitt St.)

12:00 p.m. – Walk the Labyrinth (McMurray Commons)

5:00 p.m. – Good Friday Children's Service (McMurray Commons)

7:00 p.m. – Service of Lamentation (Church)

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Day (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. 🎵 Great Vigil & Holy Baptism

EASTER SERVICES – MARCH 27

7:30 a.m.* 9:00 a.m.* 🎵 (Historic Church)

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11:15 a.m.* 🎵 5:00 p.m. (Historic Church)

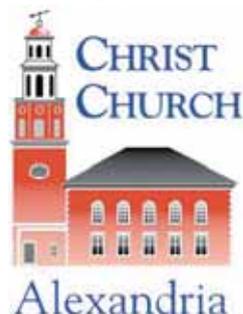
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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

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5:30 p.m. Family Service

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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



From left: Carter Flemming, Jane Marcus, Dolores Viehman, MaryAnne Beatty, Councilwoman Del Pepper, Mary Lee Anderson, Donna Shaw and Todd Turner at the reading of the "March for Meals" proclamation.

'March for Meals' Month

At a recent City Council meeting, the month of March was proclaimed as "March for Meals" to bring awareness around the topic of senior isolation and hunger. Councilwoman Del Pepper read the proclamation signed by Mayor Allison Silberberg that establishes the March for Meals Campaign and recognizes the importance of the Older American Act Nutrition Programs.

This month-long, nationwide celebration includes reaching out to members of the community to build support that will enable them to de-

liver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to seniors all year long. The Alexandria Meals on Wheels program is administered by Senior Services of Alexandria and the city's Division on Aging and Adult Services. The week of March 21 is designated as "Champions Week" where city officials and employees and local business and organizations will deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors in the City of Alexandria. To learn more about Meals on Wheels or become a Meals on Wheels Volunteer, visit seniorservicesalex.org.

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that I was a direct descendent of George Mason IV, recently someone has pointed out that I am also directly descended from his father George Mason III, so I would like to set the record straight on this. There were actually five George Masons around that time, you see, and I did not discover until 10 years ago that I was even related to the Mason family.

I would also like to set the record straight on another matter. After I mentioned my relationship to George Mason, another speaker stated that George Mason had decapitated four slaves and then displayed their heads on the chimneys of City Hall. After the hear-

ing, I challenged the speaker as to his source of this scurrilous information. The speaker indicated that he had heard this at a meeting at Mount Vernon. I then contacted Gunston Hall, which provided me with data that supported Ellen Tabb's findings.

The fact is, seven slaves were convicted by the authorities of attempting to poison their overseers, four of them were then beheaded. Mason received compensation for four of those slaves, who were deemed to be his property. However, my direct ancestor George Mason has a well-documented history concerning slavery. He and two other members of the Constitutional Convention refused to sign the Constitution and walked

out. Mason did so because the Constitution contained no Bill of Rights, and it did not adequately address the slavery issue, which had always troubled him.

Some not-quite-correct information was presented at this forum, so I along with Ellen Tabb appreciate the opportunity to correct it.

Townsend A. "Van"
Van Fleet
Alexandria

Doesn't Fit Neighborhood

To the Editor:

Today I am writing to you with

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Sunday, March 20, 10:15 a.m.

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Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

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a major concern for our neighborhood. On Wednesday, March 9, we were given a presentation at our Upper King Street Neighborhood Association on the plans for the Naval Reserve Association building located at 1617 King St. Currently the building at that location is three stories high, it is not a large building, and the site itself is not a large space. The space is at the corner of Harvard and King Streets. Harvard is a residential street, one side is historical, with row houses on both sides of the street.

The presentation was given by MHF Properties V LLC, an affiliate of Magna Hospitality. They are proposing to remove the current building which more fits with the residential homes and replace it with a very large hotel, seven stories high, and retail of some type on the ground floor. They proposed two floors of garage space below ground. The hotel will have 118 rooms. This will tower over the current homes. That stated it will take approximately one-and-a-half to two years to complete the project which will be quite disruptive to the residents, traffic on Harvard and on King streets. The new building will butt right up to the homes. The developer will have to

use a lot of equipment which will cause a lot of noise, and because of the age of the homes may also cause structural damage to them.

Once complete, the vehicular traffic will be a nightmare. The parking on Harvard Street is on both sides of the street and there is rarely an open parking space at any time, day or night. Even if they were to offer valet parking for the hotel they will need space for loading and unloading not only their guests, but equipment and supplies on a regular basis. The alley behind the homes will become a thoroughfare for the many delivery trucks and trash removal. They did not take into consideration parking for hotel or retail employees, which means the overflow will take up whatever vacant space that may appear on Harvard then onto Cameron Street.

With the upcoming change to the parking lot at the King Street Metro we are already experiencing an overload of parked vehicles. There are already several hotels at this end of King Street and within a couple of blocks of the property. A building of this proportion should not be permitted at this location.

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Easter Services

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

Kids' Pre-Holy Week Service. 5:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Holy Week through music, movement and stories. Attendees begin by waving palms as they enter Jerusalem, find a room for a Last Supper, wash feet, visit the cross, and end with the empty tomb. Free. Contact Elizabeth Rees at staidansalexandria@gmail.com or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Sunrise Easter Service. 7 a.m. at George Washington's Historic Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Usher Services provided by Boy Scout Troop 993. Free. Call 571-212-2444.



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to discuss the upcoming golf season. Free. Visit www.gwgl.wordpress.com for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

March 150 Exhibition Art Party. 7-10 p.m. at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The two-week exhibition will feature more than 150 square panels created by more than 100 regional artists, nearly 30 of whom are affiliated with the Torpedo Factory. During the Art Party, work is priced at \$100. Guests have an opportunity to mingle with other art enthusiasts and meet many of the artists who have contributed to the show. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dance to live music provided by the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

Organ Recital. 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary invites the community to an organ recital by Marilyn Keiser. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel for more.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1427 Braddock Road. The 14 Stations of the Cross will be prayed in a musical setting for choir and organ by Franz Liszt. The Adult Choir will sing with Ann Carney, organist. Free. 703-998-6100 ext. 103 for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 17-20

Spring Book Sale. 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All books are \$3 or less, unless specifically marked: Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. \$5 Bag Sale on Sunday. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.beatleyfriends.org.

MARCH 17-APRIL 24

Georgia Nassikas: "Oils and Encaustics." Thursday, Friday, Sunday 12-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. In her wax and oil paintings, artist Georgia Nassikas

explores the intersection of the abstract and the representational. She focuses on the elemental lines, shapes, and colors at the core of nature. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

History Symposium: Downton Abbey. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event is made up of four sessions; "History Lesson at Downton Abbey" presented by Debbie Waugh, "Night of Terror" presented by Kathleen Pablo, "Downton Fashion: Two Dresses, Two Eras" presents by Caroline Hottenstein, and "Memorable Downton Moments." Also find tea, a Titanic-era exhibit, and more. Tickets are \$56 for residents, \$71 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Program on Plant Propagation. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The program will cover the basics of how to start seeds and transplant seedlings, make stem and leaf cuttings, divide plants and use air layering to propagate difficult-to-root plants. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

West Potomac Drumline Show. 2-7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. The West Potomac Band is hosting a USBands Indoor Drumline and Winterguard Competition. There will be more than 19 different units performing. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.wolverineband.com.

Classical Music Concert. 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum - Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Andreas Ioannides, John Urban, Sasha Beresovsky, Mathilde Handelsman, and Elias Dagher perform works by Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Kosenko. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$20 students & seniors; \$40 at the door. Visit www.pianistsforsoldiers.eventbrite.com for more.

Family Woodcock Walk. 6:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his courtship dance and flight. \$6 for residents of Fairfax County, \$8 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Singalong Concert. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Celebrate the release of "Rise Again: A Group Singing Songbook" with musicians Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, Tom Paxton, Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, and

Be Steadwell. Tickets are \$20-25. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.
Best Bib and Tucker Ball. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society presents the Best Bib & Tucker Ball with a Mardi Gras theme. Dance to Doc Scantlin's orchestra and songstress Chou Chou. Eat New Orleans-inspired cuisine featuring oyster bar and drinks. Tickets are \$150. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

SUNDAY/MARCH 20

Tom Teasley. 7-8:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Teasley's sound is informed by his multiple tours as a cultural envoy for the U.S. Department of State. Performing with more than a dozen instruments from Africa, India, the Middle East, and Asia, he merges digital technology with ancient instruments to create music that spans cultures and time. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/teasley for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 21

Silly Hat Making Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The workshop fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, plus a \$5 supply fee. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Managing and Maintaining the Vegetable Garden. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. The program, offered by Master Gardeners of Arlington/Alexandria, the second in a series for new gardeners, will emphasize best management practices for a healthy garden. Topics will include the importance of pollinators and other beneficial insects and how to identify them; how crop rotation and intercropping can help control the challenges of garden pests; how to identify diseases and weeds; and how to maximize harvests with space-saving techniques. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join the Alexandria Historical Society for a lecture by Michael Lisicky, author of "Woodward & Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital." Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org

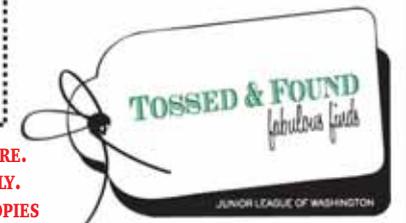
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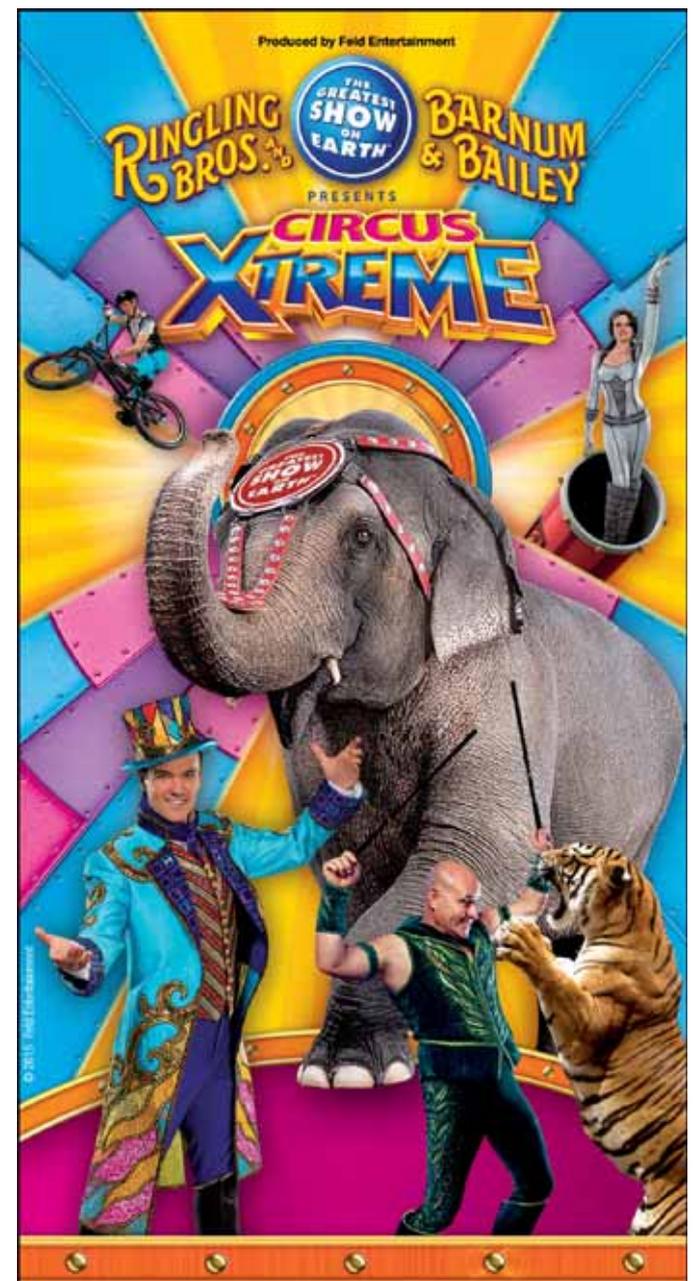


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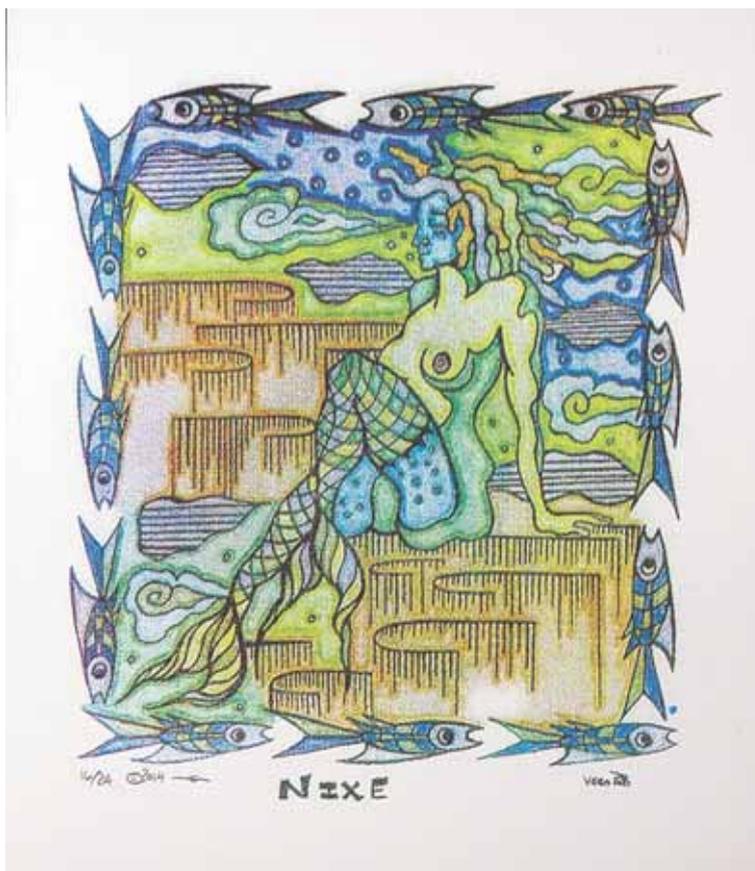
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The "Creatures from the Sea" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans will run through May 1. Pictured here: "Nixe" by Veronica Barker Barzel. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

for more.
Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. DJ Dabe Murphy provides recorder music from the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and more. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Book Signing: "Steps to the Promised Land." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Gregg Riley, an inspirational speaker, author and retired U.S. Army Colonel will read from and sign copies of his new book "Steps to the Promised Land." Free. Call 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 24-26

Book and Art Sale. 1-5 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The Chapel has art, nonfiction hardcovers, and children's books. Hollin Hall has fiction, paperbacks, cookbooks, travel, and more. On Saturday, books in the Chapel are half price and books in Hollin Hall are \$5 per bag. Visit www.mvuc.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 25-27

Easter Egg Hunt. 3 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. the museum's garden will be filled with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Easter eggs. Other activities include games, crafts, refreshments, stickers, temporary tattoos, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter Egg, and each egg hunt session has two prize eggs. All children of elementary school age or younger (ages 0-12 years) are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults may participate in other activities. Advance tickets are \$12 for ages 0-12, and \$5 for all others. Visit

www.leefendallhouse.org.
Guided Tour: "The Mercy Walk." 2:30 p.m. at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Walk the same streets as the Green family and all of your favorite characters from "Mercy Street." Based on the PBS series, "Mercy Street," Alexandria's "The Mercy Walk" tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for Alexandria and what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. This tour includes stops at the former Marshall House, the Confederate Statue, James Green's furniture factory and the only portion of the Mansion House Hotel still standing today. Tickets are \$7-13. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Woodlawn Appraisal Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Meet with one of two expert textile appraisers, Newbie Richardson of Past Crafts LLC or Sarah Hill of Curzon Antiques and see what your item might be worth. Slots are available for appraisal for \$20 per item. General admission tickets are available for \$15. Call 703-570-6903 for more.

Sketch Hike: Spring Ephemerals. 10 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler for a hike focusing on spring wildflowers and learn sketching techniques to enhance your observation skills. \$7 for residents of Fairfax County, \$9 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Tune Into Nature News. 4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Get in-depth reporting out in the field about the latest eco-updates throughout Huntley's habitats. \$7 for residents of Fairfax County, \$9 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Lecture: Preserving Our Textile Heritage. 5 p.m. at Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond

Highway. Join Costume and Textile Specialist Newbie Richardson for a lively and discussion of how to preserve new or old family heirlooms. Guests are invited to bring something for the question and answer section. Tickets are \$27.24. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/preserving-our-textile-heritage-lecture-and-demonstration-by-newbie-richardson-tickets-22499982052.

Evening Woodcock Walk. 6:45 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his courtship dance and flight. \$6 for residents of Fairfax County, \$8 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 28

#FreshAlexandria. 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Agenda: Alexandria presents "#FreshAlexandria: Eating Local and Growing Your Own" with Pamela Hess, executive director of Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture; Dean Norton, director of horticulture at Mount Vernon; and Fred Sachs, proprietor of Grapewood Farm. Tickets are \$32-47 for members, \$37-42 for nonmembers. Call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Craft Supply Swap. 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Bring in your unwanted crafts supplies and abandoned projects and pick up something that's new to you. Swap items may be dropped off at the Information desk in advance. Free. Call 703-746-1769 or email jshea@alexandria.lib.va.us.

Lecture: "Beyond the Call of Duty." 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join Chris Foard MSN, RN, for an in depth lecture on the diverse practices of male and female Civil War nurses. Discussion includes an important but largely neglected aspect of Civil War nursing—roles and responsibilities of nurses in relation to current practices of today. Lecture is based on historical analysis from letters, documents, books and diaries from The Foard Collection of Civil War Nursing. Admission is \$10. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Music at Mount Vernon. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "Music at Mount Vernon" is a three-part series designed to educate through music. Tickets are \$175 for all three events, \$125 for members and supporters. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30

CryBaby Art Studio. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Learn simple art techniques and exercise your creativity with your baby by your side. Tickets are \$20. Contact 703-944-4381 or info@metamorphosisaec.com, or visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary invites the community to a concert. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

Reception: All City High School Visual Art Exhibition. 7-9 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Convergence presents

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-2
Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Buy or sell children's clothes.

Free to attend. Call 703-329-9327.

APRIL 1-MAY 1
Exhibit: "Creatures from the Sea." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans interpret real and imagined "Creatures from the Sea." Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2
Children's Cherry Blossom Festival. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Visitors can hear a story, try their hand at origami and chopsticks,

paint a Japanese style lantern, and seek out beautiful cherry trees on a cherry tree hunt. Admission is free, craft tickets are \$10 each. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

UCM Spring Gala. 6 p.m. at the United States Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. United Community Ministries will host a "Viva Las Vegas" themed benefit. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.
Magi-Whirl 2016. 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. This five-act magic show will benefit the Bishop Ireton Theatre Department. Tickets are \$17, \$15 for students 14 and under and seniors 65 and over, \$55 for a family pack of

four, and free for military in uniform. Visit www.familymagicshow.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 2-3
Lushness & Lyrical. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Jenny Oaks Baker headlines a program of classics telling tales of fancy, fairies and fantasy. Tickets are \$20-80, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth. Visit www.alexsym.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6
Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool

games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9
Transforming Lives Gala. 6-11 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services holds its annual fundraiser featuring silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and more. Tickets are \$200. Visit www.goodhousing.org for more.

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Grant to SCAN

SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia has received a \$5,000 grant from The Rite Aid Foundation, thanks to local supporters who enrolled in Rite Aid's wellness+ program in January and designated SCAN as their nonprofit of choice. From left at the check presentation are Roy Samlall, store manager; Joel Samuel, pharmacy district manager; Maria Benitez, wellness ambassador; Nicole Heerwig, customer service supervisor; Sally Richards, SCAN development director; Carlota Cox, SCAN development associate; Dave Cleary, SCAN founder and board member; and Mark Zirkle, district manager. SCAN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect. See www.scanva.org.

SSA Receives \$1,500 Grant

Senior Services of Alexandria has received a \$1,500 grant from Meals on Wheels America for its participation in Subaru of America's eighth annual Share the Love Event. During the event held Nov. 22, 2015 through Jan. 2, 2016, Subaru of America, Inc. donated \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased to the customer's choice of participating charities, including Meals on Wheels America, of which SSA is a Member.

partnered with Beyer Subaru during the 2015 holiday season to raise funds and awareness of senior isolation and hunger in Alexandria. Beyer Subaru employees delivered Meals on Wheels to area seniors and collaborated with Senior Services of Alexandria in an outreach campaign to bring awareness about senior hunger and the various programs SSA provides for seniors to remain in their homes.

For more information about SSA's programs go to seniorservicesalex.org.

Senior Services of Alexandria

'Spring Spruce Up' With Local Designers

Members of the American Society of Interior Designers, including Alexandria's Sydnye Pettengill, will take part in the The ASID Washington Metro Chapter's 20th Annual Spring Spruce Up.

designer at the promotional rate of \$100 per hour. Consultations are available in one- or two-hour time blocks.

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‘Do You Keep a Gun in Your Home?’

Starting conversations about gun safety can help prevent play date tragedies.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Starting the conversation felt awkward. After all, she didn’t want to offend another parent. It also felt necessary, because putting her 5-year-old son in harm’s way was not an option. After procrastinating, role-playing and even discussing it with a therapist, Sara Hayes finally initiated the dialogue. Before scheduling a play date, she wanted to know if the families of her son’s friends owned guns.

“My son had started making friends in kindergarten and of course I wanted him to have playmates and go on play dates,” said Hayes. “But I had this fear of him being in someone’s house where there was a gun that he could get his hands on.”

Statistics from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence indicate that one out of three homes in the United States with children have guns and almost 1.7 million children live in a home with a gun that is unlocked and loaded.

Child development experts say that because many children are naturally curious, the odds of a child finding and playing with a gun that is relatively accessible are high. Even if a parent has never thought to ask about guns in a home or finds the topic too uncomfortable to raise, the conversation is vital to helping parents make decisions about safety, because simply telling a child to stay away from a gun is not enough to change that child’s behavior.

“Each family needs to decide what information they would like to know. Parents should be aware that children’s judgment alone is not a reliable security measure,” said Bethesda, Md.-based child psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D. “Way too often curi-

osity wins over judgment.”

A study by a researcher at Eckerd College showed that educating preschool children about the potential dangers of guns didn’t prevent them from playing with guns. In writing about her findings, Marjorie Hardy, Ph.D., explained, “... We brought a police officer to a class of 60 children and he told them: ‘Don’t touch guns — they’re dangerous. If you see a gun, leave the area. Go tell an adult.’”

After the officer’s presentation, the children could repeat what they’d been taught to do when they saw a gun. “But when we left them alone with disarmed guns, they picked them up and shot everything in sight,” she wrote.

Officer Roger Henriquez of the Fairfax County Police Department, Franconia District Station says that parents might consider asking a parent before a play date: “How many guns do you own, and how do you keep them stored?” “Do you have a lock box or other safety features ... like trigger locks?” “Do you take your kids to a firing range?”

Such questions will help parents gather information to determine whether their child’s playmates’ parents share their views on gun safety and storage, since parenting philosophies run the gamut from lax to strict where guns are concerned. “Some parents take their kids to a firing range and other kids are told nothing except ‘Stay away from this box,’” said Henriquez.

Starting such conversations can be fraught with anxiety, and many parents are reticent to broach the subject, especially with friends. “It’s uncomfortable to talk honestly with other parents about issues such as guns because they are so politically divisive,” said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Sociol-

“I just wanted to make sure if you have guns at home, they are secured in a lock box.”

— Amy L. Best, Ph.D.,
George Mason University

Tips

The Center to Prevent Youth Violence has created a resource for parents who want to inquire if there are firearms where their children play. They offer these tips, which might make it easier to open a dialogue:

❖ **Ask with other questions.** Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone’s house — such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.

❖ **Use the facts.** Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That is why you are asking — you just want to make sure that your child is safe.

❖ **Don’t be confrontational.** Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment.

For more information, visit: <https://askingsaveskids.org>

discomfort about a potentially controversial conversation. “I think most parents support firearm safety, if that means keeping children safe,” said Best.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Sheena Nickel was named to the Barton Community College (Great Bend, Ks.) president’s list for the fall 2015 semester.

Rasheika Gregory was recognized as a Hurricane Scholar Athlete at Louisburg College (Louisburg, N.C.).

Ryland Copeland has graduated from DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.) with an MPA, Physician Assistant.

Matthew Sawh, a student from Alexandria, was among 500-plus San Diego State University student researchers who participated in the Ninth Annual Student Research Symposium. Matthew is studying history. The two-day symposium recognizes the scholarly accomplishments of SDSU students and provides a public forum where students from every major and program can present their research, scholarship or creative activities.

The following students received the dean’s award at Colgate University (Hamilton, N.Y.) for

the fall 2015 semester: **Brooke Davidson**, an English major in the class of 2017, and a graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School; **Katherine Miller**, an economics-undeclared major in the class of 2019, and a graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School; and **Rachelle Ehrman**, a geography major in the class of 2016, and a graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

Sara Sanders, of Alexandria, was named to the fall 2015 dean’s list at Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.). Sanders is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Kelly Dervarics, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, and **Alison Lindsay**, College of Arts & Sciences, were named to the dean’s list at Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) for the fall 2015 semester.

Alexandria-area residents **Dustin Hess**, B.S., early childhood education; and **Andrew Rosnick**, B.A., communication arts graduated from Salisbury University (Salisbury, Md.).

Bilen Haile, of Alexandria, was named to the autumn semester dean’s list at Columbus State Community College (Columbus, Ohio).

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Bishop Ireton junior Kayla Duperrouzel totaled five goals, two assists and six draw controls during the Cardinals' season-opening 16-8 victory over Georgetown Visitation on Tuesday in Alexandria.



Bishop Ireton senior Kelly Larkin had two goals and two assists against Georgetown Visitation on Tuesday.

Ireton Girls' Lax Focused on Remaining Championship Contender

Nationally-ranked Cardinals defeat Georgetown Visitation.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse program made school history in 2014, winning its first WCAC championship. The Cardinals also took home the VISAA title by beating national power and Alexandria foe St. Stephen's & St. Agnes for the first time.

Ireton received national recognition in 2015 and was ranked as high as No. 2 in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine top 25. The Cardinals fell short in the WCAC tournament, however, but repeated as VISAA champs with another victory over the Saints in the state final.

Ten months later, Ireton enters the 2016 season having graduated several athletes who were instrumental in the Cardinals' rise to national prominence, including Charlotte Sofield (North Carolina), Kelly Mathews (Boston) and Kaitlin Luzik (Virginia). Ireton is ranked No. 8 in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine national preseason poll and the Cardinals' schedule is again loaded with quality opponents.

Can Ireton continue its recent run of success with different players stepping into leadership roles?

Based on the team's performance during its season opener on Tuesday, the Cardinals are once again a championship contender.

Junior midfielder Kayla Duperrouzel scored five goals and helped give the Cardinals a significant draw control advantage during a 16-8 victory over Georgetown Visitation at Bishop Ireton High School. Visitation, ranked No. 25 in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll, trailed 10-7 with



Bishop Ireton sophomore Madison Mote scored three goals on Tuesday.

12 minutes remaining in the second half, but Ireton closed the contest with a 6-1 run.

Duperrouzel made an impact winning draws and scoring goals. She also added style points, scoring the game's final goal with a slick around-the-back shot.

"She's awesome. Wasn't she absolutely phenomenal?" Ireton head coach Rick Sofield asked. "... The kid had five goals, two assists and six draw controls to herself. If you look at the draw totals ... we won draws 21-5. Things are going to go well for you when you win draws 21-5."

Duperrouzel's goal from free position with 22:52 left in the second half gave Ireton a 10-5 advantage.

"It was really a big question as far as other people's perception of us how we were going to be this year filling those roles and I think we were able to prove to ourselves and other people what we know — that we are going to be competing this year," Duperrouzel said. "We are not slacking off

from last year and I think it was a good way to kind of prove that we're the same team we were last year."

The William & Mary commit figures to have an increased role on this year's team.

"I think my role is definitely a lot different," Duperrouzel said. "Last year, I was obviously mainly working on the draw. I think I still had an attacking role last year but this year it's really on me to assert myself more. I'm kind of able to use some confidence that I've gained as a freshman and a sophomore and to really be a leader on the field this year, which is something that we've had really good girls be in the past and something I need to step up to do this year if we want to repeat some of the success we've been having."

Senior attacker and Navy signee Kelly Larkin is another key piece of the Cardinals' championship plans.

"She's just an absolute leader," Sofield said. "... She's an incredible talent and just

works harder than anybody out there. She's going to do super things this year."

Larkin finished with two goals and two assists against Visitation. Her goal with 10:23 remaining increased Ireton's lead to 12-7. Ireton sophomore midfielder Madison Mote (Dartmouth) scored three goals on Tuesday. Sophomore attacker Lexi Ledoyen (Syracuse) and junior attacker Kate Carney (Cincinnati) each finished with two goals, and junior midfielder Caton Brisbin (Iona) and senior midfielder Maggie Lohrer (Boston) each had one. Larkin said the Cardinals need to maintain their focus while receiving national recognition.

"The reputation of being a nationally-ranked team is definitely something that's cool and it's nice to have that kind of attention, but at the same time you can't let that get to you," she said. "Like Coach says, he still expects more from us no matter what. No matter what other teams think of us, it's always just a matter of how hard we work and how smart we are on the field."

Sofield said he has changed his approach to handling national attention.

"I think one of my failings from last year is I let the girls pay attention a little bit to the national ranking stuff and that was my fault," the sixth-year Ireton coach said. "That came up and it bit us in the playoffs last year — we lost to Holy Cross [in the WCAC tournament], who we beat in the regular season. They were up for it and we looked past them and they were too good a team for that, and so that's entirely on me. This year, we're not paying any attention. I don't let them read articles about themselves, I tell them don't believe the hype. We want to stay focused on winning six games in May. We need to get back to our basics and the basics for us is win three WCAC games in May, win three VISAA games in May and the regular season is all preparation for that."

Ireton will host Hill Academy from Ontario, Canada, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17.

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OBITUARY
BERTRAM ALLAN KNITTER
Of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on March 4, 2016.
Bert was the devoted and loving husband of Brenda and father of Zachary.
A memorial service will take place at Saint Luke's Church on Ft. Hunt Road in Alexandria, VA on Saturday March 19 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Georgetown University School of Medicine Anatomical Donation Program or Capital Caring Hospice.

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Request for Proposals No. 00000575, Parking Citation Processing and Court Liaison Services

Closing Date and Time: May 13, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference on March 23, 2016, 10:30 AM prevailing local time, 301 King Street, City Hall, Room 1101, Sister Cities Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.

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OBITUARY



Michael Dearaway, 36, of Woodstock, passed away Tuesday, March 8th, surrounded by loved ones in his home.

He graduated from Thomas Edison High School. Michael is survived by his wife, Jennifer Torres Fuentes; his son, Michael Antonio Dearaway; his mother, Janice Carol Standridge; his father, Edward Raymond Dearaway; his step mother, Genevieve Dearaway; his sister, Amanda Dearaway-Freeze; his brother, Kristopher Alexander Standridge; a niece; two nephews and many Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Michael's dear friend, Reverend Michael Crabill will be officiating the services.

A visitation will be open to friends and family on Friday evening, March 11th, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, March 12th, at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock. Burial will follow at the Massanutten Cemetery.

A reception for close family and friends will be held at his sister's home to celebrate his life following the burial service.

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The City of Alexandria proposes to increase the current property tax levies.

1. **Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments for new construction, or improvement to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.29 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$1.020 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. **Effective Rate Increase:** The City of Alexandria proposes to advertise a tax rate of \$1.073 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the advertised tax rate would be \$0.053 per \$100, or a 5.23 percent increase. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Alexandria (including the General Fund and all Special Revenue grant funds and other sources) will exceed last year's by 1.0 percent.
5. The City proposes to continue an additional tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100 for all properties that have been classified in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

A public hearing on the effective increase will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., at the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The hearing shall be open to the public. The governing body shall provide persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

All persons wishing to speak to this issue may contact the City Clerk and Clerk of Council located on the second floor, Room 2300, City Hall, or may appear and be heard after completing a Speakers form before Council.

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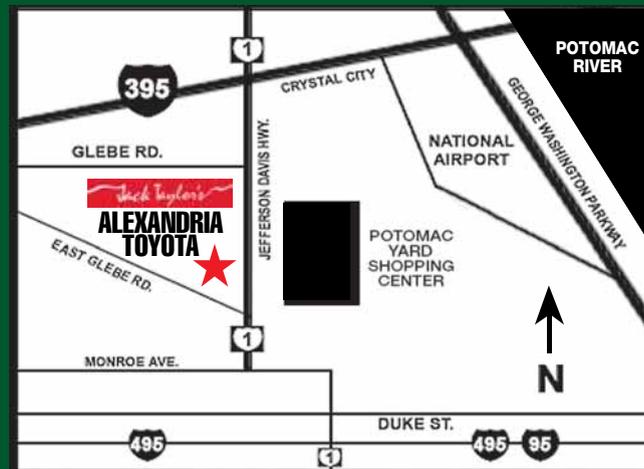
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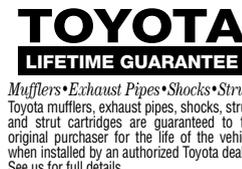
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Monday – Friday, 7 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm
Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm
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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
DETAIL SPECIALS

STANDARD HAND-WASH & VACUUM Recommended Monthly \$39⁹⁵	QUALITY HAND-WASH VACUUM & WAX Recommended Every 6 Months \$139⁹⁵	PREMIUM FULL DETAIL Recommended Every 12 Months \$295⁹⁵
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WEDNESDAY IS LADIES' DAY
15% OFF ANY REPAIR

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SPRING SAVINGS

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
BRAKE SPECIAL \$99⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES. PLEASE SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/16.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL

\$5 OFF \$10 OFF

NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC

INCLUDES: Change oil (up to 5 qts.), install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

INCLUDES: inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
15% OFF ANY ACCESSORIES

• Apparel • Window visors
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• Toyota bedliners

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL \$139⁹⁵

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/16.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VARIABLE DISCOUNT

\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99
\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99
\$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more

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EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR VEHICLE!
BG FLUID EXCHANGE SPECIAL

TRANSMISSION FLUSH	\$189⁹⁵
POWER STEERING FLUSH	\$139⁹⁵
BRAKE FLUSH	\$139⁹⁵
FUEL INDUCTION FLUSH	\$139⁹⁵

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE \$159⁹⁵

Synthetic \$10 More

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
SPRING MAINTENANCE SPECIAL \$59⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*, inspect windshield wipers, tire rotation, check tire condition, check battery (with print-out), inspect and adjust all fluid levels, inspect air. Alexandria Toyota's 27 pt. inspection & cabin air filters.

*SYNTHETIC OIL \$10 MORE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/16.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT \$79⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

INCLUDES: inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

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Alexandria **\$1,049,900**

Gorgeous Seminary Ridge Colonial with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Beautiful 100k kitchen renovation includes top brand stainless appliances, granite counters, two sinks and oven. Finished lower level, updated baths, and peaceful screened in porch. 3939 Fort Worth Avenue

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TheGoodhartGroup.com



Arlington/Fairlington Village **\$437,500**

Gorgeous end unit Clarendon model. Stainless appliances, Corian counter tops, hardwood floors on the main level, balcony off the dining room, finished basement with den or bedroom. Swimming, tennis, walking trails. Commuter's Dream! 2740 S. Buchanan Street

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PSintay.com



Old Town/Pitt Mews **\$950,000**

Four-level townhouse in the heart of Old Town with 2 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, garage and another parking space in front of garage. Granite and stainless kitchen with breakfast bar. Master suite features vaulted ceilings and 4th story loft office/den. 425 Cameron Street

Paul Anderson
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Paulvanderon.com



Alexandria **\$1,625,000**

The exquisite Cameo kitchen and the lushly landscaped private lot will take your breath away. This 6-bedroom, 7-bath Olde Swinks Mill colonial also offers a captivating view of the in-ground pool from an expansive sun room. 7704 Burford Drive

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Old Town **\$359,000**

2 bedroom condo across from Metro. Renovated kitchen opens to Living and Dining Rooms. Master bedroom boasts wall to wall closets. Garage parking. Spacious & private patio. Washer/Dryer. Pets OK. Walk to Del Ray and Old Town. 610 N. West Street #102

Chris Fischer
703.930.6349
FischerRealEstate.com



South Alexandria **\$699,900**

Best buy in Mount Vernon! Large home located on large professionally landscaped treed lot. Three fully finished levels, walk-out basement with bath, gas fireplace in expansive lower level. Huge master suite includes super bath and room size master closet. 4201 Dandridge Terrace

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Old Town
\$899,000

Sophisticated 3 bedroom, 3.5 townhouse in Old Town. Exceptional condition! Private patio, secure parking for 2 cars. 0.4 miles to Metro. 1310 Duke Street

Margaret Benghauser
703.989.6961
MBenghauser.com



Old Town
\$697,900

Just two blocks to the Metro! Spacious and light filled 3-level end-unit featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen and baths, a finished lower level and fenced corner yard. 1333 Oronoco Street

Jessica Ricahardson
703.864.3438
JessicaRichardson.com



Del Ray
\$569,900

Lovely 3-bedroom, 1-bath brick duplex in the heart of Del Ray. Bright open floor plan with updated kitchen on main level. Sunporch overlooks large fenced back yard. Upstairs are 3 comfortable bedrooms. Lower level offers additional living space. Driveway parking. Walk to "The Avenue." 9 E. Howell Avenue

Jen Walker
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