

Alexandria Police Officer Carlos Rolon pins a blue ribbon to his reflective vest before the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade March 2. Students and parents from Lyles-Crouch Elementary School distributed blue ribbons and solicited donations for the Peter Laboy fund.

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In Everyone's Thoughts

Community prays for Officer Laboy.

BY KAREN L BUNE
GAZETTE PACKET

While Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy is fighting for his life at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, people who have heard about his plight are offering prayers and support from around the block to as far away as Canada. Laboy, a 17-year veteran of the police department, was shot in the head on Feb. 27, while on a traffic stop in the Old Town area of Alexandria resulting in catastrophic traumatic brain injury.

Married with children, Laboy is well known for his devotion to his family. "He's an outstanding family man. He adores his kids and wife," former Alexandria Police Chief David Baker said.

"I can tell you, with all my heart, and I've known him a long time, he



Officer Peter Laboy

had eyes for nobody but [his wife] Suzanne. She's just an amazing rock. She is the world to him and so are his children. He is fighting to stay alive for his family. He is not a quitter," said Lt. Ed Milner of the Alexandria Police Department.

Sgt. Brian Thompson has known
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Officer Remains in Critical Condition

Alexandria police officer Peter Laboy remains in critical but stable condition after being shot in the head by a taxi driver last week. Although he is not able to speak, family members say he has responded to doctors and his wife by squeezing their hands when asked to do so. The swelling in his eyes is down, and both eyes have opened.

"He's aware," said Jody Donaldson, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department. "But

he's not able to talk."

Laboy has been in critical condition since undergoing surgery on Feb. 27, when he was shot in the head during a routine traffic stop near Lyles-Crouch Elementary School. A 17-year veteran of the Alexandria Police Department, Laboy has been a motorcycle officer in the Motor Unit for six years. Wife Suzanne Laboy has created a blog with regular updates to her husband's status.

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Independent Candidate

Freshman Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45) now has a challenger for the fall election, 29-year-old Army veteran Jeffrey Engle. This week, he filed papers with the Alexandria registrar's office to run as an independent candidate against Krupicka, challenging the first-term delegate particularly on gun issues. He said he would have voted against Krupicka's bill that would have authorized law-enforcement officials to confiscate firearms from people who are deemed to be a threat.

"I think that overstretches," said Engle. "In most cases, you want to minimize the amount of legislation you undertake because there are always unintended consequences."

A native of Oakdale, Calif., Engle has a bachelor's degree in political science from Excelsior College in New York. He also has a graduate certificate in political analysis from Virginia Tech, where he's currently finishing a master's degree in political science.

He is a combat veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, retiring from the military last year. He is currently a senior analyst for Cubic Applications, providing support for combatting weapons of mass destruction.

"I think it's important for the state to provide as good as buffer as possible from the mistakes the federal government is making," said Engle. "I think we should definitely focus on providing that buffer for the state, so that when those mandates expire the state is only involved in activities they should be."

Pooling Resources

Neighbors in Warwick Village are up in arms over a proposal to close Warwick Pool, a budget cut suggested by City Manager Rashad Young last week. The move would save \$92,000. But supporters say money needs to be restored for the neighborhood pool, which is behind the Calvert building on the northern edge of Del Ray.

"The pool has been neglected for years," said Laura Fries, a Del Ray resident who is organizing neighbors to oppose the budget cut. "But it's very popular with families, and I know a lot of people in Del Ray use the Warwick pool."

The city's long-range plan is to transform the pool into a "sprayground," which is a place for young children to cool off during hot weather.

That would save money in maintenance compared to a pool, which is built on a hillside and structurally unsound. In the meantime, though, the city would save money by shutting down the neighborhood pool when the fiscal year starts this summer — just when kids would be getting out of school.

"We just think this is really shortsighted," said Fries.

Ramped Up Concern

Residents in the West End are concerned that the High Occupancy Toll lanes on Shirley Memorial Highway will be dumped into their neighborhood, clogging their streets and polluting the air for people who live near Landmark Mall.

"That is the end of the HOT lanes project, and all HOT lane traffic must exit from there," said Mary Hasty, who lives nearby. "That changes the offramp from a handful of cars to about 4,000 cars during rush hour, and the congestion of the idling vehicles is going to cause pollution."

Several homeowner associations have created a new group, Concerned Residents of Landmark, to oppose the Virginia Department of Public Transportation's plan to build an offramp at Turkeycock Run on Interstate 395.

They pooled their resources and funded a study to document increased air pollution from the proposed projects will result in serious negative health impacts.

"What started as a small group of neighbors has grown into an organization encompassing concerned residents from neighborhoods throughout the Landmark area," said Dave Rogers, one of the original members of the group. "We are united in our concern about the negative public health impacts that will result if this ramp is built."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Planning Commissioner Stewart Dunn motions to a model of the waterfront plan while speaking in support of the increased density.

Waterfront Heads to Council

Planning Commission sets stage for final March 16 confrontation.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Two years of heated debate are about to come to a dramatic conclusion this month, as the controversial waterfront plan heads to a final March 16 public hearing. This week, the Planning Commission approved a zoning change that would allow developers to move forward with a plan that would almost triple allowable density at three waterfront sites slated for redevelopment compared

to be too loud. Planning Commission members eventually gave unanimous support to the increased density, setting the stage for a City Council vote that will represent a culmination of years of debate — and a legacy vote for elected officials, many of whom campaigned on the issue last year.

"We've had meetings after meetings and task forces and working groups," said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. "As a lifelong resident of the city, I would not vote for or support a plan that would harm the community, plain and simple."

FOR OPPONENTS, one of the major objections is the process. Homeowners who live near the three sites slated for redevelopment collected signatures to file a protest petition to force a supermajority vote on the City Council. But Planning Director Faroll Hamer rejected the petition, explaining that the pro-



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— Former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald

cess did not apply to a text amendment. The Board of Zoning Appeals agreed with the neighbors, prompting the city to sue its own board — a case that's now before the Alexandria Circuit Court of Appeals. A separate case involving the neighbors' rights to file a protest petition is currently before the Virginia Supreme Court. Now city leaders are considering a change to the code that would prevent citizens from launching protest petitions against changes to the text of the city's zoning ordinance.

"If the waterfront is rezoned, it will basically be the end of Old Town," said former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald, one of the leading opponents to the plan. "I think people are exhausted by this whole thing and don't quite know what to do. I mean, I certainly feel that way."

During a contentious public hearing Tuesday night, the vast majority of speakers who appeared at a late-night Planning Commission meeting opposed the zoning change that would dramatically reshape Old Town for decades to come. Many expressed concern that the plan was crafted for the benefit of developers at the expense of residents, expanding density beyond the limits of current zoning. At times, the conversation became heated.

"Hotels have a relatively low impact on neighborhoods in terms of traffic and parking," said deputy planning director Karl Moritz at one point.

That elicited howls and laughter from the audience, prompting Planning Commission chairman John Komoroske to slam the gavel down and call for order. The chairman threatened to have police remove anyone from the chamber whom he deemed

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— Mayor Bill Euille

During a closed-door executive session last month, City Council members directed City Manager Rashad Young to move forward with rezoning the waterfront — despite the outstanding legal challenges. During a press conference in late February, Young said that

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NEWS

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"Moving in the right direction," she wrote Tuesday afternoon. "Continuing to feel the love from those people in our daily lives and those we don't even know. It's an incredible feeling."

The regular updates on the blog provide a look into the officer's recovery. Some of the updates are medical in nature, detailing the activities of machines that regulate body temperature and steps taken to prevent infection. Others updates are focused on life at the hospital, including one message explaining that the television was tuned to Laboy's favorite television show, a documentary series on A&E called "The First 48" that follows the early stages of homicide investigations.

"Bringing back a little normal," she wrote.

During a press conference last week, a doctor told reporters that the officer suffered a "catastrophic wound," and that many people would not have been able to survive such a traumatic brain injury.

The man accused of shooting Laboy is Kashif Bashir, 27, who is being held at the Alexandria jail without bond. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 10.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

How To Help

For anyone wishing to help the family of Officer Peter Laboy, the Alexandria Police Association is coordinating efforts for individuals and organizations to show support or donate to the family.

"We have set up a Facebook page that will update everyone on Officer Laboy's progress and any specific requests of the family," said APA board of directors trustee Capt. Shahram Fard.

Anyone wishing to make a cash donation can drop off a check at police headquarters at 3600 Wheeler Ave. or visit the APD website to donate through PayPal. Checks should be made out to the Alexandria Police Association (APA).

"We want people to know that 100 percent of everything we take in goes directly to the Laboy family," Fard said. "There are no operating or overhead costs taken out."

Two other ways to support the Laboy family will be through events taking place March 9 and 10.

Saturday, March 9: The APA will be collecting donations of cash, checks, non-perishable items or silent auction items from 9 a.m. to noon at APA headquarters at 3101 Colvin St. Suggested items include toilet paper, laundry soap, bottled water, chips, coffee, cereal, fruit, breakfast bars and milk. For more information, email alexandriapolice

association2@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 10: The APA will hold a fundraiser and silent auction from 3 to 6 p.m. at Virtue Feed and Grain at 106 S. Union St. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 and food is included. Anyone wishing to donate items to the silent auction can email Laboyfundraiser@gmail.com.

Fard added a caution to anyone being solicited for donations on behalf of the Laboy family.

"There have been some unconfirmed reports of people being solicited by phone to donate to the Laboy family," Fard said. "We are not doing that. There are no phone solicitations being made by the APA."

APA Facebook page for Officer Laboy:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/APAs-Page-for-Police-Officer-Peter-Laboy/1695259887281632>

Caring Bridge website updated by Laboy's wife Suzanne:

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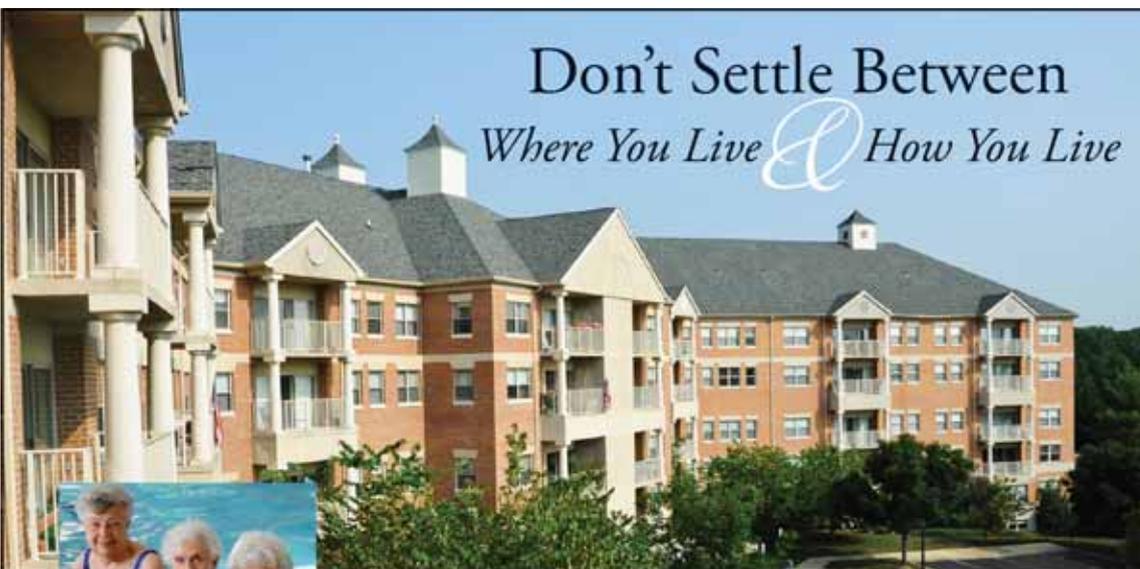
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Dr. Katy Nelson and Capitol Heels co-owner Bobby Mahoney lead the dogs down King Street to start the annual parade.

St. Patrick's Fun Dog Show

More than 100 dogs and their families arrived at Market Square for the annual Fun Dog Show on March 2. The categories changed a little this year to include: waggiest tail, prettiest eyes, handsomest male, prettiest female, best senior, best groomed, most in need of a bib, most Irish looking and dog/owner look-alike.

This year's master of ceremonies, Dr. Katy Nelson of "The Pet Show with Dr. Katy," left the judging to the audience and the applause meter. Capitol Heels co-owner Bobby Mahoney assisted on stage. At the end of the show, dogs and their families walked together down King Street to start the annual St.



Arlo parades across the deck with owner John Mantz.

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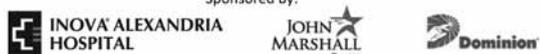
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OBITUARY

Joyce Marie Scott

Mrs. Joyce Marie Scott, 80, died on Feb. 26, 2013. She was a life-long resident of Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard G. Scott, her parents Samuel and Mamie Louise Owen of Alexandria, a brother Samuel Owen Jr. of Florida and her sister, Mrs. Shirley O. Ramey of Warrenton, Va.

She leaves behind two sisters, Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) West and Mrs. Mary Simpson both of Colonial Beach, Va., and a brother, Mr. Ashby Owen of Alexandria. Also many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held on March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria.



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Gala Raises \$100,000 Center for Alexandria's Children honors three for work with at-risk children.

The Center for Alexandria's Children, a public-private partnership that serves abused and neglected children, raised a record \$100,000 and honored three Alexandrians who have shown dedication and service to improving the lives of Alexandria's children at its fourth annual Gala Benefit on Feb. 28 at Virtue Feed & Grain in Old Town.

Alexandria residents Lissa and Dagobert Soergel were presented with the Center's 2013 Champion for Children Award for their work in founding and expanding Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC), an organization which provides preschool education for at risk children in Alexandria and Arlington.

Arika Van Brunt, a senior therapist with the Preschool Prevention Team at the Center for Children and Families in the City of Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Service received the Center's 2013 Outstanding Dedication to



CAC Executive Director Giselle Pelaez presents Alexandria residents Lissa and Dagobert Soergel with the Center's 2013 Champion for Children Award for their vision and work in founding and expanding Child and Family Network Centers, an organization that provides preschool education for at-risk children in Alexandria and Arlington.



Arika Van Brunt, a senior therapist with the Preschool Prevention Team at the Center for Children and Families in the City of Alexandria's Department of Community and Human Service, received the Center's 2013 Outstanding Dedication to Alexandria's Children's Award from CAC Executive Director Giselle Pelaez.

Alexandria's Children's Award for her work ensuring the healthy social emotional development of Alexandria's at-risk children.

Center Executive Director Giselle Pelaez commended the award recipients for their contributions: "The Soergels are an ex-

traordinary couple who recognized that many at-risk children were beginning their educational life at a deficit with no preschool preparation, placing them behind their counterparts who begin preschool at age two or three. In creating Child and Family Network

Centers, the Soergels ensured all children in our community have the chance to start out on an equal footing, thus preparing and empowering them for success in school and life."

In presenting the Dedication to Children Award to Van Brunt,

Pelaez said, "Arika believes strongly in the value of playgroups and in the collaborative vision of the City's playgroup initiative. She is making enormous contributions in the development and refinement of the playgroup model and curriculum."



Lauren and Sam Garcia greet guests at the door.



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CAC Board Chairman Nigel Morris talks with Andrew Saltonstall.



Ellen Folts with Kathy and Josh Martin.



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Steve Memery and his wife Liza Chapman-Memery arrive at the gala.



U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, state Sen. Rob Krupicka and Murray Bonnit

BUSINESS MATTERS

Franklin or Euille?

Want to develop a property in Alexandria? Odds are city officials will hit you up for a piece of public art. The voluntary contributions have become a routine at City Hall, and developers have added a number of murals and statues across the city in recent years.

But there's one piece of public art that has left a lingering absence, the statue of **Benjamin Franklin** that once graced Old Town. When City Council members were considering a request from Carr Hospitality to build a new hotel on Prince Street, elected officials once again raised the specter of the missing Franklin statue. The developer has consented to include some kind of public art in the glass-enclosed lobby, although it's not yet clear what that will be.

Perhaps it will be Franklin. Then again, there are other possibilities.

"Someone said, well, it could be a statue of me," joked Mayor **Bill Euille**. "It won't be a statue of me."

Credit for Tearing Down

Developers who want to tear down existing buildings as part of redevelopment will now have a new incentive — a 50 percent discount for linking up to the sewer system. Alexandria City Council members approved the new credit as part of a sewer master plan that was approved last month.

"It's shifting the burden within the development community," said Councilman **Justin Wilson**. "It's a question of whether we are putting more of a burden on developers who are redeveloping existing properties or we are putting more of the burden on developers who are developing properties that have no existing infrastructure."

Critics say that most of Alexandria has already been developed, and that most construction in Alexandria is redevelopment. The massive Beauregard small-area plan, for example, includes a massive redevelopment on the West End. That means that developer JBG will save millions by getting credit for the existing investment in the sewer lines that dates back generations.

"It means millions of dollars are not coming into Alexandria from developers," said Rosemont resident **Katy Cannady**, who opposed the teardown credit. "And that means people like me are going to be paying more property taxes. As usual, they look to the homeowners to pay."

Green Commonwealth

This weekend, the U.S. Green Building Council will be in Alexandria to recognize Virginia for its efforts to lead the way in environmentally sustainable construction practices. The ceremony will take place in the new Alexandria Police Department Headquarters, which is a LEED certified building.

"In an era of looming budget cuts that will have considerable impact on Virginia's bottom line, LEED/green building construction is one sector that continues to grow in local economies," said **Christine Glunz**, spokeswoman for the council.

The council says Virginia is the top state for LEED certification, a calculation based on 2010 Census Bureau data that includes commercial and institutional buildings certified under LEED. Virginia has 29.7 million square feet of LEED space certified in 2012, or 3.71 square feet per resident. Last year, 170 LEED projects were certified.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Snow Denial: City Spared

It was a snow day without the snow, or at least without any discernible accumulation for Alexandria despite predictions of up to 12 inches that led to the closing of schools throughout the city.

Despite dumping nearly two feet of snow in some outlying areas of the region, Alexandria was spared while more than 200,000 homes across the state

were left without power.

Alexandria's last major snowstorm hit Jan. 26, 2011, when an average of 5 inches of snow fell in the region. In 2010, the back-to-back blizzards of "Snowmageddon" broke a 111-year-old record for snowfall in the region with 54.9 inches of snow measured at Ronald Reagan National Airport.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

BUSINESS



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Samuel Tucker Elementary School principal Rene Paschal, center, waves to the crowd after accepting a check for \$1,500 from Big Lots district manager Fred Galzerano. The presentation was made March 1 just prior to the formal ribbon-cutting for the new store, located at 5901 Stevenson Ave. across from Landmark Mall.

Thinking Big

Big Lots opens in West End, donates \$1,500 to Samuel Tucker.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Closeout retailer Big Lots officially opened its newest store in Alexandria's West End March 1 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Big Lots executives and local city officials.

During the grand opening celebration, Big Lots district manager Fred Galzerano presented a check for \$1,500 to Samuel Tucker Elementary School principal René Paschal. Paschal was joined by several members of the School Board including board chair Karen Graf.

"It's great to have a new store in the neighborhood," said state Sen. George Barker (D-39), who officially cut the ribbon to open the 19,300 square-foot renovated facility. "And it's wonderful to have Big Lots develop a partnership with Samuel Tucker."

Dozens of shoppers lined up for



Alexandria Big Lots store manager Mike Rector is flanked by Mary Motin and Mohamed Abdel during the March 1 grand opening celebration of the new location in the city's West End.

the opening of the new store, which is located opposite Landmark Mall in the former Best Buy facility. Big Lots is open seven days

a week and provides discount and closeout merchandise. For more information, visit www.biglotswholesale.com.

Budgeting in the Twilight Zone

Local governments propose tax hikes in advance of looming sequester.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Local governments across Northern Virginia are considering tax increases as leaders face budget shortfalls and an uncertain future in the face of national financial gridlock in Washington, D.C. Arlington County homeowners are facing the largest possible tax bill, although Fairfax County residents may see the largest increase compared to last year.

"Local governments are in the Twilight Zone with Rod Serling," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership at George Mason University. "Nobody knows exactly what the impact of the sequester will be, so all the local governments have to assume a worst-case scenario."

Looming over the budget deliberations this year is the threat of the sequester, a set of automatic spending cuts created by the Budget Control Act of 2011. The cuts were designed to be so unpalatable that Democrats and Republicans would find a compromise, but that agreement failed to materialize in time. That leaves state and local governments scrambling to balance their budgets in uncharted waters. Some have even predicted the cuts might cast Virginia into a recession because of the prominent role defense spending and federal workers play in the

economy of Northern Virginia.

"Virginia will be particularly hard hit because of our proximity to Washington, D.C., and our status as home to more military installations and private-sector military partners than almost any other state," said Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell in a written statement. "Multiple studies show that approximately 130,000 to over 200,000 Virginia jobs could be lost because of these arbitrary cuts."

ACROSS NORTHERN VIRGINIA, local governments are facing more of a burden than state leaders.

According to a George Mason University study, 82 percent of funding provided to state governments is exempt from the sequester while 73 percent of federal funds that go to local governments are subject to the sequester. That means that everything from education programs to highway funds are now in the crosshairs of the political fight across Potomac River. Local leaders will have to perform a delicate balancing act over the next few weeks.

"We have heard from residents that we should continue with current service levels and program delivery, which we maintained through the last few years of the recession by downsizing effectively and responsibly," said Fairfax County Executive Ed Long when he presented his proposed budget last week. "We are also forced to recognize the significant yet unknown impact that is expected from federal sequestration and the continuing challenges of a slowly recovering economy."

For state leaders in Richmond and local leaders in Northern Virginia, the timing and implementation of sequestration comes at a perilous time. Elected officials are now trying to figure what changes they want to make headed into the spring, when they must vote in advance of the new fiscal year opening this summer. Federal agencies are still trying to figure out how they will implement the sequester, and government employees are facing furloughs that could strangle sales tax revenues and business profits across the region.

"We got through the recession," said Susan Scheffler, owner of Nickell's and Scheffler Fine Food in Alexandria. "But we are already seeing sales drop because of financial crises in Washington and it's hurting our business."

FAIRFAX COUNTY leaders are

considering \$20.5 million of budget reductions, including 91 jobs. Arlington officials have singled out \$9.3 million worth of cuts, a list that includes everything from reducing services for the mentally ill to eliminating local child-care regulation.

In Alexandria, City Council members are considering a budget pro-

posal that would cut reduce expenditures by \$13.8 million while increasing the personal property tax on motor vehicles.

"What we are hearing is that people want to maintain the quality of life and that police officers and teachers need raises," said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. "I can empathize with citizens who are

concerned about their taxes going up, but we have a fiduciary responsibility to considering everything and adopt a budget."

In the last decade, spending levels rose dramatically along with the real-estate market. Local governments responded by adding jobs and expanding programs.

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Cracking the Stigma Barrier at College

BY MARY ANNE WEBER
CHAIR OF THE ANTI-STIGMA HOPE CAMPAIGN

The bad news confirmed by two recent studies is that mental illnesses, including severe mental illness, are more common among college students than they were at the turn of this century. The good news is that there are more such students, because they have been identified earlier, helped earlier and not barred from pursuing an education. Those who succeed in getting degrees and finding and keeping professional jobs are rarely noticed or written about. Those who fail are also not noticed unless murder or suicide is involved.

Their success depends on two things, the quality of help offered by the college and the attitude of staff and fellow students toward mental illness. Stigma still remains the largest barrier, so bad in some places that students do not reveal their illnesses to anyone, fearful that it will go on their record and that their records will not be kept confidential. Just as earlier generations of students with ailments like diabetes or epilepsy kept it secret, so too these students struggle alone.

In 2010, a study was discussed at the national convention of the American Psychological Association in San Diego. The study was done by John C. Guthman and Laura Iocin,



To Learn More

To learn more and to help build a supportive community in Alexandria, come to an In Our Own Voice presentation by Peter and Lauren, two young adults who experienced the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions as college students. This free community event is co-sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Northern Virginia, Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, The Alexandria Community Services Board and the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria's Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign. It will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. For more information, contact FriendsOfAMH@gmail.com.

In Our Own Voice is a public education program developed by NAMI in which two trained speakers share compelling personal stories about living with mental illness and achieving recovery. These presentations foster understanding among individuals, families and community members while providing an opportunity for those who have struggled with mental illness to gain confidence and to share their individual experiences of recovery and transformation.

both PhDs from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. on Long Island and Despina D. Konstas, PhD of Hellenic American University in Athens, Greece. The study looked at the records of 3,526 college students who accessed college counseling support between September 1997 and August 2009 at a mid-sized private university. Students, both graduates and undergraduates, were screened for mental disorders, suicidal thoughts and self-injurious behavior. In 1998, 93 percent of students coming into the clinic were diagnosed with one mental disorder. In 2009, the percentage rose to 96 percent. Most were diagnosed with mood and anxiety disorders as well as adjustment disorders or problems associated with significant impairment in functioning. There were

no significant age or class differences.

Guthman noted that the percentage of students with moderate to severe depression has gone up from 36 to 41 percent and that this change may contribute greatly to the misperception that the average student is in distress. He said when presenting the paper that more students were coming to college with pre-existing mental health difficulties and that the number of students on psychiatric medications increased more than 10 percentage points. In 1998 11 percent of those in the clinical sample used psychiatric medications, mostly for depression and ADHD. By 2009, 24 percent of those attending counseling reported using medications.

Since many serious mental illnesses begin in adolescence, both high schools and colleges need to be offering services to the students and education to their staff. According to findyouthinfo.gov, a U.S. government website, 8.1 percent of youth age 12 to 17 and 8.7 percent of adults between the ages of 18 and 25 had at least one depressive episode. At least six percent of 12 to 17 years olds and 5.4 percent of 18 to 25 years olds had at least one major depressive episode with severe impairment. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24, resulting in 4,513 deaths in 2008.

The most frequently diagnosed disorders for young people are substance abuse disorders, anxiety disorders, depressive disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The most important voices in all of this are those of the students themselves and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) conducted a national survey in 2011 of college students living with mental health conditions to hear directly from them about whether their needs were being met and how schools needed to improve.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council Should Discuss Compromise

To the Editor:

I am writing to support the compromise which Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg seeks regarding the waterfront plan, a compromise consistent with her campaign reminder that we all serve "as the temporary stewards of this national treasure called Alexandria." Because of the increased pace of council activity on the waterfront issue, the public effectively has one big chance left to get involved: the public hearing on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. It is my hope that Vice Mayor Silberberg will formally introduce her compromise proposal that day, that it will be seconded to allow discussion, and that the public will be able to weigh in before the City Council's historic vote.

Vice Mayor Silberberg argues that "the waterfront plan, while improved over time, is not visionary enough." She seeks a compromise between the current waterfront plan, which

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Sign Up for Mental Health First Aid

In early May a new class called Mental Health First Aid for Youth will be offered in Alexandria. It will provide eight hours of specific training for individuals who work with youth 12 to 18 years of age. The regular 12-hour

Mental Health First Aid classes for March and April are nearly filled but more classes for citizens will be offered in May. Contact Donielle. Marshall@alexandriava.gov for information and to sign up.



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Snapshot

March 2: Old Town Farmer's Market. Lenny and Mrs. Dove offer bouquets of spring flowers for sale in their stall.

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Medicaid Reform and Extension

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The recent compromise by the Virginia General Assembly to reform and expand the commonwealth's Medicaid program is the right step toward extending health care coverage to even more of Virginia's nearly one million uninsured residents. Our elected representatives' thoughtful debate produced a bill that will protect the health of our state's neediest residents, keep Virginia taxpayers' dollars in Virginia, and help hospitals deliver more effective and efficient care.

Medicaid changes in Virginia and nationwide were prompted by President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA), which will extend coverage in 2014 to nearly 30 million Americans. The ACA requires taxpayers to send billions of dollars to Washington to fund the extension, regardless of whether or not their state participates in the now-optional Medicaid expansion. Those taxes, coupled with the ACA's reduced Medicare reimbursements to hospitals, would have resulted in a significant financial hit for Virginia's taxpayers and hospitals.

In choosing to expand Medicaid, the General Assembly compromise requires certain reforms first be enacted to Virginia's existing Medicaid program. Those reforms include flexibility in how the program is administered, cost-control measures that will ensure its future fiscal stability, and a provision that allows Virginia to halt the expansion if the federal government fails to uphold their financial commit-

ment for the expansion. If approved, expanded Medicaid enrollment could begin in Virginia as early as July 1, 2014.

Inova Health System joined many hospitals and health systems across the commonwealth in supporting Medicaid reform and expansion. If approved, Virginia will receive more than \$9 billion dollars in extra federal funds — money that could help nearly 400,000 uninsured residents access primary care coverage in the least costly setting, receive annual physicals, and undergo preventive care. This benefits taxpayers by reducing the long-term costs of care that have historically bloated the Medicaid system and resulted in higher premiums and cost-shifting.

The federal funds will also help hospitals serve even more needy Virginia residents. In 2012, Inova provided \$234 million in community benefit to Northern Virginia — \$28.1 million of that provided through Inova Alexandria Hospital — with much of that investment going to care for those with little or no insurance. The additional funds will reimburse hospitals for the care we have already been providing to the uninsured in our emergency departments or through our charity care programs and allow us to extend our outreach even further.

The General Assembly's compromise was just the first step. As part of the larger state budget bill, Virginia's Medicaid reform and expansion awaits Gov. Bob McDonnell's signature. His approval is an important step in protecting the program for the future, while providing coverage to those who need it today.

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calls for two medium-sized hotels, and a plan with no hotels at all. She advocates one small boutique hotel with no more than 100 rooms. She also envisions a small, permanent band shell in Oronoco Bay Park for weekend cultural gatherings, ending by 9 p.m. There is much unnecessary misinformation around the waterfront issue these days, due in no small part to the accelerated nature of the council's upcoming revote of the Waterfront Plan on March 16. After an extensive executive session on Feb. 12, the City Council told the city manager to move forward. The public found out about the council's plans on Feb. 15, giving them only a month before the public hearing, specifically on the two text amendments.

Vice Mayor Silberberg's call for compromise is consistent with the powerful statement of the Federation of Civic Associations, representing 11 civic associations. The Federation, despite incredibly short notice, voted unanimously to oppose the mayor's amendment removing the citizens' right to petition a zoning change. Vice Mayor Silberberg agrees that this amendment would affect not only the waterfront but any development

plan. Silberberg's call for compromise is also wonderfully consistent with an important move in Alexandria's recent political history, one that saw Council member Del Pepper act a year ago to get the waterfront plan scaled back from three to two medium-sized hotels. It is my hope that Council woman Pepper and others will second Silberberg's call for compromise on Saturday, March 16 to allow, in the spirit of Robert's Rules of Order, a simple discussion to take place. The public can attend the hearing or sign up to speak by calling the City Clerk's office or going on-line. By watching the proceedings on cable TV, you can find out when your number is coming up, in case you cannot attend the hearing for the entire day. It is true that we have been discussing the waterfront issue for a long time, but in a debate as important as this one, it is critical that we that we proceed to the finish line in a judicious and deliberate way, listening to all our Council Members, and to the calm and reasoned leadership embodied in Vice Mayor Silberberg's compromise.

Helen R. Desfosses
Alexandria

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Competing For Parking

To the Editor:

The Burke Library on Seminary Road is a great facility with courteous staff and lots of material. Too bad no one will be able to use it. Since the Alexandria school system moved an office into the building, parking has become exceedingly tight. In the past week I tried unsuccessfully to find a parking spot for two consecutive days. I was forced to park alongside a fence (illegally).

I urge our city manager to direct the schools to park a portion of their vehicles somewhere else so that library patrons can access a library. I urge all users of this branch to contact elected officials and apprise them of this issue.

Philip Beck
Alexandria

Help Save Eldercrafters

To the Editor:

This is an unabashed plea for someone, perhaps a developer, to help save Eldercrafters, the wonderful store across the street from Gadsby's Tavern that sells only crafts made by senior citizens.

More than half of the crafters who sell their handmade wares at the store live in Alexandria or its surrounding Northern Virginia neighborhoods.

The city, which owns the building, needs to sell the property due to well-known budget challenges. City officials have given Eldercrafters, a nonprofit, discounted rent for years.

But unless the nonprofit they can find a developer to do the same or find another solution — perhaps sharing space with another charitable organization — we could lose this treasure.

Like many Alexandria residents, I've shopped at Eldercrafters for years. Nephews, nieces, and local charities have been blessed by handmade blankets, bibs, jewelry, toys, cards, and other gifts. This is all I could think to do, to invite my fellow Alexandrians to help our seniors.

Pat Rizzuto
Alexandria

Responsive Teachers

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, Feb. 27 an incident occurred outside Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy. Tragically, Officer Peter Laboy was shot and is fighting to survive. Many of the parents of children at Lyles-Crouch would like to thank the officer for his service and we are praying for a full recovery for him. But we would also like to draw attention to the quick actions of two of the school's teachers who kept our children safe.

At the time of the shooting, two first grade classes were enjoying recess on the playground. I have twin girls and although they are in separate classes they were both outside. I'm sure I'm not the only parent whose imagination considered the possibility of those bullets making their way into the playground area. We have learned from our children that when the blast was heard the teachers — Ms. Jaimee Cruz-Menendez and Ms. Erin Gagnon — swiftly gathered the children and ushered them inside to safety. Ms.

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Coping with Memory Loss

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR,
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXAN-
DRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria is bringing in March like a lion with our March speaker series and the Generation-to-Generation Gala. You won't want to miss either of these events. The topic of our March Speaker Series is on "Maintaining Memory and Coping with its Loss," on Wednesday, March 13 from 9:30 a.m. - noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This is a health issue that all seniors and families will face at some point in their lives, and it is comforting to know that there are a number of valuable resources in our area that can help. At the March event, you'll hear local experts from:

- ❖ AARP
- ❖ Arden Courts
- ❖ Care Options
- ❖ City of Alexandria's Division of Aging & Adult Services
- ❖ Life & Estate Planning Law Center, and
- ❖ Wise Mind Solutions.

"We hope that many people and not just seniors will take advantage of this learning opportunity. Preparation and knowledge are vital when the unexpected happens to a loved one. This event is an important one," commented Janet Barnett, executive director at Senior Services of Alexandria.

These experts will discuss how to keep your memory sharp, important legal issues, and programs to support families, caregivers and those who struggle with memory loss. Attendees

will have the opportunity to speak directly with the panelists, collect important literature and learn games and exercises that help stimulate the mind. Light refreshments will be served and seating is limited for this free event. Sign up at www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

SSA's 2013 Generation-to-Generation Gala is March 23, 6 - 11 p.m. at the Hilton Mark Center. Go to www.seniorservicesalex.org to see this year's honorees or to purchase tickets.

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They too verified that colleges throughout the United States reported large increases in the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions experienced by students attending their schools. In many ways this is progress for those with serious mental health conditions can now achieve academic success and hopefully employment and financial independence.

Students from 48 states responded. Thirty seven percent were between 18 and 22, 26 percent between 23 and 27, 15 percent between 28 and 32 and the rest 33 and older. Most (82 percent) were white, most female (82 percent) and most straight (78 percent.) The types of illnesses varied with 27 percent reporting depression, 24 percent bipolar disorder, 11 percent anxiety, six percent schizophrenia, 6 percent PTSD, five percent ADHD. Another 12 percent were classified as other which included borderline personality disorder, eating disorders, autism spectrum disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, schizoaffective disorder and dysthymia.

As for status, 59 percent were attending four-years private or public colleges, 19 percent, community colleges and the rest online, technical or specialty schools.

When those who had dropped out were asked if they were no longer attending college because of a mental health related reason, 64 percent said yes. One student commented "A depressive episode made it impossible for me to go to classes and I did

not get help until it was too late and I was withdrawn and I could never afford the cost to go back because I lost my scholarship for being withdrawn." Losing financial aid and scholarships was a frequent reason for why students dropped out, and didn't return, particularly if they were not allowed to change to part time status. According to the survey, more than 45 percent of those who stopped attending college did not receive accommodations and 50 percent did not access mental health services and supports even if they were available.

One of the biggest reasons for not seeking help or accommodations was the fear that their information would become part of a permanent record and reviewed negatively. They also worried that it would change how students, faculty and staff perceived them and did not believe their medical information would remain confidential. Fifty percent of those with mental health conditions did not disclose them. One of the most interesting facts teased out was the perception by students that stigma ran high in mental health degree programs.

The students surveyed noted that while college websites provided a great deal of information, information about mental health services was hard to find and often the students themselves did not realize that disability resource centers, present on most campuses, were there to serve those with mental illnesses and disabilities as well as physical. Better communication, peer support and adequately trained mental health

providers were what those who were dissatisfied sought. Those who found services good, praised the coordination of services, the qualifications and caring attitude of staff and supportive fellow students and faculty.

One college newspaper, the Whitman College Pioneer, published the results of their own survey earlier this year, a survey that mirrored national surveys on the issue of mental health and attitudes toward mental illness. More students are coming to college with mental illness diagnoses, their estimate was one in four of those at Whitman that took the survey. Counseling staff said more students were coming to them with more severe problems and almost all of those surveyed said they kept their feelings hidden. Those who did try to discuss their depression or self-injurious behavior with fellow students said they were often misunderstood or told to get over it or stop being negative. Again as in national studies, the most common illnesses reported were depression, anxiety, PTSD or a panic disorder.

Many colleges, particularly public ones have had to deal with shrinking budgets in recent years at the same time as the need for more health services has grown. Here in Virginia we have moved closer to improving services at public colleges by improving the links between these colleges and mental health services in the community.

One piece of legislation that passed this session, a bill by Del. Scott Surovell of Mount Vernon, would require the State

Board for Community Colleges to develop a mental health referral policy that would require community colleges to designate at least one individual at each college to serve as a point of contact with an emergency services system clinician at a local community services board or another qualified mental health services provider for screenings and referrals of students who may have emergency or urgent mental health needs. Northern Virginia Community College, one of the largest in the country with eight campuses and 78,000 students already had an understanding with local community service boards signed about four years ago.

Mike Gilmore, executive director of the Alexandria Community Services Board, noted that "The five Community Services Board executive directors in Northern Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William) recently renewed our memorandum of understanding with Northern Virginia Community College that addresses much of the intent of this legislation. We welcome the opportunity to strengthen this agreement and extend it to George Mason University and other four year colleges in the area. Mental illness often becomes apparent at the age when many young people are in college so it is important for community providers to do all we can to develop strong ties to colleges."

Another pair of bills by state Sen. Chap Petersen and Del. Timothy Hugo also

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passed. These would affect four-year public colleges. The legislation provides that the governing board of each public college may establish written memoranda of understanding with its local community services board or behavioral health authority and with local hospitals and other local mental health facilities in order to expand the scope of services available to students seeking treatment. The bill requires each memorandum to designate a contact person to be notified when a student is involuntarily committed or when a student is discharged from a facility and consents to

such notification. The bill also require each memorandum to include the institution in the post-discharge planning of a student who has been committed and intends to return to campus, to the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws.

These laws when signed by the governor should strengthen the communication between community services and colleges, particularly emergency services. While it won't change student or staff attitudes, it will provide one more layer of services for students who at the same time are working to learn and working to recover from illness.

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Gagnon even scooped up one of the students who was on crutches to move him inside without delay. I, and many other parents would like to commend these teachers for their prompt, protective actions. Thank you for teaching our children well and keeping them safe. In addition, we owe thanks to our Principal Dr. Zissios for her ongoing leadership.

Tiffany Pache
 Alexandria

promise would promote the economic well-being of our city while advancing the needed improvements to protect and enhance our waterfront. Its adoption may satisfy the interests of competing sides on the issue, help heal the wounds and bring a rational closure to this divisive issue.

As early as December of 2011, Ms. Silberberg opined in the Washington Post about compromise on the Alexandria Waterfront development issue. Now vice mayor, Silberberg displays courage in proposing compromise in the face of some seemingly entrenched positions. I applaud her courage and vision as I did Councilwoman Pepper for her leadership on this fractious issue last year.

I encourage the mayor and other council members to support the vice mayor's proposal, advance the issue and help heal our community. Patsy Ticer was right to describe Vice Mayor Silberberg as "a voice of reason"!

Ken Hill
 Alexandria

Rational Compromise

To the Editor:

A leader has stepped forward to advance a rational compromise on the Waterfront plan not unlike Councilwoman Del Pepper did last year. Vice Mayor Silberberg's proposed adjustment limiting new hotels in the Waterfront Plan to one would protect our precious resources and the quality of our environment. Further, this com-

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Belle Haven Elegance



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Community Prays for Laboy

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Laboy since 1996 and has been his supervisor for the past three years. "Everybody loves him. He's the kind of guy people remember. He is an energetic guy who wants to do his job. He's always the first to volunteer for anything," Thompson said.

"He's a very involved officer. He not only does what is required, he does more. You can always count on Peter to be there in a supportive role. He's an active, engaged, and involved officer who cares about the city. Peter volunteers for a lot of things. I know he is engaged in the city as a private person and as a police officer as well," Baker added.

Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne worked with Laboy back when Lawhorne served on the Alexandria Police Department. Like everyone else, Lawhorne and his staff were devastated by the news of Laboy's injury but remain hopeful for a miraculous recovery. "He has always been committed to serving the public and to his mission as a law enforcement officer," Lawhorne said.

Those who are not personally acquainted with Laboy are equally impacted by what happened to him. Charles Flinn III, an Alexandria resident and retired Prince George's County fire captain with a total of 34 years of service in public safety, said: "It goes to show how dangerous being a policeman is. What was so bad that it caused him [the suspect] to shoot this police of-

ficer? It's a real tragedy."

John Porter, retired principal of T.C. Williams High School, worked many events with Laboy. "He's just a wonderful person, a good family man and a very dedicated person. We're all hoping and praying it will work out in all the ways we want it to work out. It's so serious and so senseless," Porter said.

Burke Brownfeld has known Laboy since 1998 when he first volunteered with the department. Brownfeld summed up the essence of Laboy: "He is truly a kind, good, and positive person. Beyond the image of the motorcycle and the uniform and the badge is a truly wonderful person named Peter Laboy."

Since the age of 2, Laboy wanted to be a cop. "Being a policeman was a career to him," Milner said.

"Having served as Peter's sergeant many years ago, I know how strong he is," said Hassan Aden, chief of the Greenville Police Department in Greenville, N.C., and former APD deputy chief where he served for 25 years. "He is a fighter who perseveres and overcomes challenges. He is now facing the biggest challenge of his life, and he is making incredible progress. He is loved by so many, and he knows it. He will not give up."

Karen L. Bune is a freelance writer; she serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason and Marymount universities.

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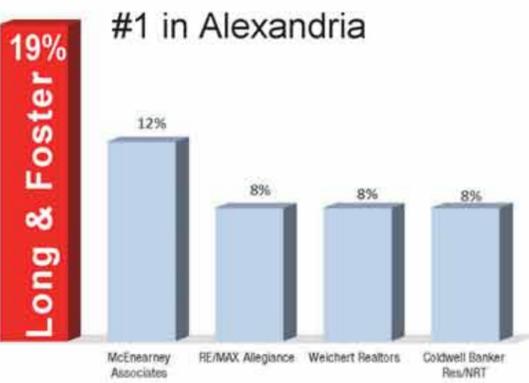
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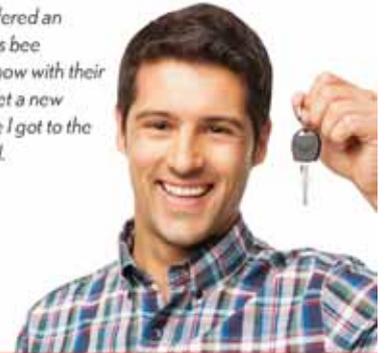
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Performance. 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St. See "The Young Spectaculars and the Front Yard Adventure." \$8/person and can be purchased at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

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Children's Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The NOVA Alexandria Band, John Adams Elementary School Orff Ensemble and more will perform to celebrate Music in our Schools month. Free, but parking is \$6.

Music Performance. Elaine Page performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

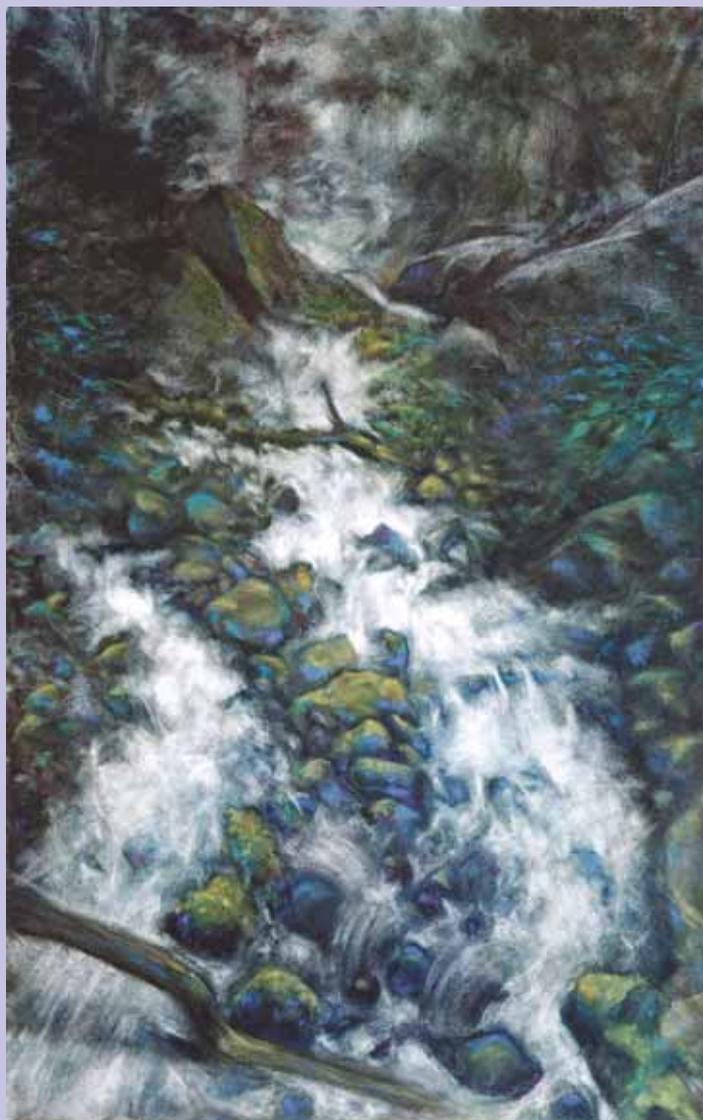
MARCH 7 THROUGH APRIL 1

Art Exhibit. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. "State of Emergency," Sabyna Sterrett's exhibition of woven repurposed plastic bags and products, will be featured in The Art League Gallery, at 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

FRIDAY/MARCH 8

Performance. Megan Mullally and Stephanie Hunt perform "Nancy & Beth" at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Mardi Growl Gala. 7-10 p.m. at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Enjoy music by a N'awlins jazz band, silent auction, raffle, beverages and more. \$85/single; \$150/pair of tickets. All proceeds benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org



Oregon Waterfall, Tony Frye, 32" x 46", mixed media

Vander Zee Foundation Art Auction

The Vander Zee Foundation's 8th Annual Art Auction will be held Saturday, March 9 from 6:30-9 p.m. The Vander Zee Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to educational opportunities for artists in the D.C. area. The Vander Zee Gallery is located at 105 South Lee St. in Old Town Alexandria. This year's auction offers bidders the work of more than 30 artists. Everything from abstraction to realism will be on display for bidding. Rob Vander Zee, owner of the Vander Zee Gallery, has donated 20 original paintings. The silent auction runs from 6:30-9 p.m. and the live auction will start at 8 p.m. Visit www.vanderzeeart.com.

MardiGrowl for more.

Theater Production. 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. See "The Drawer Boy." \$18/adult; \$16/student, senior; \$14/groups of 10 or more.

Performance. 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St. See "The Young Spectaculars and the Front Yard Adventure." \$8/person and can be purchased at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door.

Classical Potpourri. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and more. \$15/advance or \$20/door. Buy online at InstantSeats.com.

Book Reading. 7 p.m. Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., will host author Pat Britz for a special reading and activity program with children. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the world around with favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

"Antiques in Alexandria" Guided Show Tour. 11 a.m. Take a guided tour of the exhibitors' booths at the

"Antiques in Alexandria" Show with museum professionals from the Office of Historic Alexandria. Located at 6715 Commerce St. \$25. Visit www.antiquesinalexandria.info or call 703-548-7469.

Speakeasy at "Antiques in Alexandria." 6-9 p.m. Experience what it was like to visit a speakeasy back in the 1920s. Listen to the swingin' sounds of the '20's, dance the Charleston, enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and drink cocktails from the era of bootleg booze. Located at 6715 Commerce St. \$50. Visit www.antiquesinalexandria.info or call 703-548-7469.

Reception. 6-9 p.m. A Show of Hands will be featuring two photographers, Bill Coyle and Steve Ainsworth, and painter Enid Romanek through the end of March, beginning with a reception Friday evening. Located at 2301 Mt Vernon Ave. Visit www.ashowofhands.biz or call 703-683-2905.

MARCH 8-17

Theater Performance. March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. March 10 and 17 at 3 p.m. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's



Spring Classes

Registration is now open for spring classes beginning April 1. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

"My Son Pinocchio." This production will be performed at Bryant Alternative High School on Popkins Lane. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit www.mvccct.org/ to pre-order tickets.

SATURDAY/MARCH 9

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will play music for the woodwind quintet. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil/.

Theater Production. 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. See "The Drawer Boy." \$18/adult; \$16/student, senior; \$14/groups of 10 or more.

Performance. 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St. See "The Young Spectaculars and the Front Yard Adventure." \$8/person and can be purchased at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door.

Power Art. 3 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features nationally touring art quilts. Power Suits curator Cyndi Souder will speak and display additional pieces from the collection. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

March Madness. 10 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Enjoy a book sale and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Celtic Jewelry Workshop. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Shannyn will lead this workshop full of Celtic symbols, beads, clover bobbles and more. Attendance is limited. Call 703-746-1743 to register. Free.

History Symposium. 8:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about what was happening in the United States during World War II and what makes 1942 important for Green Springs. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173 to register.

Movie Screening. 1:30 p.m. See the next film in the "Saturday Matinee at Duncan" series at the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Call 703-746-1705.

Music Recital. 7:30 p.m. Hear "Abraham and Isaac," "A Charm of Lullabies," folksong arrangements and more at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Featuring performances by Benjamin Britten, Barbara Hollinshead, Matt Heil and Betty Bullock. \$20/adults; \$10/students and teachers; \$15/

seniors. Call 703-765-4342.

Art Auction. 6:30-9 p.m. The Vander Zee Foundation's 8th Annual Art Auction will feature the work of over 30 artists on display for bidding. The Vander Zee Gallery is located at 105 South Lee St. Visit www.vanderzeeart.com.

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Appraisal Clinic at "Antiques in Alexandria." 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Specialists from The Potomack Company will share their knowledge of porcelain, silver, jewelry, paintings, furniture and other fine and decorative arts. Located at 6715 Commerce St. \$10 per item appraised. Visit www.antiquesinalexandria.info or call 703-548-7469.

Lecture at "Antiques in Alexandria." 11 a.m. Have brunch with Mary Douglas Drysdale, an American design icon, and hear her discuss varied projects, which bridge tradition with modern. Located at 6715 Commerce St. \$50. Visit www.antiquesinalexandria.info or call 703-548-7469.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. 12-4:30 p.m. Experience this unique living history program as you learn a skill all 18th-century gentleman must know—swordplay. Located at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. \$6. Visit www.gadsbys-tavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Performance. Enjoy Todd Snider's Traveling "What the Folk" show, featuring Elizabeth Cook, Chuck Mead and more. Doors open at 6 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

THROUGH MARCH 9

Theater Production. Port City Playhouse's third production of the 2012-13 season is "The Drawer Boy" by Michael Healey, directed by Jennifer Lyman. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, March 1-2 at 8-9; and Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane.

Theatre Production. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School presents "The Wiz" March 1, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and March 2 at 2 p.m. Located at 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2950.

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MARCH 9 THROUGH MARCH 17

Art Exhibit. March Fundraiser exhibit at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

SUNDAY/MARCH 10

Power of Mixed Media Workshop. 1-5 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Join Judy Guia of Artistic Artifacts to make a "power art necklace" using vintage, recycled materials. \$55 (includes kit). Register by March 6 at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/art-necklace.

Winter Lecture. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Janet Davis will show how to pamper pollinators, beguile butterflies and boost birds in a garden. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

Film Fest. In honor of Women's History Month watch "A League of Their Own" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Fundraising Performance. 5 p.m. Come see the world premiere performance of "Ladies Swing the Blues" at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Proceeds benefit the Parent Leadership Training Institute of Alexandria. Tickets are \$75 and include a dinner buffet and silent auction prior to the show. Visit www.plti-alex.org or call 703-739-0233.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. Come learn about Alexandria's history with the Civil War at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Performance. Leon Redbone performs with Evan Young at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

MONDAY/MARCH 11

Tavern Toddlers. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, or purchase a 5-week pass for \$30. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbys-tavern.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 12

Music. George Thorogood & the Destroyers perform in the Flex Stage at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., at 7:30 p.m. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave.



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'The Drawer Boy' Talk Back

The cast of "The Drawer Boy" discuss the critically-acclaimed play during an audience Talk Back following the March 1 performance at Port City Playhouse. Shown are actors P. Spencer Tamny, Daniel G. Westbrook, Elliott Bales and director Jennifer Lyman. The show continues at 1819 N. Quaker Lane through March 9. For tickets or more information, visit info@PortCityPlayhouse.org.

Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1705.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Top Chef Competition. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children 8-12 can showcase skills and creativity to try and become a top chef. Free. 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 13

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Spanish Story Time. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages and abilities can enjoy stories in Spanish. Free. 703-746-1702.

Nature Program. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children in grades K-5 can learn about various artifacts and animals. Free. 703-746-1704.

Lego Family Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The whole family can enjoy an evening of creative play. Free. 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/MARCH 14

Toast to Fashion. 6:30-10 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club. Enjoy a fashion show, marketplace, raffle and more. Benefits the Campagna Center. Visit www.campagnacenter.org to purchase tickets.

Open Discussion. 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Low Vision Tea and Talk "Do you know what I know?" discussion with Gloria Sussman. Call 703-746-1760.

Thursday Art Night. 6-9 p.m. "Spring Awakening" at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. Browse three floors of open studios and galleries, converse with artists and enjoy refreshments at this monthly event. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/thursday.htm

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Healthy Families Alexandria presents "Ladies Swing the Blues" to benefit early childhood intervention programs. \$75/person. Register at <https://give.nvfs.org/pages/event->

registrations/metrostage-registration or call 571-438-7715.

An Evening With Cowboy Junkies. Includes a complete performance of "Black Eyed Man" at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Library Speed Dating. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Book lovers can share love of books to find a literary better half. Prizes will be awarded. Free. 703-746-1751 to reserve a spot.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Art Party. 7-10 p.m. at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Get a discount on artwork, enjoy prizes, music, games, wings and more. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Live Music. 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Mount Vernon Swing Band will perform at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Going for the Green Spring Silent Auction. 6:30 p.m. at Fort Hunt Elementary School. Music will be provided by DJ Bob, food and facepainting will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle.

MARCH 15-16

The Average White Band. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Visit www.averagewhiteband.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Conversations and Stories. 2:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Local artist/storyteller Sushmita Mazumdar will read from her books and more. \$20/including tea and cookies.

Andrew Jackson Birthday Gala Dinner and Fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Features a catered dinner, auction and more. \$20/person which will go to one of three scholarship funds. Visit www.andrewjackson120.org.

Poetry and Book-Making Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., lead by artists Stacy Rauch and D.J. Gaskin. Create a journal and personal poems. \$75 (includes supplies). Register by March 8 www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/bookmaking.

Touch-A-Truck. 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road. Explore fire trucks, police cars and other vehicles. This is a hands-on event, so horns will be sounded and more. \$5/person, children under 2 are free. Proceeds benefit Fort Hunt Preschool. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events for more.

Civil War Artillery Projectile Presentation. 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., 30-minute presentations will be offered. Come learn about the projectiles used in the Civil War at Fort Ward, located at 4301 West Braddock Road. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dance Performance. The Choreographers Collaboration Project presents their Spring Modern Dance

Concert at T.C. Williams High School auditorium, 3330 King St. The concert is inspired by public art pieces and public locations in Alexandria. Adults/\$10; ages 12-17/\$5; kids under 12/free. Visit www.ccpdance.org or call 703-683-2070.

Auction. The Potomack Company's Spring Catalogue Sale will feature two works by Andy Warhol, as well as Asian art, Tiffany jewelry and southern antique furniture. The Potomack Company is located at 1120 N. Fairfax St. Visit www.potomackcompany.com.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

SUNDAY/MARCH 17

African Drumming Workshop. 2-3:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Susan Berning leads the interactive rhythms. Bring own drum, bell or shaker, or ask to borrow one. \$5/person or \$15/family. Contact Susan Berning at 443-761-0165 or sberning@worldportico.com.

Film Fest. In honor of Women's History Month watch "The Queen" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Watch Awards 2013. 7 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$15. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500. Visit www.washingtontheater.org for nominees.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Virtue Feed and Grain, located 106 S. Union St. Visit www.virtuefeedandgrain.com or call 571-970-3669.



3rd Annual Fundraiser

The Target Gallery and the March of Dimes are teaming with their 3rd annual exhibition fundraiser March150, March 9-17, 2013. The show includes 200 panels of artwork created by local artists for \$150 each. There will also be a free children's art activity on Sunday, March 10 and the Art Party on March 15, 7-10 p.m. Art Party tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Taking over the first floor of the Art Center, tickets include:

More than 200 panels created by local artists, each \$100 (regularly \$150) during the Art Party. Hidden behind select panels and also available for raffle are tickets to an exclusive dinner party where guests may enjoy each course in a different studio at the Torpedo Factory, meet the artists and learn more about their work.

Visit the "Gum Art" painting, make a wearable mini-collage at the button making station, and smile pretty in the custom photo-booth. Sample wings by Foster's Grill, Chadwicks, and Austin's Grille, then vote for your favorite. Pizza provided by Bugsy's, Cash Bar with beer by Port City Brewery, snacks and more.

Torpedo Factory Art Center is at 105 N Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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Lot 194: Flowers, 1970
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Robinson Terminal South	139,141	327,393	380,529	380,529
Cummings/Turner Block	70,732	124,760	124,760*	187,140
Totals	301,687	647,449	744,105	806,485

Difference: 345,762 96,656 62,380
 * There is no settlement agreement for the Cummings/Turner block. Current zoning is shown.
 ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Waterfront Rezoning

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the city would be willing to meet the threshold of a supermajority vote to adopt the zoning. When the plan was under consideration last year, it failed gain supermajority support because both Republicans opposed the effort. Now that Democrats have moved the election from May to November, when a record number of Democrats were expected at the polls, both Republicans have been ousted.

"The public has spoken," said Planning Commission member Eric Wagner. "We are not talking about the plan anymore; we are talking about implementing the plan."

CURRENTLY, THE THREE sites slated for redevelopment have about 300,000 square feet of development. The existing zoning would allow developers to more than double that density, building 650,000 square feet — a scale that's already concerning to some. But the plan now under consideration would almost triple the density compared to what's there now, allowing for more than 800,000 square feet. Supporters say that increased density will allow for more city revenues and benefits from developers.

"This may sound to some of my friends and neighbors to be an overreaching aspirational statement, but we believe that the city can work in a very positive collaborative manner to produce reasonable quality development on the waterfront," said Val Hawkins, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "We believe that it is time to approve and put in place the proposed zoning and text amendment before you to allow implementation of the plan."

Opponents say the increased density will choke Old Town streets and making existing parking troubles worse. They fear allowing underground parking at the new buildings along the waterfront is an invitation to flooding, and that the concerns of immediate neighbors are being cast aside for the benefit of residents who live in other parts of the city. Although the City Council public hearing featured many speakers in

favor of the plan last year, the Planning Commission hearing this week was dominated by opponents. Many of the speakers called for the city to let the legal cases conclude before moving forward with the zoning change.

"Let the Iron Ladies have their day in court," said Mark Mueller, referring to the three woman who filed the lawsuit now before the Virginia Supreme Court. "Let the city have its day in court."

NEWLY ELECTED Councilwoman Allison Silberberg is trying to build support for a potential compromise, reducing the number of hotels allowed on the waterfront from two to one. Although she campaigned on a platform that opposed the waterfront plan, Silberberg now says that she might be able to change her position as part of a compromise. This week, she said she could vote for the increased density if the plan is changed to limit hotel development to one "boutique" hotel with 150 rooms.

"The plan, while improved over time, is not visionary enough," said Silberberg. "So I'm not just criticizing it, I'm putting forth something that I feel that the citizens can find middle ground on."

Another issue that will be facing council is whether or not citizens can file a protest petition to challenge a text amendment to the zoning ordinance. That's when the text of the ordinance is changed to account for anything from transportation to flood mitigation. City leaders say the code has a mistake that implies residents can file such a petition, and that it was never the intention of the code for residents to be able to force a supermajority of council members to approve these kinds of changes. Planning Commission members debated this point well after midnight, eventually approving a motion that would retain the ability of residents to challenge changes to the zoning map, but not the text of the zoning ordinance.

"I'm skeptical of supermajorities," said Nate Macek, one of the three new Planning Commission members. "I don't think it works well for California, and I don't think it works well for the United States."

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Music In the Air

ASO celebrates Kim Allen Kluge.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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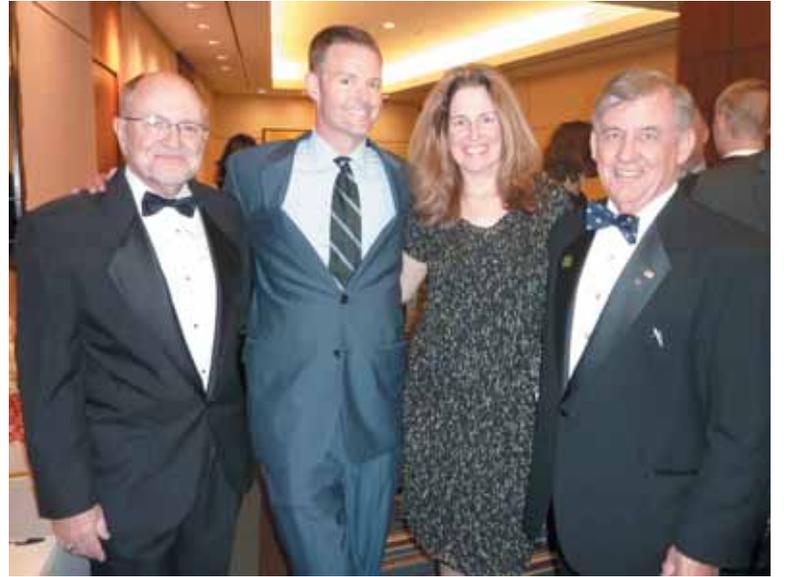
The Symphony League of Alexandria held its 26th annual Symphony Ball and Auction March 2, celebrating 25 years of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge at the helm of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

Held at the Carlyle Westin Hotel, more than 300 people turned out for the annual black-tie event that raises funds to support the ASO and its programs.

Entertainment was provided by the Familiar Jazz Group with local man-about-town Gant Redmon acting as auctioneer for a live auction that included the ASO Wine Cellar, a trip to Tuscany, a Tabriz Oriental carpet by J&J Oriental Rug Gallery, a Potomac Riverboat cruise for 30 people aboard the Admiral Tilp and a private reception and perfor-



Board member Ted Stark with ASO staff Jessica Wisser, Ryan Jordan and Patricia Germann.



John Porter, Bryan Porter, Alison Silberberg and John Renner.

mance by Kluge at the home of ASO board chairman Ronal Butler.

Working with Hope for the War-

riors for the third consecutive year, Miriam Browning coordinated with Admiral and Mrs. Roy Snyder

(ret.) to sponsor several members of the U.S. military to attend as guests for the evening.

For more information on the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, visit www.alexsym.org.



Dina Calderon, Hershey Calderon, Jeff Murphy, Emilia Bernal, DuBis Downs and Richard Downs.



SOLA co-president Sharon Walker, right, presents Maestro Kim Allen Kluge a framed copy of one of the early ASO posters.



Gincy Carosi, Donnan Wintermute and Ted Stark.



Gant Redmon served as the evening's auctioneer.

SOLA Hosts Patrons Party

The Symphony Orchestras League of Alexandria held its annual Patrons Party on Feb. 23 at the home of Dr. Joseph and Bertha Braddock in Alexandria. The party was a prelude to the upcoming gala, "25 Years of Music and the Maestro," honoring the 25th anniversary of music director Kim Allen Kluge.



Dr. Joseph Braddock welcomes Stephen Winchell to his home at the annual SOLA Patrons Party.



President of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra board of trustees Ronal Butler and his wife Martha Lloyd.



Jane Ring is joined by patron party chair Ruth Kupperschlag and SOLA co-president Sharon Walker.

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Alexandria Town Crier Ben Fiorre-Walker announces "The Parade is coming," to the overflow crowds along King Street on Saturday afternoon.



The 2012 Washington, D.C. Rose of Tralee Briana Apgar waves to friends in the crowd.



Members of the International Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade stand at the reviewing stand with other Vietnam veterans for a special tribute. This year's parade was dedicated to all those who served in the Vietnam War.

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The Ballyshaner's St. Patrick's Day Parade

St. Patrick's Day Parade pays tribute to Vietnam veterans.

In what was perhaps the biggest turnout since its inception, Alexandria celebrated its Irish heritage March 2 and paid tribute to Vietnam Veterans in the 32nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Sponsored by The Ballyshaners, the parade was founded by Pat Troy, who officially stepped down as organizer following this year's event. Showcasing veterans, military service members and local dignitaries, the

parade was led by local restaurateur and former NHL great Brian "Bugsy" Watson, who served as grand marshal.

An antique car show and dog show preceded the parade, where thousands gath-

ered to observe a moment of silence for critically injured Alexandria Police Officer Peter Laboy as the motor unit of the APD paused in front of the reviewing stand.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Old Town resident Danny Smith hails from the Gadsby's Tavern Museum group.



The Alexandria Pipes & Drums parade down the main thoroughfare.



U.S. Rep. James Moran drives Bob Geier's replica of a 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile down the parade route to the reviewing stand.



President of the Nam Knights of America Motor Club, Grey Ghost Chapter, Mike "Kodak" Eastman, pauses at the reviewing stand with his fellow club members for a special tribute honoring their service to this country during the Vietnam War.



Mike McCabe, president of the Monsignor Francis L. Bradican Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, also known as Fairfax County Division Number 2 appears as St. Patrick in the Alexandria parade.



Alexandria resident and owner of the Shamrock Supply Co and Del Ray Pizzeria Mike "Twister" Mallon rides the service van for the Nam Knights in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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2013 Grand Marshall of the parade, Brian "Bugsy" Watson is escorted to the reviewing stand by Ballyshaner Danny Sheehan.



The ambassador to the United States from Ireland, Michael Collins, addresses the crowd for the last time as he has been designated to be the next ambassador to Germany representing Ireland.



U.S. Army Major General Don Hilbert addresses the Vietnam veterans in tribute to their service.



Doug Perez and Daffy of Damascus, Md., ride down the parade route.



A wolfhound from the Potomac Valley Wolfhound Club stops to greet a few young parade watchers.

The Irish flag is carried by members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.



Hard Times Café brought the Unicorn with Princess Kelly, a day cook at the Café, as the leprechaun on the back of the company truck to cheers from the crowd.



The Washington D.C. Fire Department Pipes & Drums.



Scouts from Pack 1520 salute dignitaries on the reviewing stand as they march by.



Children playing for the Alexandria Rugby team re-form before approaching the reviewing stand.



Ian Hargreaves from Centreville, Va., balances his Alp horn on the way back from the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Hargreaves is a member of the Alt Washingtonia Bavarian Dance Club.

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Budgeting

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While local governments elsewhere were laying off firefighters and teachers, governments in Northern Virginia experienced record levels of spending and an all-time-high number of employees. In the last four years, Fairfax County has added about 1,400 jobs. Arlington and Alexandria have added more than 200 jobs.

"In the last decade, they've doubled our real-estate taxes so county employees could retire at 55," said Arthur Purves, president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. "It's unfair that our taxes should be doubled so that county employees can have better benefits than taxpayers themselves have."

"Local governments are in the Twilight Zone with Rod Serling. Nobody knows exactly what the impact of the sequester will be, so all the local governments have to assume a worst-case scenario."

— Frank Shafroth, director, Center for State and Local Government Leadership at George Mason University

In some cases, workers could be forced to take one unpaid day off each week or every two weeks through September — a 20 percent pay cut. The combined influence of all that uncertainty means 46 staff positions eliminated in Arlington.

"The county has experienced significant state budget cuts since fiscal year 2009 that for the most part have not been restored," said Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan when she presented her proposal to the County Board last week. "Additionally, near and longer-term effects of the federal budget crisis and possible sequestration will impact direct aid to the county and will indirectly impact non-real estate tax revenue sources."

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Dog Show

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Judge Daniel O'Flaherty accompanies his daughter Lucelle and Kay, the dog to the annual Fun Dog Show.

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James Burnham and Buster took first place for dog/owner look-alike.



Alexis Babcock and Mercer took first place for handsomest male dog.



Haley Shield brought Ginger Snap and the leprechaun to the show.

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— LOUISE KRAFFT

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FISCAL YEAR 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

A summary of the City of Alexandria's proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget is set out below. Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget for the City of Alexandria. The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Persons wishing to speak on the proposed budget may sign up prior to the public hearing by calling the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at (703) 746-4550. Presenters are requested to provide a copy of their text to the City Clerk and Clerk of Council. Persons with disabilities who wish to request an accommodation for this public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at (703) 746-4550 (TTY/TDD (703) 838-5056) five days prior to March 11, 2013.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2014

	General Fund PROPOSED FY 2014 (1)	All Funds PROPOSED FY 2014 (2)	FY 2014 Capital Improvements (3)
City Council	\$528,492	\$528,492	
City Manager	2,425,804	2,425,804	
City Attorney	2,712,845	2,712,845	
City Clerk and Clerk of Council	463,703	463,703	
18th Circuit Court	\$1,588,237	\$1,588,237	
18th General District Court	62,452	62,452	
Clerk of Courts	1,658,636	1,658,636	
Commonwealth's Attorney	2,782,994	3,040,564	
Court Service Unit	1,580,211	1,769,111	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	36,129	36,129	
Law Library	120,613	176,778	
Other Public Safety and Judicial Activities	5,441,436	5,625,613	\$1,415,465
Registrar of Voters	1,210,557	1,210,557	
Sheriff	28,846,435	29,686,850	\$1,030,000
Finance	\$11,085,525	\$11,742,311	
General Services	12,490,867	12,567,780	\$6,178,000
Human Rights	648,893	691,955	
Information Technology Services	8,223,237	8,350,997	\$6,264,000
Internal Audit	722,283	722,283	
Management and Budget	1,262,457	1,262,457	
Non-Departmental - Debt Service	56,036,003	56,036,003	
Non-Departmental - Contingent Reserve	270,000	270,000	
Non-Departmental - Insurance, Memberships, Other	12,326,159	13,326,159	
Human Resources	2,991,571	2,997,571	
Real Estate Assessments	1,843,230	1,843,230	
Office of Communications & Public Information	1,903,471	1,903,471	
Fire	\$41,358,688	\$44,079,839	\$1,294,000
Code Administration	820,029	6,350,244	
Emergency Communications	6,672,099	6,672,099	
Police	54,746,556	56,999,591	\$490,000
Alexandria Health Department	6,842,177	6,866,692	
Community and Human Services	51,025,333	90,594,880	
Other Health Activities	1,374,000	1,374,000	
Housing	2,297,972	3,278,004	
Economic Development Activities	5,085,724	5,085,724	
Project Implementation	331,633	331,633	
Planning and Zoning	5,772,474	6,041,272	
Historic Alexandria	2,622,251	3,194,975	\$345,000
Library	6,744,445	7,184,283	\$715,000
Other Recreation Activities	272,729	272,729	\$370,854
Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities	21,083,838	21,754,243	\$5,557,773
Transit Subsidies	20,936,010	25,396,010	\$14,075,000
Transportation and Environmental Services	32,484,889	45,660,605	\$19,353,679
Other Educational Activities	\$11,785	\$11,785	\$286,927
Schools	185,486,405	243,796,757	\$10,026,609
Cash Capital	\$21,398,514	\$21,398,514	
GRAND TOTAL	\$626,629,791	\$759,043,867	\$67,402,307

Any person desiring to review the proposed budget may visit the City's website (alexandriava.gov/budget) or visit City Hall, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3630, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PROPERTY TAXES
The proposed budget includes a \$0.055 cent increase in the real property tax rate from \$0.998 cents to \$1.053 per \$100 of assessed valuation based upon an assessment ratio of 100% fair market value. It should be noted that City Council will set the maximum tax rate to be advertised at its March 12, 2013, meeting at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers and that Council may not adopt a rate that exceeds this tax rate, but may adopt an equal or lesser tax rate. The proposed budget includes an increase on the current motor vehicle personal property tax rate of \$0.25 cents from \$4.75 to \$5.00 per \$100 of assessed value. All other personal property tax rates, including vehicles specially equipped to transport persons with disabilities, which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$3.55 per \$100 of assessed value; machinery and tools, which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$4.50 per \$100 of assessed value and, privately owned boats and water craft that are used for recreational purposes only which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed value, are unchanged. Under the proposed budget, the amount of the real estate tax rate required to support existing debt service related to open space acquisition will be 0.3 percent of the total real estate tax revenues. The amount of real estate tax rate dedicated for affordable housing and to support existing debt service related to affordable housing is 0.6 cents.

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION FEE
It is proposed that the City's single family residential trash collection fee be reduced by \$20 to \$316 per household in FY 2014.

Design Public Hearing

Eisenhower Avenue Widening and Roadway Improvement Project

City of Alexandria

Thursday, April 4, 2013
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*Find out *about the project scope and tentative construction schedule.

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*Review *the project information, proposed plans, schedule and the approved environmental document at the public hearing or at City of Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 3200. You can also review the project on the City of Alexandria Web page at <http://alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=11248>. Please call ahead, 703-746-4053, to ensure the availability of personnel to answer your questions.

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*Give your written or oral comments *at the hearing or submit them by April 18, 2013, *to Lisa Jaatinen, PE., 301 King Street, Room 3200, Alexandria, VA 22314. You may also e-mail your comments to lisa.jaatinen@alexandriava.gov. Please reference "Eisenhower PH Comments" in the subject line.

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State Project# U000-100-135 Fed. # STP-5401(743)

Bishop Ireton Baseball Has High Hopes for 2013 Season

Cardinals reached state semifinals last season.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

A deep pitching staff, seven returning starters and eight seniors on the roster have Bishop Ireton baseball coach Michael Gallagher thinking big.

After losing to Good Counsel in the opening round of the 2012 WCAC tournament, the Cardinals reached the VISAA state semifinals with a victory over Liberty Christian. This year, Gallagher said the team's expectations are to win WCAC and VISAA championships.

"We feel like this is the best group we've had in four or five years."

— Bishop Ireton baseball coach Michael Gallagher

"We feel," Gallagher said after a scrimmage against West Potomac on Tuesday night, "like this is the best group we've had in four or five years."

One reason for Gallagher's optimism is a deep pitching staff led by senior right-hander Cody Hagenston, who will play for Randolph Macon next season. At 6 feet 3, 210 pounds with "good command of three different pitches," Gallagher has faith Hagenston will come through in the clutch.

"He's just a veteran," Gallagher said. "He pitched as a freshman. He's been there; he likes the ball in big situa-



Bishop Ireton catcher Corey Phillips is one of the Cardinals' best hitters.

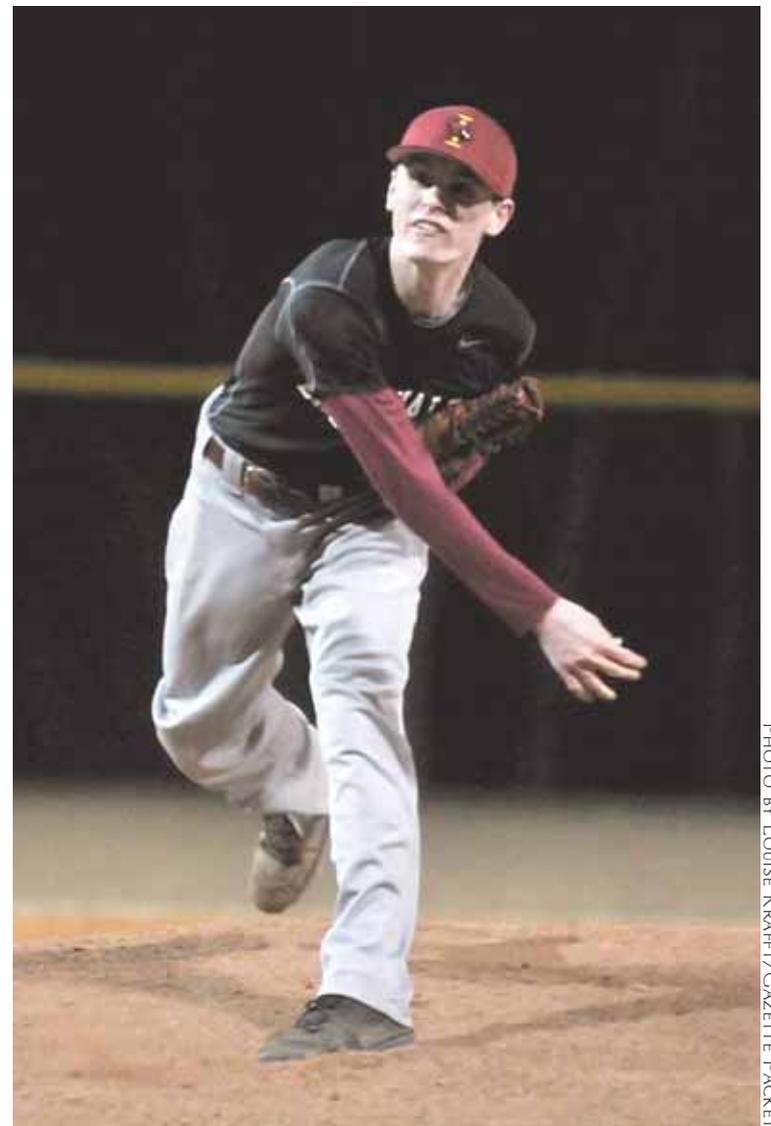
tions. So as long as he stays healthy he'll get it in big situations."

Senior right-handers John Todd, Ben Judd and Nick Tangora will also see time on the mound.

"If we can take good at-bats and find ways to put balls in play and give them a lead," Gallagher said, "we should be able to be competitive against no matter who we're playing."

Leading the way offensively for the Cardinals are co-captains Andrew Selby (George Washington) and Corey Phillips (Marymount). Selby is a senior center fielder and Phillips a senior catcher.

"They go, we go," Gallagher said, "and that's how it goes."



Bishop Ireton baseball coach Michael Gallagher said the Cardinals have a deep pitching staff this year.

Bishop Ireton will open the season at home against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at Frank Mann Field. The Cardinals will travel to Simpson Stadium to face T.C. Williams at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Seeking AVID Tutors for 2012-13 School Year. The ACPS Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program is seeking individuals willing to work 15-20 hours in a secondary school during the school year. AVID tutors will be required to assist students in their learning by facilitating content-related tutorial groups using a Socratic methodology. They also will have the opportunity to collaborate with middle school and/or high school faculty and other tutors to support and build the AVID program through college- and career-related field trips and motivational experiences. Learn more about how to apply at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/curriculum/avid/>.

Ryan S. Gribbon, daughter of Michael and Gage Gribbon and a graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

The following Virginia Military Institute cadets were named to the Dean's List for spring 2012:

- ◆William D. Alewine, senior majoring in Economics/Business. His parents are William R. Alewine and Sherry A. Smith.
- ◆Alexandra L. Hastings, sophomore majoring in Modern Languages and Cultures. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hastings Jr.
- ◆Michael W. Hixson, senior majoring in Chemistry. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Hixson.
- ◆Kenia R. Hurtado, junior majoring in International Studies. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio L. Hurtado.
- ◆Brett R. Kitchen, senior majoring in Computer Science. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce R. Kitchen.
- ◆Ray D. Montolin, junior majoring in International Studies. His parent is Lydia G. Padilla.
- ◆Ryan F. Schaedel, recent graduate, his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Schaedel.

The following Virginia Tech students were honored at the spring commencement ceremony:

Madeleine Byrnes received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree magna cum laude in civil engineering from the College of Engineering.

Austin Gage received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Christopher Boucher received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in sociology from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Liesel Benjamin received a Bachelor of Science degree in human nutrition, foods and exercise from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Nagina Bhatti received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

Robert Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the College of Engineering.

Selome Assefa received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the College of Science.

Florence Graham received a Bachelor of Architecture degree summa cum laude in architecture from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Vamseedhar Gunduboina received a

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering degree cum laude in aerospace engineering from the College of Engineering.

Elizabeth Luby received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Systems Engineering degree in biological systems engineering from the College of Engineering.

Rachel Montoni received a Bachelor of Science degree in human nutrition, foods and exercise from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Gail Carter received a Master of Natural Resources degree in Natural Resources from the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Melonie Wright was one of more than 650 University of Akron students and staff who volunteered in the Akron community for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 27. Wright is majoring in Political Science-Law, Crts, Pol at UA.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Voellm, has

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Opening Day At Simpson Field

The T.C. Williams baseball team will open the 2013 season at home against Bishop Ireton at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11. The game will also mark the 60th season of baseball at Simpson Field.

The T.C. Williams boosters invite everyone who has played on Simpson Field to join in a pregame celebration at 5:30 p.m., honoring Donald Simpson and the Simpson family for their contributions to the community and to Alexandria baseball.

WELLBEING

Mental Health Counseling Professors Honored

Cultural sensitivity at the heart of their work.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Fred Bemak and his wife Rita Chi-Ying Chung, who are both professors at George Mason University in Fairfax, recall being in Haiti shortly after the catastrophic earthquake of 2010. They went to provide mental health counseling to those traumatized by the natural disaster.

"We were working in one of the tent camps," said Bemak who, with Chung, has been a professor of counseling and development in George Mason's College of Education and Human Development since 2000. "There were tents and each contained about 30 cots. People lived side-by-side with no privacy. There was little food and little water."

They worked with a woman who was so traumatized that she had been unable to get out of bed for three months. "The traditional response is 'let's get her off to the side and speak to her alone,'" said Bemak. "But that is the Western model of therapy. When you're looking at family-oriented communities, there is a tremendous need to connect with others."

As Bemak spoke with his bed-ridden patient, others began to join the session. "We

started to talk to her and crowds started to gather around her cot," he said. "It became a huge healing intervention where for the first time in three months, she got out of her cot. We had a [session] that was conducive to the community in Haiti."

Bemak and Chung's peers will salute their dedication to human rights, social justice and culturally sensitive mental health treatment later this month when they receive two of the American Counseling Association's highest honors.

Chung will receive the Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Humanitarian and Caring Person Award, which Bemak was awarded in 2011, and Bemak will receive the Kitty Cole Human Rights Award, which Chung garnered last year. Additionally, Chung will receive the 2013 Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and Dominion Resources.

"I am deeply honored that I was even considered for these awards. It is a true honor. I feel so privileged to be in this field," said Chung, who noted that her background fuels her passion for her work.

"I am a person of color and I grew up in another country," said Chung, whose parents moved from China to New Zealand after the World War II. "Being an immigrant



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George Mason University Professors Fred Bemak and Rita Chi-Ying Chung will be honored by the American Counseling Association for their dedication to human rights, social justice and culturally sensitive mental health treatment.

to the United States myself, I understood the struggles and challenges of immigrants and refugees. A lot of counseling theories are based on western beliefs. Coming from an eastern background, I know that culture plays a major part in the way we react and respond to major life experiences."

Bemak worked as a counselor and also served as director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. "I worked with white, African American and Latino students who were struggling academically," he said. "When they came together, for many it was the first time that they'd been around people of other races."

Bemak and Chung say cultural sensitiv-

ity and insights are often lacking in mental health care. This underscores the importance of their work with Counselors Without Borders, which Bemak founded. It provides culturally responsive humanitarian counseling after disasters.

"The two of them have traveled to more than 55 countries, together and individually, where they have worked with at-risk youth, immigrants and refugees; counseled child-trafficking and post-disaster victims; and guided students of color and former child soldiers," said Catherine Probst, a spokeswoman for George Mason University.

The couple also co-authored "Social Justice Counseling: The Next Steps Beyond Multiculturalism" last year.



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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
602 JOHNSTON PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.13	22301	ROSEMONT
2917 EDDINGTON TER	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,065,000	Detached		22302	EDDINGTON TERRACE
416 LEE ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
1003 KING ST	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$985,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #621	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$975,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22314	PORTO VECCHIO
405 ORONOCO ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$830,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	CHATHAM SQUARE
723 ANNIE ROSE AVE	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$813,810	Townhouse	0.05	22301	POTOMAC YARD
1208 PITT ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	PITT ST STATION
211 UHLER AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$779,000	Detached	0.14	22301	DEL RAY
26 COCKRELL ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached	0.41	22304	ALNOR HEIGHTS
110 HARVARD ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
1114 DUKE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
4908 WAPLE LN	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
701 ANNIE ROSE AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.00	22301	POTOMAC YARD
3017 KING ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.23	22302	OVERLOOK TERRACE
904 MOUNT VERNON AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$663,000	Detached	0.12	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
24 MYRTLE E #B	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Duplex		22301	ROSEMONT
24 SUNSET DR	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.15	22301	ROSEMONT
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1301	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	THE JAMIESON
507 FRANKLIN ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$596,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
10 CUSTIS AVE W	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Detached	0.13	22301	ROSECREST
387 LIVERMORE LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
19A MYRTLE ST E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Townhouse	0.06	22301	ROSEMONT
5053 MINDA CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
516 HENRY ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	OLD TOWN SOUTH
1212 PORTNER RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
4666 KELL LN	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.07	22311	STONEGATE
26A LINDEN ST E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$567,000	Townhouse	0.06	22301	ROSEMONT
104 ROBERTS CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	SHUTERS HILL
123 GLENDALE AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	BRENTON
405 CLIFFORD AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.06	22305	WILMAR PARK
18 EARLY ST N	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.23	22304	SEMINARY / DELTA
236 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$541,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
410 BAYETTE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	SUTER
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1709	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
828 SLATERS LN #301	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	OLD TOWN CRESCENT
1023 RYNEX DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,900	Detached	0.28	22312	LINCOLNIA HILLS
1106 PORTNER RD	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
22 W GLEBE RD	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	COMMONWEALTH CROSSING
721 MASSEY LN #108	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$512,000	Townhouse		22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
419 STANTON PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$511,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	FDSALL RD T/H
613 HENRY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	22314	NONE
910 POWHATAN ST #204N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$509,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
237 MONROE AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Townhouse	0.08	22301	DEL RAY
318 WINDSOR AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Townhouse	0.07	22301	DEL RAY
900 WASHINGTON ST N #404E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
4524 LA SALLE AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.20	22304	VARSITY PARK
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910 POWHATAN ST #204S	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS

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Fifteen-year-old Patrick Nabonne does a flip as his friend, 14-year-old Nick Thomas, watches. Patrick and Nick are members of Urban Evolution, a gym that teaches Parkour and Freerunning located in Alexandria and Manassas. Urban Evolution takes part in the Alexandria PTA Council 2013 Summer Camp Fair in the cafeteria of T.C. Williams High School on Feb. 20. More than 50 exhibitors participated, representing a range of both day and overnight camps for children of ages ranging from pre-k all the way to grade 12.



Fourteen-year-old Nick Thomas leaps over a wooden barrier to demonstrate what he has learned at Urban Evolution, a gym that teaches Parkour and Freerunning, located in Alexandria and Manassas.

SCHOOL NOTES

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been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's Dean's List for the first quarter of the 2012-13 school year.

The Baylor University's Institute for Oral History in Waco, Texas has awarded Rosemarie M. Esber the annual Charlton Oral History research grant. Esber will be conducting interviews with Arab Americans living in Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, and Texas for a forthcoming book. Esber is a researcher and the author of "Under the Cover of War" (Arabicus 2008) with degrees

from the University of London and The Johns Hopkins University.

Jacqueline Beckwith a freshman at Gettysburg College serves as a Gettysburg Recreational Adventure Board facilitator.

Julia Larsen, a junior at Connecticut College, took part in "4 Dead in Ohio: Antigone at Kent State," a theater department production, held at Connecticut College. Larsen performed as part of the Ensemble Cast in the production. Larsen is a 2010 graduate of Oakcrest School, and is the daughter of

Kenyon and Cynthia Larsen.

Nolan Peters, a sophomore, was named to the Honors List for Trimester 1 at Saint James School.

Kendall Akey, a junior at Gettysburg College, spent the Fall 2012 semester studying in Spain.

James Toth was awarded a bachelor of science degree in marine science.

Jessica Michele Rager graduated with a journalism degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Summer Camp Fair

Ali Kilpatrick, marketing manager for Mad Science of Washington located in Silver Spring, demonstrates her life-long love for science to 12-year-old Jude Lamonth and his mother Karen Lamonth.



Children reach to pop a bubble at the Mad Science of Washington exhibit.



Twelve-year-old Jude Lamonth of Francis C. Hammond Middle School attempts a puzzle at the Mad Science of Washington exhibit.

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

7,000 square foot Colonial with beautiful antique heart of pine floors and gracious sun filled floor plan. Large private, level lot with beautiful gardens. 6 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths. \$1,699,000

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Extraordinary contemporary on 1.95 acres. An original Acorn Deck House with floor to ceiling windows and lovely outdoor spaces. Four bedrooms, Four baths, 3-car garage plus detached 2-car garage. \$1,229,000

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OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

SOLD! Meticulously restored 1845 built townhouse. Chef's kitchen with adjacent family room leads to spacious rear garden with shed. Boasts three finished levels. One parking space. Just three blocks to the River. Walk to everything Old Town has to offer!

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OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

NEW LISTING! Charming and historic detached brick colonial beautifully updated and maintained. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and handsome brick walled patio and garden. \$1,125,000

Fran Baker

301-367-8854



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

SOLD! A gorgeous detached home in the heart of Old Town. Beautifully renovated with stunning architectural details. Gourmet kitchen with contemporary flair. Three bedrooms and two baths. Lovely brick patio and off-street parking.

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Alexandria \$675,000



Hard-to-Beat Price in Del Ray!

Rarely available, classic Cape Cod in Del Ray. Three bedrooms, two full baths. Hardwood floors, main level sunroom, and workshop space in large basement with full bath. Screened-in porch with lovely garden and brick patio. Crown molding, chair rail and built-in bookcases. Amazing location close to Metro, The Avenue, and Old Town.

Sue Goodhart
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thegoodhartgroup.com
MLS# AX7949261



Alexandria \$1,079,000



Jefferson Park Classic

This classic four-bedroom Colonial can make busy mornings a little less hectic with three full baths upstairs. You'll be wowed by the sunny, open kitchen, dining and family rooms complete with custom cabinetry and gorgeous mill work. The finished basement and large master suite make this home the total package!

Elizabeth Lucchesi
703.868.5676
LizLuke.com
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Old Town Alexandria \$1,065,000



Transported in Time

to the colonial days is easy in this three-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath residence with four fireplaces, aged wood floors, window shutters and period woodwork. Gracious rooms for entertaining, a handsome library, and a sheltered garden reflect the best of 18th century Alexandria life. www.CarolCleary.com
MLS# AX8023110



Sarah King
703.864.5050
Carol Cleary
703.625.6829



Old Town Alexandria \$589,000



Convenient Location

Beautifully updated two-level brick townhouse with off-street parking is a short walk to the restaurants and shops of Old Town. Hardwood floors on both levels. Two master suites; plus a powder room on the main level. Updates throughout the house include a beautiful kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances that walks out to the private patio and parking.

Chris Hayes
703.944.7737
homesbyhayes.com



Alexandria \$535,000



The Little House That Could

Located on .53 acre, this almost 2,000 sq.ft. home has been graciously updated with a granite kitchen and two gorgeous full baths. The great room addition is splendid and light filled. Gleaming hardwoods and a garage complete this three-bedroom, two-bath home.

Janet Caterson Price
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MLS# FX8021077



Alexandria/Jefferson Park \$1,099,000



Newly Listed

Spacious, five-bedroom, four-bath home has a three level addition! The new kitchen with honed granite and stainless appliances opens to the family room with a wall of windows. The deck surrounding the family room includes a screened in room and a great view of the large back yard. The basement rec room is enormous, plus separate laundry room, and storage.

Laurel Conger
703.577.6899
AlexandriaLiving.com
MLS# AX8022928



Alexandria City \$595,000



Adorable Cottage Style Home

Tastefully updated including three bedrooms, two full baths, bright, sunny kitchen, warm hardwood flooring, fireplace, and fabulous lower level rec room plus stunning full bath renovation and storage room. Gorgeous landscaped yard offers private rear deck and driveway within walking distance to Metro and MacArthur school. www.joysutherland.com



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Mount Vernon \$1,195,000



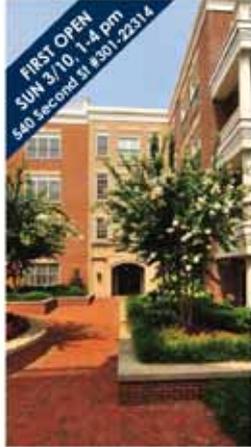
Water Access Community

Picturesque brick colonial home on wooded half acre lot with two-car garage. Launch your boat just down the street in community park. Dramatic two-story foyer and curved staircase. Gorgeous two-story stone fireplace in family room. Three pristine finished levels with more than 6,400 sq.ft. Two master suites, total of five bedrooms and four and a half baths.

Susan Craft
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SusanCraft.com
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Alexandria \$1,200,000



Sophisticated Urban Living...

and the space and style to enjoy it! Rarely available, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath with 2,000+ sq.ft. of generously proportioned rooms, superb detailing and quality finishes. World class residence. Not to be missed!

Susan Taylor
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Old Town Alexandria \$899,900



Fantastic Property

Lovely end-unit, 4-level brick townhouse has off-street parking. Four bedrooms and four full baths offer comfortable space. Hardwood floors on all levels. Two master suites including luxurious top-floor expanded bath. Beautiful built-ins. Family room walks out to private patio which leads to parking. Kitchen upgraded with granite and stainless.

Chris Hayes
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MLS# AX8019826



Alexandria \$879,900



Pristine Colonial

Just Listed! Five bedrooms, three and a half baths on over a half acre lot. Hardwood floors throughout the first floor, large kitchen with granite countertops, study, built-ins, side loading two-car garage, expansive lower level rec room. Entertain in style this summer on the grand flagstone patio.

Bob Martini
703.798.7400
BobMartini.com



Alexandria/Villamay \$949,000



Stunning Views!

New on the market! Meticulously updated, three-bedroom, three-bath rambler with large rooms, three fireplaces, eat-in kitchen and separate dining room. Deck off living room, patio off sunroom with hot tub, daylight basement, loads of storage space, two car garage. Beautiful wood floors and decorator paints, extensive landscaping.

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