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Opening Friday

John Ray as Pinocchio and Aidan White as Geppetto in Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre's presentation of Disney's "My Son Pinocchio." More photos, page 10.

Budgeting in Twilight Zone

Local governments propose tax hikes in advance of looming sequester.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

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 sta-

tus 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

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Fairfax County

Current tax rate: \$1.075 for every \$100 of assessed value
Average 2012 assessment: \$449,964
Current average tax bill: \$4,837
Proposed tax rate: \$1.095
Average 2013 assessment: \$465,713
Proposed average residential property tax bill: \$5,100

Arlington County

Current tax rate: \$0.971 for every \$100 of assessed value
Average 2012 assessment: \$519,400
Current average tax bill: \$5,043
Proposed tax rate: \$1.003
Average 2013 assessment: \$524,700
Proposed average residential property tax bill: \$5,263

Alexandria

Current tax rate: \$0.998 for every \$100 of assessed value
Average 2012 assessment: \$458,422
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Chamber of Commerce Installs New Leadership

The new Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce leadership for 2013 was sworn into office at the annual "Installation Extravaganza" Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Mount Vernon Country Club and Supervisor Jeff McKay mentioned three "extravaganzas" from the past week including the new transportation bill passed by the General Assembly, the release of the FY 2014 Fairfax County Budget, and Sequestration.

The new leadership team is Chairman Barbara Doyle, CEO Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; President Ashley McNeff Behrens, CEO USHI Inc.; Vice President Sean O'Connell, PBMares LLP Certified Public Accountants; Secretary Katy Fike, McEneaney Associates, and Treasurer Sam Misleh, Walker's Grille.

Outgoing Chairman Michael Gailliot, Hilltop Golf Club, was recognized as an exemplary leader

in the chamber and the community and an advocate for turf fields at Mount Vernon high school and athletic opportunities for youth.

New chamber board members are Mike Berlin, Covanta Energy; Rachel Carter, Coldwell Banker; Jane Gandee, ServiceMaster of Alexandria-DC; Doug Jones, Rent-All Center; and Melissa Wood, George Washington's Mount Vernon.

McKay urged small business owners to pay attention to what is happening and not get discouraged by talk of Sequestration. He said that Fairfax County is a strong community and that it will get through Sequestration as a strong community.

McKay said that there were more land use applications in Lee District during 2012 that in any other magisterial district in Fairfax County. "Ninety percent of the current office space is being developed in Lee District," said McKay. Fairfax County just received fund-



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Outgoing Chamber Chairman Michael Gailliot installs new officers and board members for 2013.

ing through the General Assembly to complete a final transit study for Richmond Highway which will

be completed in 2014. This study will identify transit modes for the highway and identify a way to

move forward to widening Route 1 from Woodlawn to Buckman Road.

MWAA Honors Carl Sandburg Middle School Artists

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority recognized the semifinalists and winners of its annual "Carl Sandburg Middle School Student Energy Conservation Poster Artwork Contest."

The gala to honor the finalists and to announce the winners was hosted by MWAA at the historic Terminal A building at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Jan. 31. In attendance were the semifinalists as well as their families and friends. The artworks of all the semifinalists were on display. The manager of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, J. Paul Malandrino, Jr. presided over the event, which was organized by Aida Velasquez, energy conservation poster coordinator for MWAA. Carl Sandburg Vice Principal Tara Charity introduced Carl Sandburg Middle School art teachers Sandie Sorenson and Justin Gaudenzi to present the semi-

finalists and announce the winning artists. The 7th grade semifinalists were: Saad Aziz, Amanda Bassett, Andrew Campbell, Anna Capper, Gabby Clautice, Ashlyn Hendrix, Anna Ten Hoopen, Maeve Jarvis, Kaylie Kopicki, Katelyn McNamara, Joel Perez Rasado, Josie Sara, Jane Sullivan, Natalie Terwilliger, Claudia Theriot and Abbie Weissman. The 8th grade semifinalists were: William Agyin, Jesaline Benitez, Saman Fatima, Jackie Finnegan, Hailey Galyon, Kayla Gilchrist, Cory Jones, Maham Khurshid, Emma Klein, Fiona O'Reilly, Adam Plofker, Erin Rockwell, Lily Shin, Isiah Smith and Colin Wong.

There were three winners from each grade. The seventh grade winners were: Natalie Terwilliger (1st), Josie Sara (2nd) and Abbie Weissman (3rd). The eighth grade winners were: Erin Rockwell (1st), Maham Khurshid (2nd) and Lily Shin (3rd). The six winning art-



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Seventh grade winners: 1st, Natalie Terwilliger; 2nd, Josie Sera, and 3rd, Abbie Weissman. Eighth grade winners: 1st, Erin Rockwell; 2nd, Maham Khurshid, and 3rd, Lily Shin.

works were selected by judges from the MWAA. The six winning entries were made into posters to be posted throughout Ronald

Reagan Washington National Airport by MWAA as a part of their effort to encourage airport employees to conserve energy. The

artworks of all the semifinalists will be on display in the historic main Terminal A building for a year.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 9

Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Rec Center, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Free. Visit redcrossblood.org.

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.

THURSDAY/MARCH 14

Tax Relief Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Get help filling out the application as well as answers to questions. Free. Reservations required, 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

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.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Silent Auction. 6:30-11 p.m. at Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 E. Boulevard Drive. Browse items from Sugar House, Wintergreen Resort and more. \$35/person. Visit www.tauxemont.org.

Amazing Egg Hunt. Children ages 1-12 can participate in the Plymouth Haven Baptist Church from 10 a.m.-noon. Free, but reservations requested. Enjoy face painting, crafts

and more. 703-360-4370.

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. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.

SUNDAY/MARCH 17

Longaberger Basket Bingo. Sponsored by the West Potomac High School band. Features 20 regular games for gift-filled Longaberger

baskets. Admission is \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. Doors open 1 p.m.; bingo starts at 2 p.m. in the West Potomac High School cafeteria, 6500 Quander Road. Details and advance ticket sales at www.wolverineband.com.

MONDAY/MARCH 18

Workshop. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran will host a workshop entitled "Making College Affordable: Financing Your Education" from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road. Free.

Baker To Lead Bryant Early Learning Center

Torria Baker has been selected as the new director of United Community Ministries' Bryant Early Learning Center. Baker joined the Center in May 2012 as assistant director and has been serving as acting director since October 2012.

UCM's Bryant Early Learning Center (www.bryantearlylearningcenter.org) is an early care and learning program in Alexandria. Since 1986, the Center has provided full-day early childhood education that

meets the learning, social, and emotional development needs of children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, many of them low-income. The center provides a full-time child development specialist to screen and assess children and to identify any delays early, so they can be recognized and treated.

Baker is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Prior to joining UCM, she taught a mixed-age class of 3- to 5-year olds at the NAEYC-accredited Inova Mount Vernon

Hospital Child Care Center in Alexandria. She graduated summa cum laude from Northern Virginia Community College with her associate of applied science degree, majoring in Early Childhood Development. She plans to continue pursuing higher education in the field.

Baker was recognized in 2010 for her excellence as a preschool educator by the NAEYC. She was featured on the cover of the April/May 2010 issue of NAEYC's Teaching Young Children (TYC) magazine.



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Torria Baker, Bryant Early Learning Center director (center), with Shirley Marshall, UCM executive eirector (left), and Elizabeth McNally, UCM deputy director.



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K/1st Grade students get a visit from Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Rejean Trimmer, Susanna Kistler, teacher Ashleigh Enright, Kaylee Guardado, Daniel Abou Khir, teacher Suzanne Jones, and Ronin Fjeld).

Students Join 'Read Across America'

Fort Hunt Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Week, Feb. 25- March 1. Students and staff celebrated reading all week and donned their pajamas and Dr. Seuss-inspired costumes on Friday to celebrate a day of reading.



Alexis Conti, second grade teacher, shares a book with second grader Gene Trimmer.

Second grade students Antonio Amaral and Eli Willoughby share a book.

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OBITUARIES

Doris Clark

Doris M. Clark, 85, of Woodbridge, died at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center on March 2, 2013. She is preceded in death by her husband, Julian T. Clark, Sr. She is survived by her daughters, Shirley Hicks, Delores "Cookie" Walton, Melissa Baeza, and Evelyn Cox; her sons, Julian T., Jr., Stephen H., Walter E., and Kevin M. Clark; and one brother,

Addison Gallahan. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. The family received friends on Monday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 5 at Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home, 4143 Dale Blvd. Dale City. A Life Celebration Service was held at on Tuesday, March 5, at the funeral home, followed by interment at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria.

Theresa Jean Edwards

Theresa Jean Edwards, age 81, of Alexandria, died Feb. 14, 2013 at Grace Nursing Home in Clarksville, Tenn. She was born Aug. 26, 1931 in Salisbury, N.C., the daughter of Scottie and Lizzie Walker. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Eugene Edwards of Alexandria.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Dr. Deborah Taylor of Alexandria, and Dana Dantzler of Clarksville, Tenn., son-in-law Rev. Richard Dantzler of Clarksville, Tenn., granddaughter Jessica Hopewell of Dallas, Texas, two great-grandchildren, Jaylen and Jayla Hopewell of Dallas, Texas, one sister Betty Robinson of Alexandria, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Theresa's request was to be cremated and her ashes buried next to her husband Eugene. Burial will take place in a private ceremony at a later date in Quantico.

Online condolences may be made at www.sykesfuneralhome.com

Bernard M. Fagelson

Bernard M. Fagelson, 100, died on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 of Alexandria. Beloved husband of Helen C. Fagelson, loving father of John Fagelson, brother of the late Robert Fagelson, grandfather of Sam Fagelson and Max Fagelson.

He grew up on a dairy farm in Northern Virginia and graduated from George Washington University Law School during the Depression. After law school he worked for a New Deal agency in Richmond and became a naval officer when the country entered World War II. He served on the USS Quincy at the invasions of Normandy, Southern France, and Okinawa.

After the war he returned to Alexandria and began a law practice that continued for 50 years, specializing in zoning and land use law. He was a consummate gentleman and always known for his integrity, fairness, generosity and an appropriate quote for all occasions. He was active in Democratic politics and was a long time member of the Burke & Herbert Bank board of directors, retiring as a Director Emeritus.

Funeral service was held Monday at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Dr. Alexandria. Interment in Agudas Achim Cemetery.

Hazel Elizabeth Greenwald

Hazel Elizabeth Greenwald, born Aug., 5, 1912 at 417 S. Lee Street, Alexandria, died on Feb. 15, 2013, at Budd Terrace Nursing Home, Atlanta, Ga. She is survived by her niece, Harriet Ann Cronin of Acton, Mass.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Pohick Cemetery, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton.

Ruth E. Greifer

Ruth E. Greifer died Feb. 22, 2013 at her home in Rockville, Md. Ruth, daughter of Isidore and Sophia Dahl was born in Geilenkirchen, Germany on May 30, 1922. A Holocaust survivor, she moved to the United States after World War II. She met and married her soul mate Bernard Greifer and settled in Alexandria. A loving wife and mother, Ruth was a life member of Hadassah and active in her synagogue. She worked in the Alexandria school system, raised a family and earned a college degree from Northern Virginia Community College.

Ruth was the beloved wife of 61 years of the late Bernard Greifer (2013), loving mother of Carla Paris Teich, Helen Grimm, Amy Godin, grandmother to Andrew Paris, Rebecca and Jacob Grimm and Sophia and Shira Godin. A true lady in every way, she will be missed by family and friends.

A funeral service was held at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria on Monday, Feb. 25. Shiva was observed at the home of Amy and Ed Godin. Contributions may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in her memory.


Joyce Marie Scott

Mrs. Joyce Marie Scott, 80, died on Feb. 26, 2013. She was a lifelong 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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For special assistance for persons with disabilities or interpretation in another language, call (703) 934-4639 at least 3 days prior to the Open House you wish to attend and these services will be provided at no cost.



Smoke Alarm Check

On Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, firefighters will canvas homes in selected neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County, checking for working smoke alarms, and provide family fire escape plans for residents.

NEWS



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Snowstorm?

A runner along the George Washington Bike Trail in Mount Vernon braves Wednesday's sleet and ice. It was a snow day without the snow. Predictions of up to 12 inches led to the closing of schools.

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OPINION

State Budget Advances on Medicaid

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



COMMENTARY

Last week, I wrote about the transportation legislation that passed the General Assembly. The other major policy change this session was the expansion of Medicaid. This was especially critical for the 44th District.

Medicaid is a federal-state health insurance program for low-income and disabled people. It is also the only provider of long-term nursing care for many Americans, since Medicare coverage and coverage by most private insurance policies is quite limited. Virginia has one of the most restrictive Medicaid programs in the United States — you have to be very poor to be eligible. Most rankings put Virginia at 48th in Medicaid expenditures and 7th in per capita income. In other words, we are a relatively wealthy state and we do not help the poor much.

The 44th District has the largest uninsured population and the largest Medicaid population in Fairfax County. Over 9,000 children in our community receive their healthcare from Medicaid. That is equal to one in three children in the 44th District and 15 percent of all residents of the 44th District. Approximately 70 percent of uninsured Virginians are employed and only 37 percent of small businesses (less than 50 employees) provide employee health insurance benefits. Approximately, 5.6

percent of the uninsured or 56,000 people are Virginia veterans and their family members. Virginia already spends millions indirectly on uninsured care including about \$100 million per year subsidizing uninsured care at state hospitals, \$515 million per year in charity care at hospitals, and about \$300 million per year is provided at free clinics and through charities. Most analyses conclude that about 10 percent of private health insurance cost is for uninsured individuals.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) allowed each state to expand Medicaid with the federal government picking up between 90-100 percent of the cost over an eight-year period. The actual cost to Virginia taxpayers is largely neutral due to the elimination of uninsured care, charity care, reduced demand for free clinics, and uninsured care paid by private insurance.

The analyses prepared by Senate Finance staff also found that the Virginia Medicaid expansion would create 33,000 Virginia jobs. Coverage for preventative care would also reduce overall system expenditures as people will get help before they become too sick.

Most states have agreed to expand Medicaid after analyzing the consequences and rather than seeing their federal tax dollars go

to other states. Recently, even Republican Governors Christie (N.J.), Kasich (Ohio), and Rick Scott (Fla.) have moved forward. At the beginning of the session, Governor McDonnell opposed expansion. In the last few days of session, he moderated his position, but a large contingent of downstate legislators continued to oppose the expansion.

The compromise struck on the last day created a panel of 10 Virginia legislators who are tasked with certifying that the federal government has agreed to certain reforms — mainly the implementation of managed care in the provision of services compensated by Medicaid. Upon the panel's certification, the Governor would be required to proceed with expansion.

Attorney General Cuccinelli issued an opinion that this system is unconstitutional, but he issued the opinion without reading the actual bill. This issue will be litigated.

I voted for the final state budget largely due to the inclusion of this language in the final amendments. I am hopeful that it will be sustained because it is absolutely critical to getting our health insurance costs under control and providing economic security to the working poor and other families in the 44th District.

Next week, I will provide a third update on other measures in the state budget and other legislation that passed this session.

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POETRY

We'll be Dancing up in Heaven

As I hurried through the airport, with a ticket to L.A.
And a tooth brush in my pocket, should my luggage
go astray

Glancing up, I checked "Departures," hoping for a
slight delay
While a soldier in a wheelchair made his way
through TSA

Of a multitude of medals, he was wearing an array
For his loving bride beside him, in his hands a fine
bouquet
When they lingered by a poster with some dancers
on display

And I drew a little closer, I could hear the lady say

We'll be dancing up in Heaven, where the music
angels play
For our love's already sealed there, where the skies
are never gray
You'll be lifted up and healed there, where the palms
forever sway

We'll be dancing up in Heaven, on a grand and glorious day

With the tender look he gave her, did he silently
convey
Such a feeling of devotion that no actor could portray
While the dark and mystic figures of a circus named
"Soleil"
Pirouetted in the background, I could hear the soldier say

We'll be dancing up in Heaven with a wonderful
ballet
While the chimes of glory peal there, how we'll twirl
the night away
Everything will be ideal there, at that marvelous
soiree

We'll be dancing up in Heaven, on a grand and glorious day

Then they joined the crowd around them headed
down for Exit A
Past a line of weary travelers at an overpriced buffet
While some others sought out Starbucks or a similar cafe
And I handed in my suitcase, I could hear above the fray

We'll be dancing up in Heaven, where the saints'll
shout "Hurray"
Oh, the heights of joy we'll feel there, when St. Peter says "OK,
Let the Devil have that wheelchair, but my friends here, they can stay"
We'll be dancing up in Heaven, on a grand and glorious day

When a hostess brought a glass and set it gently on my tray
As we flew the friendly skies of our beloved USA
I recalled the cost of freedom and the price some heroes pay
And the words I heard that morning still remain with me today

We'll be dancing up in Heaven, Oh, the beauty we'll survey
Far above the battlefield where, dusty roads explosives spray
May our comrades angels shield there 'til they're home again, we pray
'ere we're dancing up in Heaven on a grand and glorious day

— JOHN J. FINERTY JR.

blizzard

(for Ted Kooser)

he walked out the door
into the twilight
of sudden snow
coming so fast
footprints obliterated
blizzard
whiteout
no way to tell
which way to go
until he felt
familiar fenceposts
leading home
out of sudden snow

— PETER LATTU

Dedicated to Ted Kooser, a former poet laureate who wrote about a famous midwestern blizzard in the late 19th century.

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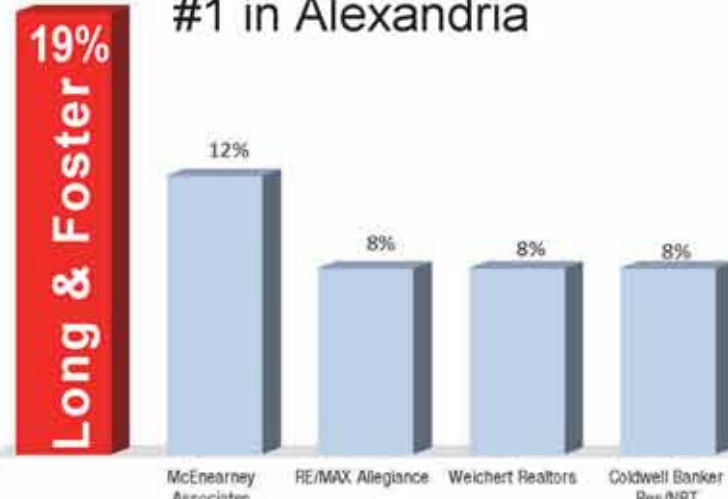
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Sequester Affects Local Government Budgets

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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 proposal 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 consider 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. While local governments elsewhere were laying off firefighters and teachers, gov-

ernments 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."

IN ADDITION to the direct effects of sequestration, state and local leaders will also have to budget for the indirect influence that the cuts will have on the region. More than one million federal workers could be caught in the crunch, including food inspectors and Transportation Security Administration security personnel. 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."

"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

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Each year on Feb. 22, World Thinking Day, girls honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts by taking time to give thanks for their international friendships and remember that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community.

This year's theme — "together we can save children's lives" — gives girls a chance to take action on issues affecting children's lives in other countries. Girl Scouts of Association #53 participated in a World Thinking Day event on Friday, March 1, held at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Participating troops represented countries ranging from Australia to the Philippines using poster displays, materials of culture, and food samples. A former Peace Corp volunteer was the guest speaker during the opening ceremonies.



Malawi was one of the five focus countries for World Thinking Day 2013.

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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 were there 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



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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.

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
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Fort Hunt Elementary School Team Division I: Melissa Golding (coach), Maeve Korengold, Sara Langdon, Elisa Matson, Sofia Verich, Annabella mason, Sophia Rees-Hoofenagle and Elizabeth Rees (coach).



PHOTO BY KAREN FRICKA

Fort Hunt Elementary School Division 1 Team (Virginia Lindahl, coach) competed in ARTchitecture: Emily Fricka, Celia Kruszka, Evelyn Dunne, Ben Lecker, Jordan Bayliss and Clara Marshall.

Students Compete in Odyssey of the Mind

Students from around the region participated in the Odyssey of the Mind NOVA Prime Division competition held at West Potomac High School on Saturday, March 2.



PHOTO BY AMY EARLY

Fort Hunt Elementary School Primary Team competed in SEA-cret. Becky Finn (coach) gets her team ready: Hanna Finn, Alyson Early, Ginny Nelson, Claudia Sterling, Anna Verich, Addison Smith and Allison Ary.



PHOTO BY CARRIE SESSINE

Fort Hunt Elementary School Division I Team performs (Carrie Sessine, coach): Zoe Wallach, Carlye Olson, Ella Sessine, Mitchell Flores-Kaplan, Matthew Verich, Adrian Torrico-Lopez and Chris Hillburn.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Mary Keegan, a senior at James Madison University, earned the first-place award in lighting design at the Mid-Atlantic Region II Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival at Towson University in Md. Keegan, who is majoring in theater and English, won the regional award for her work on the fall production of "Anna in the Tropics." She will compete in the National KCACTF at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in April.

Hasamone Nimjareansuk was

named to Niagara University's academic dean's list for the fall 2012 semester.

Daniel Paul Baylog of Alexandria was named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln deans' list/honor roll for the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year. Baylog is a senior computer science major.

The following students at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Amy J. Rhodes** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Christopher A. Schmidt** is a senior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering. **Timothy H. Song** is a sophomore majoring in gen-

eral engineering in the College of Engineering. **Jessica R. Wessinger** is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business. **Chaabane Bekkadj** is a sophomore majoring in economics, business in the Pamplin College of Business. **Andrew J. Chesley** is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business. **James E. Creaven** is a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business. **John B. Dasteel** is a junior majoring in building construction in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Primal K. Dhillon** is a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business. **Jason J. Gebran** is a junior

majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

The following students at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Kruthika Kikkeri** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **Canning C. Kraft** is a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Richard D. Lee** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science. **Brian M. MicKey** is a junior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business. **Natalie S. Montequin** is a junior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and

Human Sciences. **David R. Moran** is a junior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business. **Carolyn Y. Mottley** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering. **John R. O'Donnell** is a junior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering. **David C. Oetjen** is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. **Joseph J. Perry** is a junior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business. **Stefan J. Povolny** is a junior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering. **Brittany L. Sholes** is a senior majoring in Animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.



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West Potomac senior Jayme Murray will play baseball at George Mason University next season.



West Potomac's Billy Lescher pitches against Bishop Ireton in a scrimmage on March 5.

West Potomac Baseball Looking to Build on Region Berth

Senior left-hander Murray among Wolverines' top returners.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac baseball team reached the Northern Region tournament last season for the first time in recent years, leaving room for optimism entering 2013. However, the Wolverines lost several key contributors, including first-team all-region infielder Sean Trenchard, catcher Matt Hrin and pitchers Andrew White and Dan Jarrell, leaving the door open for a drop in expectations.

Each view was mentioned after West Potomac scrimmaged Bishop Ireton on Tuesday night. Head coach Jim Sullivan said the Wolverines have high hopes.

"We think," Sullivan said, "we have a shot

at contending for the district."

Senior first baseman Jayme Murray, a first-team all-region selection last season, said the Wolverines aren't expected to do much.

"I think expectations are lower this year," he said. "I think the guys are going to work hard this year to surprise some people. Personally, I think we will surprise some."

However the Wolverines' chances are viewed, West Potomac will have to battle some of the top teams in the state. The Patriot District features defending state champion Lake Braddock, defending Northern Region champion West Springfield and a South County program that finished state runner-up in 2011. West Potomac defeated Woodson 9-1 in the opening round of the 2012 Patriot District tournament, securing

the Wolverines a berth in the region tournament.

Leading the way this season for West Potomac will be seniors Murray, Paul McClure and Alex Hauser.

"Those three," Sullivan said, "have really stepped up and become leaders."

Murray is a left-handed first baseman and a pitcher, but a sore arm has kept Murray off the mound in the preseason.

"I take every game as a challenge, a new opportunity," Murray said. "... I still have to perform and I still have high expectations for myself and I expect to meet them."

McClure is the team's No. 1 pitcher and Hauser catches.

Junior right-hander Billy Lescher will also be a key pitcher for the Wolverines.

From an offensive standpoint, Sullivan is confident he has several players who can

get the job done, including Murray, McClure, Hauser, Brett Schaefer, David Wagner and AJ Melvin.

"I think we're very solid through the top seven hit-

ters," Sullivan said. "Draw them out of a hat. We're looking for great things out of them."

West Potomac will open the season against Mount Vernon at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at Langley High School.

"We think we have a shot at contending for the district."

— West Potomac baseball coach
Jim Sullivan



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Panther Cheer Club Are National Champions

The Panther Cheer Club of Alexandria competed last month at the American Masters Championship in Baltimore, Md., hosted by Varsity Brands.

The athletes, all of whom are middle school students at Carl Sandburg Middle School, wowed the crowd and judges, taking home a team national championship trophy, as well as championship jackets for each athlete.

Coaches Anna Diefendorf, Ann Larkin, and Kelly Larkin, stated that the team worked hard this year to go from a team with very limited stunting and other skills to a team that is now performing skills

that would be characterized as level 2 and 3 skills pursuant to the all-star skill level division guidelines, which guidelines rate skills from difficulty levels 1 through 5. The Panther Cheer Club is operated by the Panther-Wildcat Spirit Club, Inc., is a Virginia not-for-profit corporation (owned by the coaches) dedicated to providing students at Carl Sandburg Middle School of all skill levels with a program to attend after school in which to learn and practice the sport of performance cheerleading.

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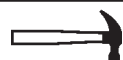
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American Counseling Association's highest honors.

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 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 sensitivity 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. Together, they've led teams of therapists and students in providing mental health therapy along the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, and on American Indian reservations and in Latino migrant communities after the San Diego wildfires.

"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.

"We both do the work because we want to give back," said Chung. "We're trying to instill in the next generation of counselors to give back. I am not working to be recognized, but I hope this will inspire people to do the work because there is so much need out there."

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

THURSDAY/MARCH 7

Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m.

Weaving and textile arts — we will look at ways to bring textile arts into the classroom or home studio with a specific focus on recycled fibers. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-201-1250.

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.

Pope-Leighey Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Lecture featuring Frank Lloyd Wright homeowners and qualified experts in the fields of restoration, conservation, preservation and management of Wright sites. Located at The Lyceum; 201 S. Washington St. \$15; \$10 for members. Contact woodlawn@nthp.org or call 703-780-4000.

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.alexandriaanimals.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.mvcct.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.

Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the world 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.

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 ages 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 ages 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/includes 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.forward.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.



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The Target Gallery and the March of Dimes are teaming with their 3rd annual exhibition fundraiser March 150, 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.

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