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Return of Frigid Weather

Dusk along the Potomac River on Jan. 21 at Founders Park. Alexandria received an average of 4 inches of snow while western parts of the city received up to 7 inches during the city's first major snowfall since 2011. Record low temperatures and wind chills are expected to last through the weekend.



Bicycles sit idle during the storm.



King Street in Old Town is nearly empty as snow begins to blanket the region Jan. 21.



The boyhood home of Robert E. Lee is blanketed in snow.

Defunding The Takeover

A last-ditch effort to prevent state takeover of Jefferson-Houston.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

With the takeover of Jefferson-Houston School months away, members of the local delegation are taking a last stab at undermining Opportunity Educational Institution — defunding the program before it launches this fall. Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-19) and Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45) have each introduced budget

amendments to remove all funding for the program, which they say will undermine local control of the long-troubled school.

“Ultimately, the Appropriations Committee is going to make a determination whether or not they want to put it in the budget, and we will proceed accordingly,” said Krupicka. “If they keep OEI funding in the budget, we may try to address it through floor amendments or ask the governor to do

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Longer Detention, But Where?

Legislators debate extending emergency custody orders.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

How long should the state be able to detain an individual who is in the midst of a mental-health crisis? Currently, the limit is six hours. But in the wake of the suicide of the son of state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) last year, members of the General Assembly are considering an effort to extend that to 24 hours. This week, legislation passed a Senate subcommittee, although it will face scrutiny in a three separate committees before it reaches the Senate floor.

“Part of the problem is that people are held in libraries or con-

ference rooms instead of therapeutic settings,” said Aisha Michel, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia. “And that’s not OK.”

For Deeds, who introduced the legislation, the issue is more than garden-variety debate about legislation. Last year, a temporary detention order was issued for his son, who was experiencing a mental-health crisis. No psychiatric bed could be located within the six-hour window, and his son was released with tragic consequences 13 hours later.

Now Deeds has made reforming the system his life’s work, although

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Trial of the Century

The Carlyle neighborhood is about to play host to a federal prosecution that may become the trial of the century — or at least the most exciting trial since the feds went after Zacarias Moussaoui. This week, a federal grand jury returned a 14-count indictment against former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen charging the couple with illegally receiving gifts and loans from a wealthy businessman in exchange for promoting his company's products.

For Carlyle, the drama will start next week. That's when the governor and his wife are scheduled for arraignment. The case is unprecedented in Virginia, with federal officials pursuing a rare public corruption case as a former governor tries to clear his name. A spokesman for the prosecutor declined to say whether or not a plea deal was discussed before the charges were made public Tuesday. Now that McDonnell has been indicted, though, the case seems to be headed to trial.

"I believe the facts and the law are clearly on our side," said McDonnell in a brief television appearance Tuesday night. "We will face these false allegations with strength and firm resolve."

That means high drama for Carlyle. For their part, prosecutors also say they're ready for a fight.

"We will continue to work tirelessly with our law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute public corruption," said acting U.S. Attorney Dana Boente.

Fueling the Fight

The landmark transportation agreement is bringing money to projects across Northern Virginia, including the possibility of reducing the burden on city taxpayers for the new Metro station at Potomac Yard. But there's a snake at the garden party — a new tax on hybrid vehicles. The General Assembly approved a \$100 tax, although the governor reduced it to \$64 during the veto session. Now, Sen. Adam Ebbin wants to kill the tax altogether.

"We're taxing people for doing the right thing," said Ebbin. "It doesn't make sense. It was ill thought out and it was an idea that wasn't ready for prime time."

This week, Ebbin's bill passed the Senate on a 35-to-3 vote, an overwhelming majority. It may have more trouble on the House side, though, where some members say drivers of hybrid vehicles do not pay their fair share of taxes. Because hybrid vehicles use less gas, the argument goes, they pay few gas taxes.

"There's two ways you could do a bill like this," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "You could pick one group and just cream 'em, or you could make everybody pay their fair share. And so we decided to make everyone pay their fair share."

Bricks Versus Trucks

Get ready for an epic food fight. This year, Alexandria leaders will consider changing the city's rules regarding food trucks, which are some of the most restrictive in the region. Currently, food trucks are allowed only at construction sites and special events.

This year, that may change, although the details are still cooking.

Meanwhile, leaders at the Food Truck Association are launching a new website that will serve as an appetizer of sorts. The site, AlexandriaFoodTrucks.org, features a series of arguments for city leaders to consider as they weigh the issue. Advocates for food trucks say city leaders should look to other parts of the region, where changes have been easily digested since 2009.

"There's not a single restaurant that has closed in D.C. because a food truck was parked on their block," said Che Ruddell-Tabisola, a member of the association. "What we've seen in D.C. is the opposite. Four new brick and mortar restaurants have opened in Farragut Square in the last 18 months, and that's probably the most popular food-truck destination in D.C." Traditional brick-and-mortar restaurants remain concerned, though. That sets the stage for a fight in the coming months about where and when the city should allow food trucks.

"We believe that putting food trucks near restaurants will cause a negative economic impact on those restaurants," said Val Hawkins, president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. "And that concerns us."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

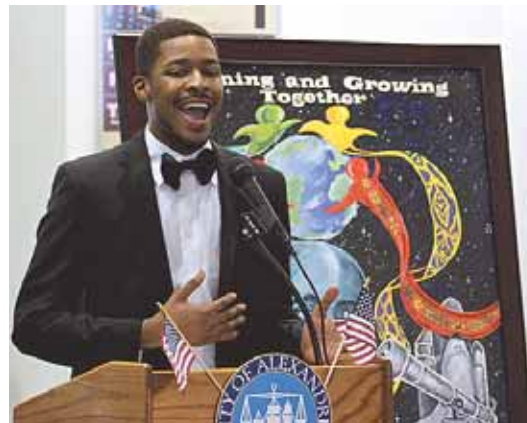
Emcee Marc Funn asked the children who submitted posters to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Exhibition and Program to stand up and be acknowledged during the gathering at City Hall on Jan. 20. Many of the 112 entrants were in attendance.



Mayor William D. Euille spoke to the guests about the function of City Hall and encouraged guests to get involved. Euille discussed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s meaning around the world, evidenced by memorials in so many countries. He highlighted the poster contest as a way for children to become involved and express what King means to them.



Contest participants Sophia Chapman (left) and Lucie Morton pose by their entries. All of the posters will be on display in the Vola Lawson Lobby until the end of February.



Student Kaman Wilkes touched the crowd with his a capella performance of "Impossible Dream."



Emcee Marc Funn told the audience about his father, the late Carlton Funn, a dedicated teacher who created a traveling exhibit to share African American History. The 38-year teaching veteran also created the annual poster contest.



Guest Speaker Nancy Noyes Silcox spoke about Samuel Tucker. After Silcox retired from her 40-year career as a librarian, which included working at Samuel Tucker Elementary, she decided to write a book about Tucker.

Legislators Debate Extending Emergency Custody Orders

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extending the timeframe of an emergency custody order could prove to be a thorny issue.

"I have a lot of respect for the folks at the ACLU, but I think they're wrong on this," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45). "My guess is that this will be one of the areas that there will be a lot of debate about as we try to grapple with how serious we are going to be about getting people the care they need."

THE EFFORT to extend emergency custody orders is part of a larger package of initiatives to reform Virginia's mental-health services, which became the target of withering criticism last year. Another key reform under discussion is the creation of an Internet-based registry of state, private and local psychiatric beds. That idea has been debated for more than a decade, although the project stalled in 2010 after budget cuts. This year, the Deeds tragedy has created a

new focus for state leaders. "I can tell you with certainty that I get the message," said John Pezzoli, acting commissioner of behavioral health and developmental services, during a committee hearing last week. "The project will be operational in early March."

Even when the database is up and running, though, Pezzoli told committee members that it will have limitations. For example, it will need to be continuously updated. And local emergency workers will

still need to contact hospitals to see if they can take patients. Meanwhile, legislators have to resolve the issue of what happens when people are being detained. Law enforcement agencies and civil rights groups say the move would place a burden on police and sheriff's deputies, especially in rural areas.

"We can't just lock these people up in a conference room for 24 hours," said Michel. "They need to be in a therapeutic setting."

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Retail Worries

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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The partial government shutdown was more than an October surprise during the race for governor. Newly available statistics from the Virginia Department of Taxation show the month was also an unexpected boost to sales tax revenues across the commonwealth. Fairfax County, for example, recorded a 15.5 percent spike in sales tax revenue in October 2013 compared to October 2012. But state and local officials says that's because several major department stores neglected to increase their sales tax rate to reflect the new regional tax for transportation when the new fiscal year began in July. So the October numbers represent the backlog of uncollected revenues.

Which retailers flubbed their taxes?

"That's proprietary information, so we can't say," said Marcia Wilds, revenue and economic analysis coordinator with the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget. "They're big."

The revenue corrections came at a key time for local governments, a month that many expected to be particularly bleak. Many government workers and contractors were out of work in October, when local governments became concerned that spending habits might reflect a sense of uncertainty about the future. Now budget officials across Northern Virginia are worried about what kind of sales tax revenue they'll collect from the holiday season.

"The sales tax will be back with holiday sales," said Stephen Fuller, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. "Over the year there will only a minor weakening."

BUDGET OFFICIALS are not so sure. As local governments across the region prepare for the first round of budgeting next month, a sense of uncertainty looms over the revenue projections and spending priorities. Part of that is the unemployment rate, which remains at about 6 percent across Virginia. That means consumers may hold back on consumption based spending, which would mean lower revenues for local governments on retail sales and restaurant meals.

"If revenues continue to decline, it may be necessary to make up any additional shortfalls with expenditure reductions," wrote Alex-

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andria City Manager Rashad Young in a memorandum to City Council members this month.

The concerns are larger than retail sales. One of the potential problems on the horizon is transient occupancy tax revenues. In Alexandria, for example, the hotel occupancy rate fell from 76.1 percent in October 2012 to 72.4 percent in October 2013. In Arlington, hotel occupancy tax revenues fell 15 percent in November compared to the previous year and 18 percent in December compared to the previous year.

"Am I worried? Yes," acknowledged Arlington Budget Director Richard Stevenson. "But that's what budget directors do. We worry."

EXPERTS WHO FOLLOW local government revenues say jurisdictions are worried for two reasons. The first is the lack of continuity on the part of the federal government. When the shutdown was happening, nobody knew how long it would last or when it would end. That led families to cut back their spending habits and cast a

wary eye toward the future.

"That, obviously, is scary," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government at George Mason University. "It means for a family that you always have to leave something aside instead of using it at a local restaurant, store or other facility."

A second reason for worry is that the uncertainty is far from over. The budget agreement reached between Congress and the president is good through September, leaving open the possibility of yet another battle about bankruptcy and insolvency. That leaves open a sense of doubt for long-term contracts involving everything from bridges and fighter planes to satellite and veterans hospitals.

"With the Federal Highway Trust Fund expected to be insolvent by next year," said Shafroth, "a key partner in the regional Washington economy is becoming an uncertain one."

THE NEXT FEW months will de-

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October numbers artificially inflated; holiday numbers could spell trouble.

month	Alexandria	Arlington	Fairfax
July, 2012	\$2,095,566.17	\$3,209,203.92	\$13,721,734.05
July, 2013	\$2,131,996.31	\$3,035,747.37	\$13,659,947.01
difference	\$36,430.14	-\$173,456.55	-\$61,787.04
percent change	1.74%	-5.40%	-0.45%
August, 2012	\$2,140,318.83	\$3,319,659.04	\$14,475,843.20
August, 2013	\$2,026,859.07	\$3,037,107.38	\$13,530,731.80
difference	-\$113,459.76	-\$282,551.66	-\$945,111.40
percent change	-5.30%	-8.51%	-6.53%
September, 2012	\$2,183,674.38	\$3,285,824.25	\$13,581,370.46
September, 2013	\$2,103,012.61	\$3,067,027.71	\$13,521,411.87
difference	-\$80,661.77	-\$218,796.54	-\$59,958.59
percent change	-3.69%	-6.66%	-0.44%
October, 2012	\$2,027,158.90	\$3,178,335.39	\$13,614,131.71
October, 2013	\$2,208,159.20	\$3,661,773.43	\$15,728,025.92
difference	\$181,000.30	\$483,438.04	\$2,113,894.21
percent change	8.93%	15.21%	15.53%
November, 2012	\$2,078,264.35	\$3,301,839.75	\$14,234,067.26
November, 2013	\$2,062,527.46	\$3,218,338.10	\$13,908,035.89
difference	-\$15,736.89	-\$83,501.65	-\$326,031.37
percent change	-0.76%	-2.53%	-2.29%

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Last-Ditch Effort To Prevent State Takeover of School

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something about it.”

Before he left Richmond, former Gov. Bob McDonnell introduced a budget proposal that would spend about \$600,000 a year to fund the newly created organization, which would have seven full-time employees. The organization would be empowered to seize control of schools that have failed to meet basic academic benchmarks for four years in a row. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia that meets that threshold. In his last State of the Commonwealth Address earlier this month, McDonnell once again made a pitch for his signature education effort.

“Let OEI demonstrate that it will help those non-performing schools in Petersburg and Norfolk and Alexandria and other places that might come online,” McDonnell told legislators. “In the eighth-most prosperous state in the nation, how can we tolerate a single child going to a failing school in Virginia?”

JEFFERSON-HOUSTON has been in tailspin since 1999, when the Alexandria School Board adopted a controversial re-districting plan that created an economic imbalance at the school.

In one year, the school went from having 50 percent of its students eligible for free and reduced lunch to 77 percent. Since that time, the school’s enrollment has dropped by about 100 students — and that’s after adding sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes to the school.

“I think they need to let the takeover happen,” said Bea Porter, grandparent of two students at Jefferson-Houston. “There’s no need to stall because they have done so poorly for so long that it’s time for somebody else to come in and take over.”

Back in August, the Norfolk School Board filed a lawsuit arguing that the law usurps authority granted to local school boards by the Virginia Constitution.

Members of the Alexandria School Board considered joining the lawsuit, but decided against it. Instead School Board members joined the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the NAACP’s Virginia chapter in adopting a resolution supporting the lawsuit.



A new \$45 million facility, currently under construction, will open this fall just in time for a state takeover.

“We feel this law, as written, does not collaborate with the local community to help these districts create sustainable solutions,” said School Board Chairwoman Karen Graf during an education summit last year. “We want the state to listen, collaborate and show flexibility with our School Board, our City Council and our local community.”

OPPONENTS OF TAKEOVER say they are particularly concerned about a budget proposal from the previous governor that would have the Opportunity Educational Institution to administer the Teach for America grants in Virginia. Because that has nothing to do with the ostensible reason for the creation of the organization, which was to take over troubled schools, opponents hope it strengthens their argument.

“We already have a Department of Education, and we don’t need to have a second

Opportunity Educational Institution Board

- ❖ Executive Director Jason Sears, a former middle school principal in Emporia
- ❖ Anne S. O’Toole, retired educator
- ❖ John Nunnery, the executive director of the Center for Educational Partnerships at Old Dominion University
- ❖ Doug Mesecar, former assistant deputy secretary of the Office of Innovation and Improvement for the U.S. Department of Education

- ❖ Julia Ciarlo Hammond, director of legislative affairs for former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell
- ❖ Lisa Goeas, vice president of the political and grass-roots program for the National Federation of Independent Business, a small-business lobbying group
- ❖ Sen. Ryan McDougale (R-4)
- ❖ Sen. Kenneth Alexander (D-5)
- ❖ Del. Dickie Bell (R-20)

education bureaucracy in the state,” said Krupicka.

“The fact that folks are looking to give that bureaucracy new responsibilities that have nothing to do with its original purpose illustrates the fact that once you create a bureaucracy it keeps growing.”

Another argument opponents are prepared to make is that until the existing lawsuit against the constitutionality of takeover is settled, state leaders should not be moving forward with assuming control over

troubled schools. Supporters of the initiative dismiss the court challenge as a politically motivated stunt. They point to a section of the Virginia Constitution directing the Board of Education to divide the commonwealth into “geographical” areas “subject to such criteria and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe.”

“The General Assembly set criteria that says they can take over a school if it’s failing,” said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). “So they don’t have much of a case.”

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OPINION

Extend Health Coverage in Virginia

General Assembly should not block coverage for as many as 400,000 uninsured.

Standing on what is essentially scorched earth, Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly have condemned hundreds of thousands of poor Virginians to living without health coverage even though it would be fully funded by Federal money for the next three years, and with Virginia paying 10 percent after five years.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe has pledged to do everything he can to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and we encourage him to use every creative option available to make that happen. In Ohio, the governor found a legal way to accept the Medicaid funds despite objections from the General Assembly, for example.

Earlier this week, McAuliffe included an

amendment to the FY2014 caboose budget bill authorizing the Governor to act in the event that the Medicaid Reform Innovation and Reform Commission (MIRC) fails to decide whether or not to accept federal funding to cover up to 400,000 uninsured Virginians through Medicaid by the end of the current legislative session.

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support accepting the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act. One persuasive factor for the business community: The expansion would create an estimated 30,000 jobs. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations.

It isn't as if there is no health care cost for the uninsured now. Right now, they access health care when they are very sick by going to an emergency room or other clinics, where providers spread the cost of care around. This is inefficient, expensive and unhealthy, including for those of us who do have health insurance. It means unvaccinated and/or sick

people are going to work and going about their daily lives putting themselves and others at risk.

As of January 2014, in Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income.

The General Assembly should not be able to block coverage for as many as 400,000 Virginians basically out of spite. The established excuse, that the Feds can't afford it and can't be counted on to pay the money, doesn't hold water in Virginia, which receives more Federal dollars per capita than any other state but Alaska. If legislators are so concerned about Federal ability to pay, you might expect to see them refusing transportation money, for example, or to turn the possible FBI headquarters away, or thousands of other ways that Federal dollars make their way into Virginia.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comparing Winter Road Maintenance

To the Editor:

After driving some 70 miles today (Tuesday, Jan. 21), I found Alexandria's snow removal/road treatments was disappointing.

For the primary/snow emergency routes that I drove on today, VDOT/Fairfax County gets an

A; D.C. gets a B+; Arlington a C, and Alexandria a D. Given that the temp is probably around 5/10 degrees right now and tomorrow's high is suppose to be 19 degrees, I'm dumbfounded why Alexandria did not put salt down on at least the primary roads.

What I found even more dumbfounding is that my street, S. Whiting Street, the driving lines were completely clear of snow and sludge and yet Route 1, Quaker Lane, King Street and Braddock

were sluggish.

Ruben Duran
Alexandria

Reconsider Fee Increase

To the Editor:

I was recently made aware of the fact that ACPS was raising the fees for community use of school facilities. Why ACPS would do this

without considering the full spectrum of implications is mind-boggling.

An email was sent out by Alexandria Little League stating that they were canceling their six-week winter baseball clinic due to the inflated prices. Fees have gone up from \$50 to \$285 per hour, a whopping 470 percent, successfully rendering the camp economically unsustainable.

As a former Alexandria Little League player I am incredibly disappointed in ACPS. This clinic is held at the Minnie Howard gym, and is led by the T.C. Williams baseball coaching staff. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with the coaches of the only public high school in the city, an opportunity that many kids will now miss out on. I hope that ACPS will reconsider this drastic price increase for Alexandria Little League.

Nicholas Roda
Alexandria

Time to Move Forward

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Linda Greenberg's letter "Catering to the One Percent" in the Jan. 15 edition of the Gazette. Her question, "Why isn't the city expanding car lanes to ease congestion" deserves an answer. The fact is that expanding car lanes in Alexandria invites more traffic and does not provide

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OPINION

Council Escapes History Buffs

BY HARRY M. COVERT

For certain I thought Alexandria's City Council would be inundated with protestors and history lovers, most especially from the likes of Sons of Confederate Veterans, VMI graduates flashing their class rings with the stars and bars and possibly a band playing "Dixie" or "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

COVERT MATTERS

They escaped.

Missing also was Willard Scott, famous city native, beloved NBC weatherman and history buff of the War of Northern Aggression.

It would not have been surprising if some history professor brought up the old saying, repeated by numerous writers, "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." We always do.

So what's the battle?

A couple of weeks ago news broke that Councilman Justin Wilson, of historical Del Ray, the city's sin capital a century ago, introduced a bill that some old-timers thought would banish naming city streets for Confederate generals who many consider heroes.

Second reading on Mr. Wilson's proposal is scheduled this Saturday (Jan. 25).

Along with the no naming, council will also eliminate an old ordinance preventing lewd co-habitation in the city. No squawks on this.

"I figured we'd get all kinds of calls on the cohabitation code but not a complaint," Wilson told me.

"I also figured we'd get lots of calls about the street



naming but we received only one," he said. It's unlikely the city will be naming any more streets after any one, CSA or not. The city is built out; no room for any more streets.

Seems like lots of time is being spent re-writing history in Alexandria. The city was occupied by Union Troops during the North

and South unpleasantness. Heck, Burke and Herbert Bank and Trust, the nation's oldest bank, handled the money of both the Union and Confederacy. Good business.

A few years ago a treasure trove of the Robert E. Lee family artifacts were uncovered in the basement of the bank. This was shared with the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.

There are streets named for General Lee, General Beauregard, Stonewall Jackson, J.E.B Stuart (high school, too), all from the CSA, then there's Union Street downtown in Old Town, and a street named for Col. Elmer Ellsworth in the city's West End near historic Virginia Theological Seminary.

Non-history buffs may want to know about Ellsworth. He was, 24, a friend of Abraham Lincoln, and the first Union officer killed. A plaque commemorates his demise in downtown. Lincoln cried.

Those who'd like to rewrite Old Dominion history should consider Robert Skimin's 1988 novel, "Gray

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WHEREAS, he served as a delegate to the Continental Congress, member of the Virginia Convention that voted narrowly to adopt our Constitution, governor of Virginia for three terms, and

WHEREAS, his immortal words about George Washington: “first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen” were penned in the Lee-Fendall House, and

WHEREAS, Lee continued public service in word and deed until suffering mortal wounds in his defense of freedom of speech

and of the press, and

WHEREAS, he brought his family to live in Alexandria when his son Robert was only three years old, and

WHEREAS, Robert Edward Lee was one of the world’s greatest generals whose tactics are still studied in American and European military academies, a beloved leader in war and peace, one of only two men in the recorded history of Western civilization to have been offered the top command of armies poised to fight each other, and

WHEREAS, Lee was universally admired for his humility, kindness, empathy and practice of his Christian faith in action, and

WHEREAS, when faced with a wrenching decision, he did his duty as he understood it, so although he opposed secession and slavery (having freed his few slaves before 1860 and being in the process of freeing his wife’s according to her father’s will), he took what he thought was the only honorable course: to follow his native state into a new alliance, resign his commission held for 36 years of exemplary service in the US

Army, and change his citizenship, a right long recognized among nations, and

WHEREAS, after the War, as president of Washington College, Lee melded the sons of the South and North into loyal Americans, their characters elevated by living under the code of gentlemanly conduct and the honor system he instituted, and their minds enlightened by study of the liberal and practical arts in the curriculum he re-organized and improved to meet the needs of rebuilding the country, and

WHEREAS, our most hallowed final resting place for our military is at Arlington, his wife’s inheritance to which his heart turned most tenderly, and where the US Congress designated the Custis Lee Mansion, built as a memorial to George Washington, to be a memorial in his honor as an American hero, and

WHEREAS, January is the birth month of these two great Alexandrians and American patriots, Gen. “Light-Horse” Harry Lee on Jan. 29, 1756, and his son Robert Edward Lee on Jan. 19, 1807, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor their valor and admirable achievements in the service of our country,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jan. 19-29 be declared a time for celebrating the lives and contributions of “Light-Horse” Harry Lee and his son Robert E. Lee with appropriate events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim January 19-29, 2014 to be

“A Time for Celebrating the Lees’ contributions to our country”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of January 2014.

William D. Euille, Mayor
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Va.

LETTERS

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long term, sustainable congestion relief. A recent case in point was apparent in the Eisenhower Avenue widening project at Mill Road. In that case, the city opted for near term congestion relief at a cost of more than \$7 million, with an understanding that the relief was temporary: projected traffic in that location will return to unacceptable levels of congestion in less than 7 years after the project is completed, without more effective transit-oriented measures. With constraints on right-of-way that preclude widening roads across the city, what is the solution? The city is pursuing the only path that will lead to sustainable congestion relief, such as that achieved in Arlington, where Lee Highway, Washington Boulevard and Wilson Boulevard have all achieved double-digit reductions in traffic counts since 1996. The secret? Offering multiple alternatives to the automobile in the form of rail, bus, bicycling, and walking and relentlessly marketing those transportation alternatives.

The King Street Bike lanes project is not about the one percent, it is about the 99 percent interested in sustainable congestion relief.

The city’s Transportation Master Plan and Eco City Plan are two City-Council approved policies that emphasize access to transit and increased use of non-single-occupancy-vehicle transportation. By improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists in an access-to-Metro corridor, the King Street project is completely aligned with and consistent with these policies. Mr. Baier, after many public meetings and careful consideration, made a technically sound decision, consistent with those policies to achieve congestion relief for the 99 percent. It is time to move forward.

James Durham
Alexandria



Delivering Holiday Meals On MLK Holiday

Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy students including a Girl Scout Daisy Troop of first grade girls, a Girl Scout Troop of 4th grade girls and families delivered special holiday meals on wheels to Alexandria’s seniors in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday as part of their Character Education program where students are encouraged to volunteer 20 hours per year in the community.

Free Tax Preparation for Qualifying Residents

The City of Alexandria is offering free tax preparation to qualifying residents. Taxpayers are eligible if their income is below approximately \$35,000 for individuals and \$51,000 for families. Expert volunteers from Community Tax Aid, Inc. will ensure that taxpayers apply for all applicable credits and deductions, especially the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, which people often don’t realize they are eligible to receive.

Sessions will be held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Feb. 1 through April 12 at 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue. Persons seeking tax preparation assistance will be seen on a first come, first served basis. Spanish-speaking volunteers are available and electronic filing is provided.

The following documentation is required:

Social Security cards for each family member, a photo ID for the taxpayer (and spouse, if filing jointly), W-2 forms and other income records, receipts or records for expenses such as child care and education, and if possible, a copy of last year’s tax return. The location is a 20-minute walk from the Braddock Road Metrorail Station and is served by DASH transit AT 10 and Metrobus 10A, 10B or 10E. For DASH schedule information, call 703.370.DASH or visit www.dashbus.com. For Metrobus schedule information, call 202-637-7000 or visit www.wmata.com.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be closed if the Alexandria City Public Schools are closed or if school activities are cancelled, as reported on the ACPS Hotline (703-866-5300) and on radio and TV broadcasts.

Poem for Pets

The gloss of glaze
and winter slopes
throughout the city —
The prance of many
little paws for skiing —
First snow for a walk
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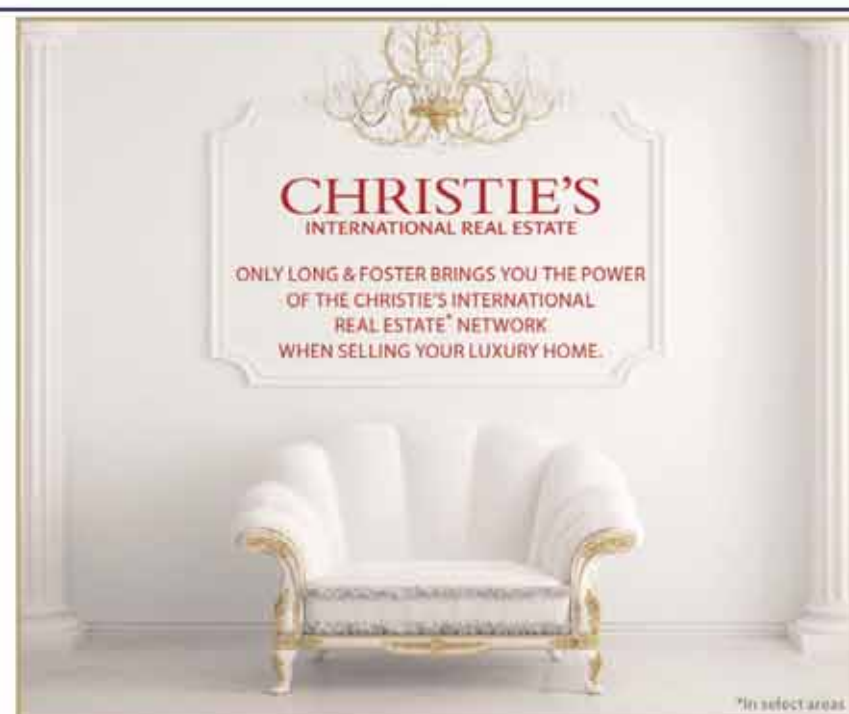
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ONGOING

Theater Performance. Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." The show runs Jan. 17-26. \$10-\$12. Visit acctonline.org.

Art Exhibit. See "No Room For Doubt," abstract works on wood, canvas and paper by Kristen Hayes through Jan. 26 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Art Exhibit. Artist John Gascot of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display through January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Primary Colors" art exhibit from Jan. 3-Feb. 2 at The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists use the three primary colors without mixing them. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Theater Performance. See "The Ballad of the Red Knight" by Red Knight Productions at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Runs Jan. 24 through Feb. 8. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. For tickets visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

Art Exhibit. The results of the latest art challenge issued by Artistic Artifacts, "Mixed Media Metallics," will be exhibited Jan. 18-Feb. 8. Many of the entries are included in a silent auction benefitting Food for Others. On display at Artistic Artifacts, 4750 Eisenhower Ave. Admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to Food for Others. Visit www.ArtisticArtifacts.com/metallics for more.

Art Exhibit. See a solo photographic exhibit "Darkness Visible" by Timothy Hyde at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Jan. 7 through Feb. 16. Hyde's photography examines the mysteries hidden in the shadows. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Theater Performance. Arts on the Horizon presents "Under the Canopy," a 20-minute interactive, nonverbal show for children up to age 4. Performances are Feb. 12-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23 at 10:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$5/person. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets. They can be purchased at the door.

Celebrate Black History Month. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 1-28 at Mount Vernon Estate. In observance of Black History Month, George Washington's Mount Vernon highlights the lives and contributions of the slaves who built and operated the plantation home of George and Martha Washington. A wreathlaying and presentation occurs daily at the slave memorial site throughout the month of February. Black History Month activities are included in admission: adults, \$18; senior citizens, \$17; children age 6-11, when accompanied by an adult, \$9; and children under age 5, free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Art Exhibit. See "Reincarnations" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features art from salvaged items, art from encyclopedias and more. Free. Runs Feb. 7 through March 2. Visit

www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Frances Gallardo: Meteorology" Jan. 18 through March 2 at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/ target for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Songs of the Shore," archival inkjet prints by Chantilly resident Peter Toth in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs Feb. 7 through March 16. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html for more.

Theater Performance. See "Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., from Jan. 23-March 16. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets may be ordered by calling 1-800-494-8497 or online at boxofficetickets.com. For group sales and information call the theatre at 703-548-9044. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., through Sunday, March 23. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Metro Club After-School Program.

From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Intro to Machine Sewing for Children. Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-noon at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Learn the basics of a sewing machine and beginning sewing skills. \$35. Visit <http://www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm> to register.

Quilting for Children. A six-week machine quilting class on Saturdays, Jan. 25-March 1 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$180. Kits are available for purchase. For children ages 8 and up. Visit <http://www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm> to register.

Winter Sewing Classes. A six-week introduction to machine sewing on Thursday, Jan. 23-March 6 or



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'Ella' Opens at MetroStage

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
METROSTAGE PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

"Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song" opens this week at MetroStage. It is the story of young Ella literally dancing in the streets and winning a talent contest at the Apollo Theatre when she was 15 years old. She headlined with Chick Webb and his Orchestra at the Savoy Ballroom, performed Live at the Cote D'Azur and so much more. She discovered that she could "scat" and mastered a new art form called "bebop." It is a fascinating journey of a legendary artist.

MetroStage has a certain fondness for female singers, particularly ones with interesting backgrounds and great distinctive voices. You might recall past seasons when you experienced Mahalia, Alberta Hunter, Billy Holiday, Mabel Mercer, Sarah Vaughan and Pearl Bailey. And now for the next eight weeks: Ella Fitzgerald.

Not only is the story of Ella being performed on our stage but it is being played by the legendary artist and performer Freda Payne. Since 1970 Freda has been performing on stages around the world but will always be associated with her '70s hit "Band of Gold."

Saturdays, Jan. 25-March 1 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$200. For children ages 8 and up. Visit <http://www.artatthecenter.org/registration.htm> to register.

Dance Classes. Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Drive, #4, will hold adult classes starting in February. Ten percent of the fees will be donated to American Heart Association. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org or 703-339-0444 for a schedule.

THROUGH SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Alexandria Restaurant Week. A prix-fixe three-course dinner or dinner for two will be offered at 50 Alexandria restaurants throughout the city. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com or 703-746-3301.

According to director Maurice Hines, Freda has the voice that is closest to Ella's, and of all the singers today, it is Freda who most closely embodies Ella's unique vocal quality.

Helping Ella tell her story on stage will be her cousin and traveling companion Georgiana. Georgiana will be played by Roz White, a well-known favorite of MetroStage fans. There is also the very interesting story of her manager Norman Granz. Granz systematically began to desegregate performing venues so that Ella could perform in them and actually founded Live at the Philharmonic. Norman is being played by Tom Wiggan, an Alexandrian who has returned after 10 years in daytime television playing the role of Kirk Anderson in "As the World Turns," along with Broadway and regional credits as well. Wynonna Smith completes the cast as young Ella and younger sister Frances.

And, of course, a MetroStage production would not be complete without William Knowles playing piano and conducting our renowned musicians playing drums, bass, trumpet and sax.

See you at the Savoy.

"Ella" is playing now through March 16 at MetroStage. For tickets or more information call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 24

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. See "Peter Pan and Wendy," recommended for all ages. \$10/person at wphspeterpan.brownpapertickets.com or at the door.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. See the drama department stage Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$5/ACPS employees, students and seniors; \$10/adult.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

A Royal Feline Adoption Event. 1 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Cats that have been cared for by King Street Cat volunteers will be looking for their

forever home. Visit <http://kingstreetcats.org/> for more.

Dance Performance. 2 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Jane Franklin Dance performs "Penelope's Pesky Pen," inspired by a children's book by Frank Dormer. \$10-\$15/person. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

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Tickets can be purchased at the door.
Annual Dinner. 7 p.m. at Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. The Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club will recognize community leaders. Former Redskin Joe Theismann will be in attendance as honorary chair. \$100/person and includes dinner, dancing and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the club. Visit www.2014bgcdinner.eventbrite.com or 703-549-3077.

Lecture and Bourbon Tasting. 7 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Hear about Revolutionary War hero and governor of Virginia, Gen. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee and his son Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. A tasting of bourbons will be available after the lecture. \$7/lecture; \$15/tasting or \$20/both. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org/ for more.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett will perform. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Civil War Ball. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and event from 8-11 p.m. in Gadsby's Tavern Ballroom, 138 N. Royal St. Features dancing, live music, desserts. Period attire or after-five wear. Reservations recommended. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242 for tickets.

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MONDAY/JAN. 27

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Robin Zander of Cheap Trick will perform a solo concert. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Music Performance. Alexandria's Fuse Box will perform at Jammin' Java, 227 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. \$10/advance; \$13/door. All ages welcome. Visit www.jamminjava.com for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 28

Wax Museum Event. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic School, 201 Popkins Lane. The Wax Museum is an annual event at St. Louis Catholic School that prompts the fifth grade students to learn more about an important person in history or modern society. Students dress as the person and "strike a pose" and a sticker is placed on their shoulder to

represent an "on" button. Once their button is pushed, students come alive to present their project. Free. Enter through the main office.

Winter Warmer Teas At Gadsby's Tavern

Enjoy the warmth and hospitality of Gadsby's Tavern during the Winter Warmer Teas. Teas held on Sundays, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, and March 9, 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 138 North Royal Street. Sip a special blend of tea from Gadsby's Tavern Museum, "take" a cup of American Heritage Chocolate, and eat period-inspired delicacies, both sweet and savory, with your 21st-century friends. Each tea features a different historic guest who will be visiting during the tea. Historic Guests include: Hannah Fairfax Washington (Jan. 26), Martha Washington (Feb. 9) and 20th-century preservationist Rebecca Ramsay Reese (March 9)

Tea is \$35 per person all inclusive and reservations are required. To make reservations and purchase tickets, call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov. Ticket also includes a tour at 2:15 or 2:45 prior to the tea. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29

Performance. 7 p.m. at Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson ST. The Virginia Opera will perform. Free. Reservations requested, www.vaopera.org or 1-866-OPERA.VA (866-673-7282).

"Change for Change" Benefit.

During the girls' basketball game at 5:45 p.m. or the boys' game at 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6600 Quander Road, change can be dropped into a bucket representing West Potomac High School or visiting Mount Vernon High School. The rival buckets will be available throughout the doubleheader to see which school comes out on top with the most change. Money from the "Change for Change" project will go to the countywide non-profit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County and its Youth Council, working to keep youth and young adults safe and drug free. Dollar bills and checks will also be accepted.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Bottle Rockets will perform with Marshall Crenshaw. \$27.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. See the drama department stage Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$5/ACPS employees, students and seniors; \$10/adult.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. James McMurtry will perform. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Browse high-end boutique merchandise during the 9th annual Old Town Boutique District Warehouse Sale. Visit www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com or facebook.com/ALXWarehouseSale for more.

Special Tours and Demonstrations.

1-4 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Discover items from poison bottles to dragon's blood and find out how they were used and if they worked. There will also be demonstrations. Recommended for children in 3rd grade and older. \$6/person. Reservations recommended. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-3852.

Country-Western Dance Lessons.

Lessons at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 7:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Couples and singles can dance to music by a DJ. \$10/NVCWDA; \$12/non-member; \$5/children under 18. Visit www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941 for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. See the drama department stage Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$5/ACPS employees, students and seniors; \$10/adult.

TUESDAY/FEB. 4

Special Tour. 1:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Take a special tour of the new Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington. Included in admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Discussion Series. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S Alfred St. Catherine Hollan on the "Growing American Silver Market" has been rescheduled from January. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/morrison/ for more.

Arts Extravaganza: An Evening of Fine and Performing Arts.

7 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Arts Center, 6500 Quander Road. All ages can enjoy "Tuesday Night Live," a parody of "Saturday Night Live," browse art exhibits and create with clay, paint and more. There will also be music and competitions and more. Free.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Dance Workshop and Book Signing.

4:30-6:30 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Art's Alexandria studio, 5775 Barclay Drive. Middle and high school students can enjoy a workshop by Tim Federle, a Broadway choreographer. \$50/open to advanced dance, theatre and music students. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org to register.

THURSDAY/FEB. 6

Lecture. 7-8:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. "How France Embraced and Rejected American Values." Free, donations accepted. Visit www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 7

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. see "Reincarnations" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Features art from salvaged items, art from encyclopedias and more. Free. Runs Feb. 7 through March 2. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

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Boys & Girls Club Awards Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Carlyle Club in Alexandria Saturday Jan. 25, 7 p.m. The event recognizes community leaders who have made contributions to the youth of the Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club. Through the awards, their achievements and dedication to enduring opportunities for success are celebrated. Former Redskin Joe Theismann will be in attendance as honorary chair. The Dunbar Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club has been serving youth in the city of Alexandria for more than 77 years. All proceeds from the dinner and silent auction go directly to providing positive after-school and summer experiences for area boys and girls. Tickets are \$100 each and the evening will include dinner, dancing, and an open bar. In addition, there will be a selection of silent auction items to bid on. Business attire. Contact cmérica@bgcgw.org or 703-549-3077 or www.2014bgcdinner.eventbrite.com



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SATURDAY/FEB. 8

Barnes & Noble Bookfair. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Potomac Yard, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Support Jefferson-Houston PTA while enjoying student performances, book readings and crafts. Visit bn.com/bookfairs and enter ID #11271368 if you would like to support the school online.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. Noon-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. Enjoy a re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay, displays, discussions and more. Includes audience participation. \$6/person. Reservations required, shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

Civil War Recruiting Day. 1-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Meet soldiers and civilians of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K. There will be demonstrations and information about how to become a re-enactor. Free. Snow day is Feb. 22. Visit www.fortward.org or 703-746-4848.

Closing Reception and Silent Auction. 3-8 p.m. bid on some of the entries from "Mixed Media Metallics." Proceeds benefit Food for Others. On display at Artistic Artifacts, 4750 Eisenhower Ave. Admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to Food for Others. Visit www.ArtisticArtifacts.com/metallics for more.

Teen Production. 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. See MVCCT's production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." \$12. Visit mvcct.org for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 9

Valentine Card-Making Party. Noon-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free, but a donation for a make-and-take card is requested. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 12

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. Gino Vannelli will perform at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Reception. 6-8 p.m., curator talk with Laura Roulet at 7 p.m. at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Benefit. 3-7 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Browse chocolate, coffee, candles, jewelry and more. A percentage of sales will be donated to the Fair Trade Alexandria campaign. Visit www.fairtradecampaigns.org for more.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 15

George Washington's Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m., with the ball to open at 9 p.m. in the ballroom at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. The re-creation celebrates the famous party held for Washington's birthday and includes dinner, dancing, desserts, character re-enactors and more. \$120/person or \$50/ball only. Ticket options for dining in a room or at the same table with the Washingtons. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

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Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Singer-songwriters Julie Clark and Lara Herscovitch will perform. \$18/general; \$15/advance or member. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-380-3151.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Armerding will open for Eddie from Ohio. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Special Tour. 1:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Take a special tour of the new Fred W. Smith National Library for the study of George Washington. Included in admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

Summer Camp Fair. 5:30-8 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. More than 60 exhibitors will represent a wide range of day and overnight camps for children of all ages. There will be art, academics, sports, engineering, special needs and more. Free. Pizza available for purchase. Visit www.acps.k12.va.us/ptac/summer-camp-fair.php.

Square Dance Lessons. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. All ages can enjoy dancing taught by Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. Free. Visit www.boomerangssquaredance.org for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 23

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PEOPLE

A Chaplain, a Clown, a Magician **Ted White brings joy and lessons.**

BY KAREN L. BUNE

In a world besieged with serious issues, problems and tragedies, Theodore White provides a special touch that impacts those around him in positive ways.

White has served as a volunteer chaplain at Inova Alexandria Hospital since the early 1990s. He assists patients and their families during times of illness and death and is a comfort to those facing challenging and difficult times in their lives.

Originally from Norfolk, he's been married 28 years with no children; his wife quickly learned what a sense of humor White possesses. When he attended her nieces' birthday parties, White would dress up as a clown and perform magic tricks. If a friend or acquaintance of the family was hospitalized, he would appear in his clown attire to cheer them up.

When he previously worked for the Alexandria Department of Social Services, he entertained his colleagues. "It was an explosion of a reaction. They just laughed and laughed," he said. After four years of employment at the Department of Social Services, he left to work in the clowning arena full time. "It's been scary financially but every second has been an enjoyable ride," White said.

Though he began his clowning career by "winging it," he began to seriously study the entertainment modality of clowning. He learned the rules of makeup and clowning, read books, attended seminars and talked



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Theodore White

to people in the business. "I read every book I could read on clowning and magic. I knew it was something I wanted to do, but I didn't feel comfortable with it," he said.

He soon established himself as the "Amazing Budget Clown" and advertised himself. He began to get phone calls immediately. "Between The Washington Post and the Yellow Pages, I did pretty good," White said.

He entertained as a clown at many birthday parties for children and also attended a few adult parties. As time progressed, he served as a clown at all types of events. He

was even invited to The White House to perform for the Easter Egg Roll when President George H.W. Bush was in office.

In addition to performing at parties, White has taught lessons to others through the medium of his clowning and magic techniques. His current clowning business, "Amazing Clowns and Etc.," presents magic shows with a message. Some of the various theme shows include the Black History Magic Show, Child Safety Magic Show, Ecology Magic Show, Reading Is Fun Magic Show, and the Self Esteem Magic Show. His services have been engaged for Black History Programs. He conducted a self-esteem show through performing magic and involving the participants with encouragement to value themselves. "Always treasure yourself — even if others talk trash," he told his audience.

White considers the linkage between chaplaincy and clowning to center upon participation and getting others involved. "As an entertainer for kids, I want to get them to volunteer. They have ownership," he said. White also teaches Bible Study to seniors at Oakland Baptist Church in Alexandria and gets them involved as well.

Several churches have hired him to explain the Bible in balloons. He would create balloon sculptures in the shapes of whales, pandas, sharks, and other creatures to demonstrate that God created them. He would also create sculptures of the sun and stars and other entities of God's creation. Other balloon sculptures consisted of flowers and fruit to demonstrate growing of the

spirit. "It involves a lot of creativity," White said.

The Bible and Balloons Program is a form of ministry, and White has performed magic shows for Baptist, Catholic and Presbyterian churches. "My ministry as a clown is to get involvement. They open themselves up to creativity. The goal of it is to help them to solve problems and have a feeling of accomplishment. Magic is very important. It gets more participation," White said.

He has performed at First Night Alexandria and also participated in the 2014 New Year's celebration. "He is incredible. He is so engaging. He does such beautiful balloon art.

The kids just love him," said Ann Dorman, producer of Alexandria's First Night. In the past, he also performed as a clown on Del Ray Day and delighted those in attendance with his balloon sculptures.

"Ted has been clowning since before I met him. It is an essential and treasured part of his identity. Both this and his volunteer work as a chaplain at Inova Alexandria Hospital demonstrate his concern for and interest in people. When he was performing at the recent Hanukkah Party at the hospital, the kids, and their parents, were entranced. His way with balloons was magic," said Laura Clerici, a fellow volunteer chaplain at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

"I love what I do. The love I get back is incredible" White said.

Karen L. Bune is a freelance writer. She is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Marymount University.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Mary Grace Vivian Killmer from Alexandria was named to the dean's list at Wofford College.

Erin Ackerman and **Adelaide Plemmons** were among the 214 students from Emory & Henry College who made the fall dean's list.

Michael R. Andriani III of Alexandria, received a bachelor of arts degree

in history from Virginia Military Institute. Graduating honors include Army Commission. Cadet Andriani's parents are Lt. Col. and Mrs. Michael R. Andriani Jr.

Emily Hauptle of Alexandria, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. She is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in marketing.

Mark Mattis of Alexandria has been named to the 2013 fall semester dean's list at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

BUSINESS

Young Appointed at Renner

Andrew E. Young, CPA, CGMA, MBA is now a Shareholder of Renner and Company.

Young joined the firm in 2009 after several years of public accounting experience with both Big Four and regional firms in New York State. Passionate about serving the non-profit community, his non-profit experience includes audits of trade associations, public charities, private foundations, labor unions, schools and other tax-exempt organizations.

In addition, he has experience auditing federal award programs and grants in accordance with OMB



Circular A-133. Currently, Young oversees many of the firm's non-profit audit engagements, including federal award recipients, as well as many of the firm's Form 990 returns.

Young holds a bachelor of science in accounting, summa cum laude, from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y., and holds a master of business administration degree with distinction from Liberty University. He is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Virginia and New York, and maintains a Chartered Global Management Accountant license

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OPINION

How To Keep One's Financial Affairs in Order

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
DIRECTOR, SSA COMMUNICATIONS

Plan, plan, plan — it's never too early. This was the mantra at last week's Senior Speaker Series event: Planning for your Family's Future, sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and ACT for Alexandria. Temple Beth El Hebrew Congregation hosted a crowd of more than 100 for a panel discussion about the steps we all need to take to protect our assets and put our legal affairs in order. Planning will help loved ones have a clear picture of how we'd like them to manage our personal and financial affairs when we are unable to do so.

The panel of experts, moderated by Tristan Caudron, senior partner and managing director of Speck Caudron Investment Group, Wells Fargo Advisors, included Sally Hurne, Esq. from AARP; Kim Fiske, Esq., partner from Fiske and Harvey, PLLC; and Laurie Blackburn, certified financial planner, vice-president of investments with Speck Caudron Investment Group, Wells Fargo Advisors. The speakers covered a variety of steps that everyone should take now.

One of the handouts from the session cov-

ered the five most important estate planning documents — a Will; Durable Power of Attorney; Health Care Power of Attorney; Living Will and Revocable Living Trust. There was a lively discussion around documents that you draft yourself and the legal implications of their validity. It was advised that in the majority of cases, it is less costly to have sound documents drafted and updated by a professional rather than trying to create and change these important tools without trained legal advice.

Attendees of the session received the document, "Planning your Legacy — Important Information for Your Loved Ones" which included an estate planning review checklist and charitable giving techniques. These documents are available online on Senior Services' website at www.seniorservicesalex.org and ACT for Alexandria at www.actforalexandria.org. If you have any questions, you can call Senior Services of Alexandria at 703-836-4414 or ACT for Alexandria at 703-739-7778 for more information. This is an important topic and we owe it to ourselves and loved ones to make wise decisions early.

The next Senior Speaker Series event will focus on Senior Housing: New and Innovative Solutions, and will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Charles Beatley Central Library.



Front row, from left, Kim Fish, Fiske and Harvey, PLLC; Sally Hurne, AARP, and John Porter, executive director, ACT for Alexandria. In second row: Mary Lee Anderson, executive director, Senior Services of Alexandria; Laurie Blackburn, Speck Caudron/Well Fargo, and Tristan Caudron, Speck Caudron/Wells Fargo.

State Budget Considerations Begin

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

Last week, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran of Virginia's 8th District announced he would not seek re-election. For 23 years he has ably represented the progressive values of the people of Northern Virginia. He has been an advocate for our environment, a fighter for equality and a strong champion of universal health care. Northern Virginia is a better place to live and work because of his leadership. I am proud to have been represented by him in Congress, and to have represented him in Richmond. After his many decades of service to our community, I wish him a long and happy retirement.

On Thursday, I presented 12 budget requests to the Senate Finance Committee. One amendment would fund three new forensic scientist positions in order to reduce the backlog in processing sexual assault evidence kits. These kits collect DNA evidence used to document, investigate, and prosecute cases of sexual assault. Another important budget amendment I submitted would improve the tax refund process by again



allowing Virginians to receive their refund via paper check as well as via direct deposit. Currently, the only refund options are direct deposit or plastic debit cards, the latter of which were fraught with fees and not consumer-friendly. I am pleased to report my accompanying bill SB27 to make this change has passed committee and is expected to pass the full Senate this week. I am also seeking funds to provide support services to as many as 6,800 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are on waiting lists for services through an Individual and Family Support Program. Many of these people have been waiting several years for assistance, and this amendment would provide these families much-needed financial flexibility to purchase medical supplies, supplements, respite care and related services.

I am also happy that my bill to repeal the illogical hybrid vehicle tax has advanced through committee and is on its way to passage. I am encouraged by the strong bipartisan support it has received thus far and am optimistic this tax will be fully repealed.

Please join me at upcoming Town Hall Meetings:

* Mt. Vernon: Jan. 25, 11-12:30 at Mount Vernon Government Center (2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria) with Del. Scott Surovell and Sen. Toddy Puller.

* Lee District: Feb. 1, 10-12, Kingstowne Thompson Center (6090 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Alexandria) with Del. Mark Sickles, Sen. George Barker and Sen. Toddy Puller.

* Alexandria/Arlington: Feb. 15, 10-12, Charles Houston Recreation Center (905 Wythe Street, Alexandria) with Del. Rob Krupicka.

If you're in Richmond between now and March 8, please stop by my office and see me. You can also email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov or call 804-698-7530 with your thoughts on legislation or state-related matters. I am active on Facebook and Twitter (@AdamEbbin) and more information is available at www.AdamEbbin.com, where I encourage you to sign up for my email updates.

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

Code Updates

FROM PAGE 11

Victory." The premise is simple. The war ended in a truce with the Union accepting the CSA. Lincoln was not assassinated, was succeeded by George B. McClellan and the peace recognized the South's Independence. Everyone was back in love.

Well, novels are fiction, so is "Gray Victory."

If by some chance names are needed soon, there are some good ones to consider — Mills Godwin, Douglas Wilder, John Dalton, Henry Howell, John Warner and Randolph Sengel. Good Virginians and worthy. They never forgot the Commonwealth's past.

PEOPLE

Barrett Teacher Receives Award

Charles Barrett Elementary School Math Teacher Stephanie Chlebus is one of 102 mathematics and science teachers named as recipients of the 2012 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. A panel of scientists, mathematicians and educators selected the winners following an initial selection process done at the state level.

The PAEMST is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country.

Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through sixth grade and those teaching seventh through



12th grades. Each winner receives a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at his or her discretion.

The winners also are invited to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and the Administration. These events will take place later this year.

NEWS

Sales Tax Error Explains Spike

FROM PAGE 5

tail the extent of the economic damage created by sequester and shutdown. Will the numbers track with expectations? Or will they fall well below the budgets local leaders voted for last spring? That has local governments worried and prepared to make reductions if necessary. Then again, they also don't want to make spending reduction that are unnecessary and potentially damaging.

"What you don't want to do is make cuts that if we recover enough we didn't need to make," said Laura Triggs, finance direc-

tor with the city of Alexandria. "But by law, if it continues to be low then yes I have to cut back on expenditures."

Part of the problem is revenue growth not meeting expectations. Even if local governments see an increase in revenue from sales tax revenue, failure to meet expectations could spell trouble for balancing the books in the current fiscal year. And that means even more headaches for trying to predict the future in fiscal year 2015.

"Normally our sales tax is increasing at a larger extent than it is right now," said Wilds.

BUSINESS NOTES

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In celebration of their 40th anniversary, the Torpedo Factory Art Center has invited three guest curators to develop exhibits for the Target Gallery during the 2014 season. Selected for their curatorial experience, Laura Roulet, Kade Twist and Roman Petruniak will introduce new emerging and midcareer artists to the DC metro area.

Laura Roulet is an independent curator and writer, specializing in contemporary and Latin American art. She was one of five international curators chosen for the citywide public art project, 5 x 5, a major initiative sponsored by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities in 2012. She has organized exhibitions in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. including at the Art Museum of the Americas, the Mexican Cultural Institute, Artisphere, Hillyer Art Space, Project 4, Fusebox and the DC Art Center. Recent exhibits include *Sculpting Outside the Lines*, an outdoor sculpture exhibit in Foggy Bottom and *Medios y ambientes* in Mexico City. Her publications include many catalogue essays, encyclopedia entries, articles in *American Art*, *Art Journal*, *Art Nexus*, *Sculpture*, and the book *Contemporary Puerto Rican Installation Art*, the *Guagua Aerea*, the *Trojan Horse* and the *Termite*. She worked on the *Ana Mendieta* retrospective, organized by the Hirshhorn Museum in 2004, and contributed to that catalogue.

Roman Petruniak is a member of InCUBATE, a research collaborative dedicated to art economies. In 2007, he co-founded a grassroots model for funding creative projects through community meals called *Sunday Soup*. In 2010, while conducting cultural policy research as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Kyiv, he helped design and launch BIG IDEA, one of Ukraine's first online creative media and crowdfunding platforms. As an artist and curator, his work has been featured by a number of institutions including Eyebeam Art+Technology Center; the Hyde Park Art Center, the Smart Museum of Art, the Van Abbemuseum, and the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. He has written for *CAA.Reviews*, *Proximity Magazine*, *AREA Chicago*, and the *Journal of Aesthetics and Protest*. He received a BA in the History of Art from the University of Pennsylvania in 2006, and a double MA in Modern Art History and Arts Administration from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2009.

Kade L. Twist is an interdisciplinary artist working with video, sound, text and installation environments. Twist's work combines re-imagined tribal stories with geopolitical narratives to examine the unresolved tensions between market-driven systems, consumerism and American Indian cultural self-determination. Twist is one of the co-founders of Postcommodity, a transdisciplinary artist collective. With his individual work and the collective Postcommodity, Twist has exhibited work nationally and internationally including the: Arizona State University Art Museum, Heard Museum, Chelsea Art Museum, National Museum of the American Indian, Gustav Heye Center, Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Museum. Postcommodity have been the recipients of grants from the Joan Mitchell Foundation, Art Matters and Creative Capital. In addition to his art practice, Twist is also a public affairs consult-

ant specializing in American Indian health care, technology and community development with clients that include the Ford Foundation, Benton Foundation National Congress of American Indians, and the American Dental Association. He is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

TD Bank has promoted **Justin Wilson** to assistant vice president, store manager of the South Washington store located at 119 S. Washington St. He is responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, managing personnel and overseeing the day-to-day operations at the store serving customers throughout the area. Wilson has five years of banking experience. He joined TD Bank in 2010 as the assistant store manager in the Constitution Square store in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining TD Bank, he served as store manager at Wells Fargo in Waldorf, Md. A Licensed Mortgage Lender, Wilson is active at the Alexandria Small Business Development Center.

A Washington, D.C., resident, Wilson serves as the bank's Green Leader in its Capital Region, charged with promoting sustainability and green activities, including the planting of hundreds of trees as part of the upcoming Tree Days at Holmes Run Park in Alexandria. He is a 2008 graduate of Emory & Henry College and a 2004 graduate of Patrick County High School in Stuart, Va.


The **Child & Family Network Centers** (CFNC), an Alexandria non-profit serving low income families, has won a comprehensive marketing and social media outreach contract from PCI, a leading marketing and creative production agency. PCI will provide CFNC with marketing and media outreach services to support the spring 2014 grand opening of their new location.

Since 1984, The Child and Family Network Center has provided free, award winning preschool education and family resources for at-risk children and families in Northern Virginia. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the organization, CFNC will open a new facility with classrooms and administrative offices on Wheeler Avenue in Alexandria. Visit www.cfnc-online.org.

NAI KLNb has brokered the sale of **4226-4228 King St.**, a two-story 7,644 square foot commercial office building to DreamTix for \$1.425 million. Brian Ball, Jack Regler and Brian Ball, Jr. from KLNb's Advisory Services Group represented the seller, the National Air Transportation Association, and Mark Souder of Coldwell Banker represented the buyer.

The **Alexandria/Old Town office** of Weichert, Realtors was recognized for outstanding performance in November. The office led the region, which is comprised of offices throughout Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Delaware counties, for resale listings, resales, resale revenue units and resale dollar volume.

Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union hosted its 9th Annual Warm Hearts Coat Drive. Members were requested to donate new or gently used clean coats – all sizes and for all ages, child to adult – for those in need in the local communities in Alexandria and Harrisonburg, Virginia. Donations were given to First Step in Harrisonburg and New Hope Housing in Alexandria.



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OBITUARY

Ronald Alan Bordeaux

Ronald A. Bordeaux, 51, of Washington, D.C., died on Jan. 15, 2014. Before moving into northwest D.C. over 10 years ago, he and his family lived in Arlington then Alexandria for over 15 years. A native of Peoria, Illinois and a graduate of Harvard Law School, Mr. Bordeaux was a distinguished international tax partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers for nearly two decades. All who knew him will long remember his powerful intellect, his boundless curiosity and his great zest for all things tax, tennis, and family.

He was born in Peoria, Ill., to Helen and the late Henry Bordeaux in 1962. In 1984 he graduated with highest honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



with a BS in finance, where he received the College of Commerce Top Ten Senior Award.

He went on to Harvard Law School where he earned his J.D. in 1987. He began his legal career with McDermott Will & Emery in Chicago, then spent a year in London with Fox & Gibbons before returning to the U.S. to join the Washington, D.C. office of Shearman & Sterling LLP. He joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in 1997, where he practiced for the remainder of his career.

At PWC, Mr. Bordeaux worked in the National Tax Services office where he advised U.S. and foreign-based multinationals with regard to their international tax issues, including projects involving mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, cross-border financing, redomiciliation and tax treaties. He served as co-leader of the firm's national inbound tax leadership team. In this capacity, he advised major foreign-based clients in structuring their inbound investment in the U.S. and subsequent compliance with U.S. tax rules. He also represented companies in controversy matters, as well as ruling requests with the IRS.

He was a member of the Foreign Activi-

ties of U.S. Taxpayers Committee and the U.S. Activities of Foreign Taxpayers Committee of the American Bar Association Tax Section. He was a frequent speaker at tax seminars worldwide and he published articles on an array of international tax topics. He was a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the State of Illinois.

An enthusiastic member of the tennis community at Belle Haven Country Club, he enjoyed playing against other area club teams with his many dear friends. He won numerous tennis awards at Belle Haven and was also a club paddle tennis champion. His life-long love of the sport began at an early age; he played with his parents at their hometown club, and later competed on the varsity tennis team in high school. His passion for the game led him to serve on the board of the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation. Another of his passions was classical music. He was an award-winning cellist during his high school years, and his love for classical music continued throughout his life.

Mr. Bordeaux was a devoted Catholic, thoughtful academic, and avid traveler. Ron

married Christina Zack Bordeaux in 1988 and the two were married for 24 years before separating. He was a wonderful father to his daughter Brittany and son Nicholas. He and his family shared many wonderful times traveling through Europe and to their favorite destination, Sarasota, Fla., where numerous hours were spent on the tennis courts. He is survived, loved and missed by his children, Brittany and Nicholas of Washington, D.C., his mother Helen Bordeaux of Peoria, Ill., brother David Doggett Bordeaux of Atlanta, Ga., sisters Janice Bordeaux of Houston, Texas and Donna Adams of Nashville, Tenn., and his former wife, Christina Bordeaux. He was preceded in death by his father Henry Bordeaux and his sister Gail Kaleel.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3513 N Street, NW, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either: the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, 16th & Kennedy Streets, NW, Washington D.C. 20011 or St. Albans School, Annual Giving, Mount St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016.

BULLETIN BOARD

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TAX HELP

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax preparation and tax counseling volunteer program starts its free Tax Preparation Services Feb. 1. The program, sponsored by the IRS, is staffed with Certified IRS Tax Counselors and use IRS computers and software to prepare and eFile tax returns for low to middle income families and elderly citizens. Please bring Government-issued picture IDs, and social security cards for all persons that will be included in your tax return. Also bring a printed copy of last year's tax return, if you itemized. Located at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide for additional information.

Winter Programs

Guide Now Available. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' 2014 Winter Program Guide is now available. Individuals who did not receive the program guide can download a free copy at alexandriava.gov/recreation. To sign up for a free subscription visit alexandriava.gov/recreation or call 703-746-4343.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

Beauregard Design Advisory Committee Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. The meeting topics will include the discussion of the Seminary Overlook Development Special Use Permit application. Free. 703-746-4666.

FRIDAY/JAN. 24

City Council Legislative Subcommittee. 5 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. 703-746-4550.

Preschool Open House. 9 a.m.-noon at St. Clement Episcopal Pre-School, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Parents of preschool-age children, 2 & years and up, are invited to join current parents and administrators for a tour. Call 703-998-8795 or email admin@saintclement.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

MONDAY/JAN. 27

City Council - School Board Subcommittee.

5 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact Jackie Henderson, 703-746-4550.

TUESDAY/JAN. 28

City Council Work Session. 5:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

Business Tax Reform Task Force. 6 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Bernard Caton, 703-746-3963.

City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4500.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29

Foster Parent Orientation. 6-7:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Prospective foster parents can get questions answered and learn the requirements to foster and adopt. Free. RSVP, e-mail christine.levine@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5858.

THURSDAY/JAN. 30

Nonprofit Workshop Series. 9-11 a.m. at the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, 625 N. Washington Street, Suite 400. Jennifer Ayers, JI Ayers Consulting LLC, presents "Boot Camp for Changing the World: How to Start, Manage and Grow a Nonprofit Organization: NPO Basics." Join the first session of this nonprofit workshop series and learn the basics of nonprofit organizations. Registration required. Free. Visit www.alexandriasbdc.org or call 703-778-1292.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

City Council Legislative Subcommittee. 5



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Helping Good Shepherd Housing

Sheehy Honda Alexandria recently donated \$7,500 to Good Shepherd Housing. From left are Sina Mohabat, General Manager with Rosemary Murray, Board Member of Good Shepherd Housing. Sheehy Honda Alexandria is part of the Sheehy Auto Stores family. In recent weeks, Sheehy has donated more than \$117,000 to charities in the communities they serve including Washington, D.C.; Annapolis/Baltimore, Maryland; and Ashland/Richmond, Va.

p.m. City Hall, Council Work Room, 301 King St. Contact 703-746-4550.

SATURDAY/FEB. 8

Boating Safety Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Take an education course. Register by e-mailing eaglesailor75@cox.net or 703-780-3765.

TUESDAY/FEB. 11

Business Leaders Circle Program. 8 a.m. at the Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Thomas A. Scully will address the participants. There will be a breakfast and presentation. \$25/person. RSVP at www.campagnacenter.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Program. 1:30-3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Chet Avery will discuss ways on

maximizing access to information. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1762.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Family Fun Night. 6-8 p.m. at Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Enjoy water activities, playing on the racquetball courts and more. \$4/resident; \$8/nonresident. Contact Ralph Baird at 703-746-5435 or email ralph.baird@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Nomination Deadline. The Alexandria Historical Society and the Office of Historic Alexandria invite members of the community to nominate one or more people to receive the T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award. The award is presented to those who have made exceptional contributions to the awareness, understanding and appreciation of local history including the preservation of the historic, cultural and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Contact Audrey P. Davis, Co-Chair History Awards Committee at 703-746-4706 or to audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov for guidelines and address to send the nominations.

Foster Parent Orientation. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Prospective foster parents can get questions answered and learn the requirements to foster and adopt. Free. RSVP, e-mail christine.levine@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-5858.

MONDAY/MARCH 3

Application Deadline. The online application for the Military Officers Association of America Educational Assistance Programs for the 2014-2015 school year is now available online at <https://scholarship.moaa.org/login.aspx>. Students can apply for the interest-free loans and grants, which are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study (or until a student graduates).

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or full-time college students working toward their first undergraduate degree. Students may apply online at www.moaa.org/education. The application deadline is Monday, March 3 at noon. For more information on educational assistance or making a contribution to the MOAA Scholarship Fund, visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or email edassist@MOAA.org.

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United Way's Haggerty To Chair Chamber Board

Former Labor Secretary Chao to be guest speaker at community reception.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Joseph V. Haggerty, chief operating officer of United Way Worldwide, will formally take over as chairman of the board of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce at a Community Reception Jan. 23 at the United Way headquarters in Old Town.

"I think there's an opportunity to do some good things this year," Haggerty said. "I want to see the chamber take a leadership role on a lot of issues. From the budget to food trucks, we'll find a way to weigh in on all these things."

A career United Way professional, Haggerty is credited with leading a turnaround of the sagging Phoenix-based Valley of the Sun United Way before becoming president and CEO of the troubled United Way of Greater Los Angeles. Under his leadership, UWGLA substantially improved its fund-raising campaign, streamlined its structure and provided additional funding

to the health and human care agencies serving the community's most critical needs.

Prior to these positions, Haggerty served as president of the United Ways in St. Joseph, Mich.; Corpus Christi, Texas; and St. Paul, Minn. During his 25 years as a United Way CEO, the organizations he headed raised more than three-quarters of a billion dollars.

"Joe Haggerty brings a unique set of community-based skills to his role as chair of the Chamber board," said Chamber of Commerce president and CEO John Long. "As COO of United Way Worldwide, he has already worked with many of our community members in strengthening region's quality of life."

A New England native, Haggerty received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his master's degree in community organization and planning from the University of Connecticut.

Joining Haggerty at the reception will be former U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, who headed United Way of America from



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
Joseph V. Haggerty takes over as Chairman of the Board of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.



Former Labor Secretary Elaine Chao.

1996 to 2001. An immigrant who arrived in America at the age of 8 speaking no English, Chao became the first Asian American woman ever to be appointed to a President's Cabinet, where she served from 2001 to 2009.

"Tomorrow will be an exciting evening and we are especially excited to welcome Elaine Chao as our guest speaker," Long said.

"The evening will be an opportunity for the Chamber to celebrate Alexandria with

our community partners."

A popular speaker on jobs and the economy, Chao also served as director of the Peace Corps, where she established the first programs in the Baltic nations and the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Her government service also includes serving as deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Transportation, chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Chao earned her MBA from the Harvard Business School and an economics degree from Mount Holyoke College. Honored for her extensive record of accomplishments and public service, she is the recipient of 34 honorary doctorate degrees.

A resident of Old Town, Haggerty takes over as board chairman from John Renner of Renner and Company. Chair-elect for 2015 is Burke and Herbert vice president Walter Clarke.

"My goal for this year is to get more individuals involved in the chamber and the process of city-making decisions," Haggerty said. "I plan for us to take leadership roles on key issues that people are talking about, take responsible positions and represent the community's point of view."

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Murray Appointed to Board of Veterans Services

Focus: Putting veterans to work.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria resident and retired Army Colonel Patrick Murray has been appointed to serve on the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, the body responsible for monitoring the welfare of Virginia's veterans and setting policies to enhance veteran services across the Commonwealth.

"Virginia has the highest per capita of veterans in the country," Murray said. "There are over 830,000 veterans living in the state and seeing that they are taken care of is very important."

Among its activities, the board operates two long-term care centers, two cemeteries and the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Additionally, board members work closely with the state legislature to craft legislation related to veteran's affairs.

"We already have a number of bills proposed for this session," said Murray, who noted that five members of the Virginia House of Delegates and state Senate serve on the board. "One is to allow service members who are Virginia residents to be able to vote electronically if they are deployed outside the state to be sure their votes are counted. Another deals with education benefits for family members of those killed in

action."

Murray, a two-time Republican candidate for Congress in Virginia's 8th congressional district, was appointed to the board by Bob McDonnell just prior to the end of McDonnell's term as governor.

"I am truly honored to serve on this board," Murray said. "We have some phenomenal people on the board, from Vietnam POWs like Paul Galanti to seriously wounded veterans and others who have started organizations to take care of veterans and their families."

One area of focus for Murray will be putting Virginia's veterans to work.

"The unemployment rate for veterans is 8 to 10 points higher than the national average," Murray said. "We need to find jobs for our unemployed veterans. We need to help them have a better life when they return home from serving their country in combat."

Murray is looking forward to working closely with the many organizations that focus on serving the needs of veterans across the state.

"One organization of particular interest to me is Virginia Values Veterans," Murray said. "It is an organization that is helping veterans find jobs by bringing veterans and employers together across the Commonwealth. I am really looking forward to working with them and very honored to have this opportunity to serve our veterans and the state of Virginia."



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Two New Deputies

Two new deputies have joined the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. On Thursday, Jan. 16, the recruits received their badges and credentials and then were sworn in at the Alexandria Courthouse by Clerk of the Circuit Court Edward Semonian. Deputy Samuel Clark (right) and Deputy Phillip Leger (center) will complete several weeks of training at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center before attending the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy later this year.

Two-Alarm Apartment Fire Displaces Family

The Alexandria Fire Department, assisted by Arlington County, Fairfax County, and Metro Washington Airports Authority Fire Departments, responded to the report of smoke and fire showing from a top floor balcony of a townhouse on Jan. 19 at approximately 11:20 a.m.

The initial responding units arrived on scene to find smoke and fire showing in the rear of the building. A second alarm was requested as units inside the apartment found smoke on the second floor of the

townhouse with fire present in the home on the third floor and on the balcony.

The responding units, aided by the townhouse sprinkler system, were able to bring the fire under control. Due to structural damage caused by the fire and water, the building is being condemned.

The townhouse was evacuated prior to units arriving on the scene and there were no reports of injury. The family is making their own arrangements for relocation. The cause of the fire is listed as accidental and initial damage estimate is \$100,000.

T.C. Williams Girls' Basketball to Host West Springfield

After going 4-5 during the 2013 portion of their schedule, members of the T.C. Williams girls' basketball team made some New Year's resolutions.

Among those resolutions: finish the season without losing another game.

So far, so good.

The Titans are 6-0 in 2014, including a 75-71 win over North Point, the Eagles' only loss to date, and, most recently, a 59-24 victory against Lee on Jan. 17. Starting Jan. 23, T.C. Williams, the defending Patriot District champion, will play four games in eight days, facing West Potomac (home), Woodson (Jan. 24, away), West Springfield (Jan. 28, home) and Lake Braddock (Jan. 30, home).

While head coach Keshia Walton insists T.C. will approach things with a one-game-at-a-time mentality, she acknowledged that Tuesday's rematch with West Springfield, which beat T.C. 54-53 on Dec. 13, is a big one.

"It's a very important game for us," Walton said. "We felt like the first game, we kind of came up short a little bit. We didn't play our best game and we [only lost] by one point. ... We are excited about them coming in the 28th."

West Springfield is 14-0, with games against Annandale and South County before taking on T.C. Williams.

During the 2010-11 season, West Springfield beat T.C. Williams four times, including the Patriot District and Northern Region championship games. During the 2011-12 campaign, the Spartans beat the Titans twice during the regular season by a combined four points before beating T.C. a third time in the district tournament fi-

nal.

Last season, T.C. Williams beat West Springfield twice during the regular season and went on to win its first district title since the 2008-09 campaign. The Spartans lost to Woodson in the district tournament semifinals.

Tykera Carter leads T.C. Williams in scoring at 16 points per game. Rejoice Spivey and Angie Schedler are each averaging 12 points per contest, and Grace Peterson is averaging 11.

— JON ROETMAN

TC Boys' Basketball Gets Second Win

The T.C. Williams boys' basketball team defeated Lee 76-63 on Jan. 17 to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Jordan Jones led the Titans with 22 points. Mert Ozkaynak finished with 17 points and Andrew Hill had 12.

The Titans lost to Archbishop Carroll two days later, 46-29, dropping their record to 2-12. Hill led T.C. with 10 points in defeat.

T.C. will host Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24 and will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

T.C. Williams senior Mert Ozkaynak attempts a perimeter shot against Wakefield on Dec. 7.

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Angie Schedler and the T.C. Williams girls' basketball team is 6-0 in the 2014 portion of their schedule.



SCHOOL NOTES

SSSAS Latin Students Excel

A group of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School classics students took home more than 100 awards at the annual Virginia Junior Classical League state convention, held in Richmond in November.

During the convention, junior Daniel Marshall was elected VJCL vice president, becoming the third state officer in a row from SSSAS.

With the third-largest delegation in attendance, consisting of 52 Middle and Upper School students, Saints Latin won first place in Spirit (fourth consecutive win) in the Grand Delegation category during the convention. The Saints also placed third in the VJCL Publicity Contest and received recognition for the "best print media article" for an Examiner newspaper article last year.

SSSAS students excelled in various individual competitions during the convention. Some highlights

include:

Latin 4 student junior Will Siegmund earned best in show on both Roman History and Latin Literature, and he placed first in Roman Life. Latin 3 student sophomore Ann Bailey earned second place in Derivatives, Grammar, and Vocabulary. Latin 1 student junior Sylvie Howton placed second in Pentathlon, and she and classmate freshman Sean Dowling placed first and second in Derivatives, respectively. Latin 2 student freshman Malcolm Reynolds also placed second in Derivatives. Freshman Nathan Pugh placed first in the state for his modern myth.

SSSAS students also did well in graphic arts. Eighth grade Latin 1 student Tindall A. received first place for her greeting card, as did Latin 2 student freshman Sammy Daley for her duct tape rendition of Julius Caesar. Sammy also earned first place in Impromptu Art.



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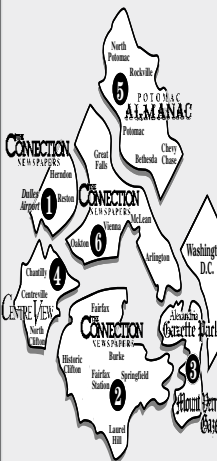
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OBITUARY

Frances Bliss Simmons

Frances Bliss Simmons, 89, of Alexandria, died peacefully on November 13, 2013, at Mount Vernon Hospital surrounded by her family. Mrs. Simmons is preceded in death by her husband, BGen Edwin H. Simmons, USMC. She is survived by her children, Edwin Simmons, Jr., Clarke Simmons, Bliss Simmons Robinson, and Courtney Simmons Elwood; and 5 grandchildren.

A service will be held at Fort Myer Post Chapel on January 23, 2014, at 3pm, followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery and a reception at the Ft. Myer's Officers' Club. The arrangements are under the direction of Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA.

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OBITUARY

William Dixon Robertson, Jr.

COLUMBIA - William Dixon Robertson, Jr., 87, died Friday, January 17, 2014, following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held eleven o'clock in the morning, Wednesday, January 22, at Washington Street United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. The family will receive friends from five until seven Tuesday afternoon, January 21, at Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street.

Admiral Robertson was born in Lexington, North Carolina, on August 27, 1926, to the late William D. and Mary Norman Hargrave Robertson. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on December 11, 1943, and under the V-12 Program attended the University of South Carolina at Columbia. He entered the United States Naval Academy on appointment from his native state in 1944. He graduated with the class of 1948 on June 6, 1947, and was commissioned Ensign. His selection for the rank of Rear Admiral was approved by the President on January 30, 1974.

Admiral Robertson was a proud destroyer officer. He served in USS VESOLE (DDR-878); USS MULLANEY (DD-528); and USS WEEKS (DD-701). He was Executive Officer under Elmo "Bud" Zumwalt's command of USS DEWEY (DLG-14). He attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Washington, DC, in Intelligence and Russian Language; and served as Assistant Naval Attaché at the American Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; operations officer to Destroyer Squadron THIRTY; instructor for the Naval ROTC Unit at the University of South Carolina; Head of Maritime Intelligence Branch, Office of Naval Intelligence; and Head of the Strategic Warfare Group, Systems Analysis Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-96). He was commanding officer of USS WATTS (DD-567); USS RAMSEY (DEG-2); and USS WAINWRIGHT (DLG-28). From August 1974 until his retirement in June 1979, he served as deputy, then Vice Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Admiral Robertson attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and received a Master of Science in Administration from the George Washington University, Washington, DC. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal with Combat "V" for "meritorious service during combat operations against the enemy" during the Viet Nam War; the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, and Joint Service Commendation Medal. He also wore the American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Vietnam Service Medal with bronze star; and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

Admiral Robertson was active in his church and with his children's activities wherever his family was stationed. Upon returning to Columbia, he immediately became involved with Washington Street United Methodist Church. He served as Chair of the church's Foundation and he and his wife worked with Meals on Wheels. He was a member of the Columbia chapter of the US Naval Academy Alumni Association; the Saint Andrews Society of the City of Columbia; Forest Lake Club; the Quadrille Club; and a former member of the Caprician Club.

Admiral Robertson is survived by his wife of 61 years, Frances Tuttle "Tut" Robertson, of Columbia; son, William Dixon Robertson III (Allison), of Columbia; daughter, Frances Robertson Butler (Barre), of Charleston; sister, Sassy Shull, of Columbia; grandchildren, Frances Lee Butler Bressan (John) of Charleston; William Barre McLeod Butler of Columbia; and Allison Betheha Robertson of Columbia; three wonderful nieces; and a grand-niece and many grand-nephews and cousins whom he cherished.

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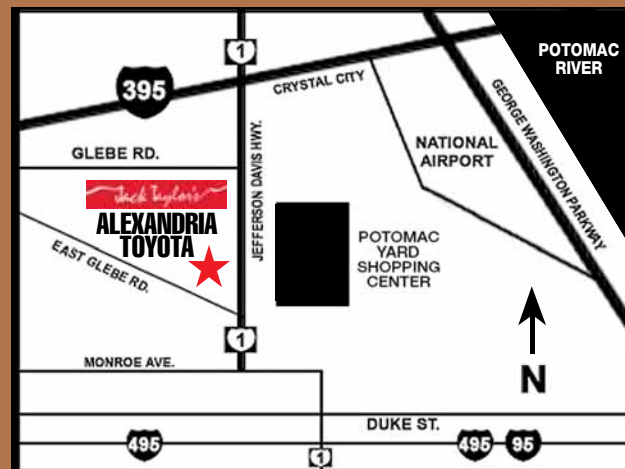
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<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL \$129⁹⁵</p> <p><small>INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION</small></p> <p><small>Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.</small></p> <p><small>Does not apply to hybrid batteries.</small></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE VARIABLE DISCOUNT</p> <p>\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99 \$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99 \$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99 \$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99 \$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR \$1⁰⁰</p> <p><small>GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.</small></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	
<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION</p> <p><small>Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.</small></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT \$89⁹⁵</p> <p><small>Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.</small></p> <p>INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 12% OFF ANY FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	
<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE WINTER MAINTENANCE PACKAGE SPECIAL \$59⁹⁵</p> <p><small>INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of oil, tire rotation, tire tread inspection, set proper tire pressure, battery check (with print-out), inspect brakes, inspect drive belts, check & top off all fluids and check engine coolant/antifreeze.</small></p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE FREE QUICK ALIGNMENT CHECK</p> <p><small>We will take the guess work out. Stop paying for alignments you don't need.</small></p> <p>ADJUSTMENTS, \$89.95</p> <p><small>NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 1/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</small></p>	<p>Service & Parts Dept. Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm Saturday, 8:00am to 5:00pm</p>



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