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King-Sized Debate

City Council to consider proposal to create bike lanes on King Street.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Months of bitter accusations and counter-accusations are set to culminate this weekend as members of the Alexandria City Council take up a plan to remove four blocks of parking spaces on King Street to make room for a bike lane in each direction. City officials initially planned to transform the street without conducting a public hearing, but a massive outcry forced city leaders to schedule a hearing before the Traffic and Parking Board, which voted to delay the proposal in a five-to-two vote. The majority of members want to wait until a deal could be struck that would not be so divisive.

"I don't want to wait forever," said board member William Schuyler. "But this will become the law. It will become how we operate for the next 20 years, so a couple of extra months isn't the end of the world if we actually get to a place where there's more consensus and more compromise."

The controversy started in December, when Transportation and Environmental Services director Rich Baier decided that a repaving project on King Street opened the door to create bike lanes on the heavily traveled thoroughfare. In a Dec. 20 letter outlining the



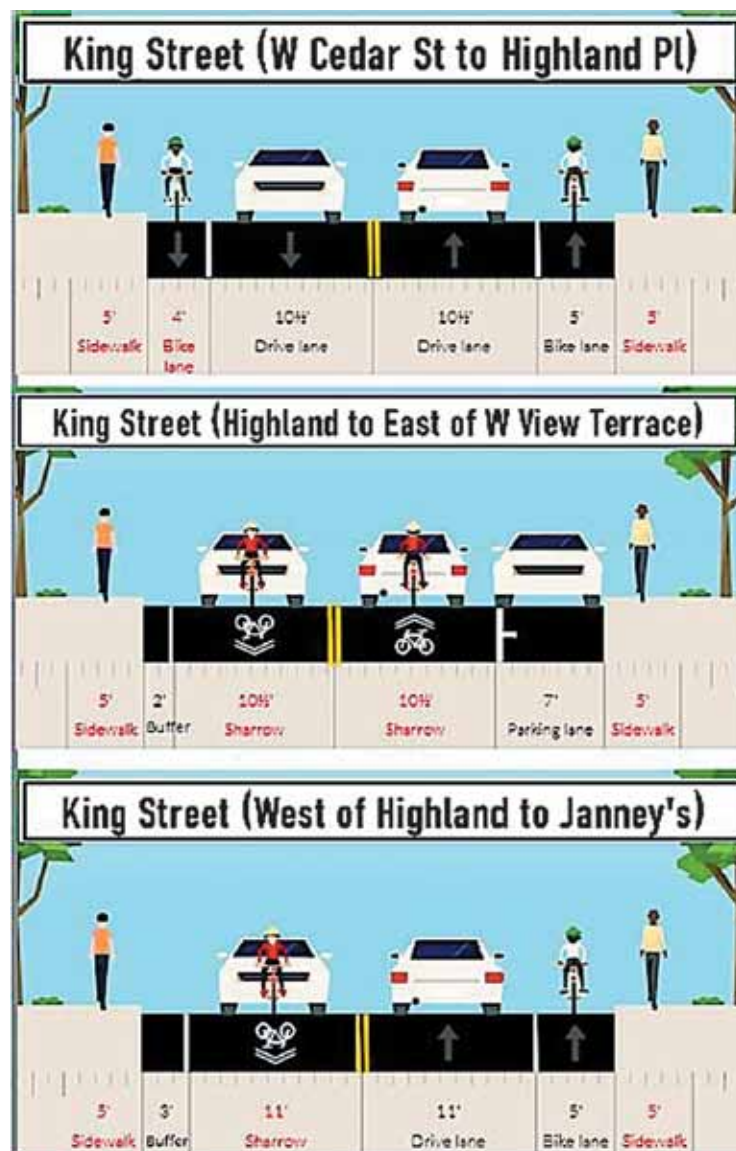
This is how the proposed bike lanes would look on King Street.

decision, Baier explained he came to the conclusion because the city policy requires Complete Streets infrastructure "if safety and convenience of users can be improved within the scope of pavement resurfacing operations." The letter launched a firestorm of support and opposition, a debate that has brought national attention to the city. "The bicycle lanes create a buffer for pedestrians along the south sidewalk, which currently abuts the travel lane and provides a buffer for pedestrians along the south sidewalk, which currently abuts the travel lane, and provides unobstructed visibility for resi-

dents on the north side as they enter and exit their driveways," wrote Baier in the letter. "The bicycle lanes also provide a safe location for cyclists riding up the hill who may be traveling as slowly as five miles an hour."

THE TRAFFIC and Parking Board meeting last month went on for several hours, as dozens of people testified for and against the proposal. When all was said and done, 33 supported the proposal and 21 opposed. That's an indication of what might happen this weekend, as City Council members will take

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Proposed cross sections.

Murders May Be Linked

Alexandria police investigate possibility of serial killer.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A serial killer may be on the loose in Alexandria, although police officials say they have no reason to believe he lives in Alexandria. Or that he's acting alone. Or that he's even using the same gun.

Police Chief Earl Cook appeared before reporters last week to announce the results of ballistics tests conducted at the crime scene

of the Ruthanne Lodato murder, which has prompted concern in the neighborhood that a serial killer may be on the loose. The

analysis showed that the bullets retrieved at the scenes of the Ron Kirby murder and the Nancy Dunning murder exhibit the same general rifling class and characteristics.

"I think what we have here is a

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Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook speaks to reporters about possible connections between the three murders.



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Waterfront Promise

Most City Council meetings start with a dog-and-pony show. Organizations are congratulated and individuals are honored. This Tuesday's council meeting started with the usual round of celebrations honoring the anniversary of the DASH bus system. But then something unusual happened during the presentation of a proclamation honoring the land launch of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's whaleboat. Mayor Bill Euille passed the microphone around to the guests to make a few remarks. That's when one of the board members of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation abandoned the usual script and took issue with a controversial plan to revitalize the waterfront.

"I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that I'm a little concerned with the waterfront plan because right now we have no future home in the plan," said Alan McCurry when he had a moment with the microphone. "Without a place to build the boats the Seaport Foundation will cease to exist, but more importantly the at-risk youth and the underserved youth that we help will also be homeless."

With that, he handed the microphone to the mayor.

"I'm sorry I'm the last one with the mic after those comments," said Euille. "You may not be in the plans today in terms of knowing exactly where you are going to be, but I can assure you that my colleagues and I will work with staff and the developers to ensure that you will continue to have a place on the waterfront."

The Fast Track

The Potomac Yard Metro station is on track. But former Mayor Kerry Donley thinks the train is moving too slowly, and now he's urging City Council members to abandon one proposal to move CSX commercial railroad tracks westward onto the North Potomac Yard property.

"We are spending too much time studying options that are not viable," said Donley. "It would be too costly, and it would end up removing a lot of potential development off the tax rolls so that will have implications on the development plan."

Moving the tracks would allow one of the potential station locations to be removed from land owned by the National Park Service. It would also be a way around a 1999 scenic easement that poses another impediment to the project. There's only one problem. CSX doesn't seem all that interested. Back in November, city leaders met with railroad officials about the Metro station. Since that time, city officials say, they have yet to hear any response from CSX.

"In the meantime, we're stuck waiting on what we know is going to be a very costly proposal," said Donley. "It will probably increase the overall costs between \$100 million and \$150 million. That's money the city can't afford to borrow."

City officials currently expect to issue a draft environmental impact study next year and begin construction in 2018. Donley is urging city leaders to abandon talks with CSX and issue the draft environmental impact study this summer so construction can begin in 2016.

Saslaw Sampler

When members of the Alexandria General Assembly delegation appeared before City Council members this week, they got an earful from Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35).

On the budget impasse: "Get ready to worry because this is going to last a long time."

On Democrats taking control of the Senate: "When you're in charge you can rig the committees, and I'm good at that."

On the Republican effort to takeover troubled schools with the Opportunity Education Institution: "One way or another, we're going to get rid of it. That's a promise."

On the corruption scandal in the District of Columbia: "There's got to be a shuttle bus between the penitentiary and that City Council chambers." On the corruption scandal in Prince George's County involving Leslie Johnson, wife of the former county executive: "That must have been some bra because when the FBI entered the house, she had \$77,000 in \$100 bills in there."

On the ethics reform effort in Virginia: "If you elect people who somehow or another have a computer chip in their head that's not working telling them the difference between right and wrong, you're going to have a problem and there's no laws that you could pass that would fix that."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

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Donna Anderson, right, gets flowers from daughter Dakota at the Feb. 27 opening of Sweet Fire Donna's BBQ restaurant in the Carlyle neighborhood of Alexandria.

PHOTOS BY
JOHN BORDNER

Hog Wild Sweet Fire Donna's opens in Carlyle neighborhood.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It took a bit longer than expected because of weather and permit delays but it was worth the wait as BBQ fans lined up Feb. 27 to sample the fare at the opening of Sweet Fire Donna's, the latest offering from "Mango Mike" Anderson, Bill Blackburn and Anderson's wife Donna.

"It took a lot of work but we are excited to be here," said Donna Anderson as she tended to the opening night crowd that included Mayor Bill Euille.

Located on John Carlyle Street in the space formerly occupied by Jerry's Subs and Pizza, the 1,800-square-foot restaurant has indoor seating for 48 people and a barbecue oven that holds up to 700 pounds of pork.

"We are different from Pork Barrel BBQ in that our menu has a decidedly Carolina twist," said Anderson in reference to the group's sister restaurant in Del Ray. "You wouldn't believe how many Carolina BBQ fans come out of the woodwork to check us out."

The menu at Sweet Fire Donna's features a signature Carolina Treet sauce, used to toss the wings, and a North Carolina vinegar sauce used in the chopped BBQ.

"There's no other place you can find chopped BBQ," Anderson said. "That makes us different from other BBQ places."

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Mayor Bill Euille visits with "Mango Mike" Anderson at the opening of Sweet Fire Donna's Restaurant Feb. 27.

soapstone with copper veins as its centerpiece, Sweet Fire Donna's features an interior of wood and stone. "It's very cozy here," Anderson added. "People can come down, get comfortable, get to know the bartender and feel right at home. We play country music and try to provide customers with a good down home feel."

Sweet Fire Donna's is hoping to fill the void of restaurants in the growing Carlyle neighborhood.

"Business has been off to a good start," Anderson said. "Our dinner crowd has almost matched the lunch crowd, which has been a real surprise. The residents here are supporting us and I am getting good feedback from the office buildings around us so I hope it keeps up."

For more information, call 571-312-7960 or visit www.sweetfiredonnas.com.

Leaving Some Wiggle Room

Council members advertise half-a-penny increase in tax rate, allowing more flexibility.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Although Alexandria City Manager Rashad Young issued a proposed budget that keeps the current tax rate, members of the City Council voted this week to advertise a tax rate that's half a penny higher. Councilman John Chapman offered the motion to advertise a tax rate higher than the current tax rate, which could provide an additional \$1.7 million if council members decide to vote for the higher rate.

"I don't want to put myself in a corner," said Chapman. "There are going to be some conversa-

tions we did not think about beforehand. And I'm fearful when we have those conversations we are going to be looking at ourselves like maybe we should have left that wiggle room."

Councilman Justin Wilson offered an unsuccessful motion to advertise the current tax rate, which is \$1.038 for every \$100 of assessed value. He and Councilman Paul Smedberg ended up voting against Chapman's motion, which increased the advertised tax rate to \$1.043 for every \$100 of assessed value. They urged their colleagues to try to craft a budget within the revenues generated

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2014 Champion for Children Awardees Nigel and Lori Morris with U.S. Sen. Mark Warner at the gala.



CAC gala co-chair Kim Turpin Davis and Maryclare and Eric Tracy.

Gala Raises \$125,000 for Center

The Center for Alexandria's Children, a public-private partnership that serves abused and neglected children, raised a record \$125,000 in proceeds at its Fifth Annual Gala Benefit on Friday, Feb. 28, at Virtue Feed & Grain in Old Town. The event honored Alexandria business and community leaders Nigel and Lori Morris and Deputy City Manager Debra Collins for their exceptional dedication to improving the lives of Alexandria's children.

Nigel and Lori Morris received the 2014 Champion for Children Award for their vision and work in founding and ongoing contributions to the center. As chairman of the board of the center from 2006 to 2013, Nigel Morris played a crucial role in the center's growth and development. Leading the center's Playgroup Steering Committee, Lori Morris coalesced early care and education experts to create the Learn and PlayGroup Curriculum, which is currently being piloted and evaluated across all the center's playgroups.

Alexandria's Deputy City Manager Debra Collins received the Center's 2014 Outstanding Dedication to Children Award for her



2014 Outstanding Dedication to Children Awardee Debra Collins is joined by SCAN founder David Cleary and Deborah Warren.

commitment to improving the lives of Alexandria's at risk children. She was on the forefront of bringing a child advocacy center national model to the city, securing initial funding and establishing protocols and procedures. When the Center for Alexandria's Children opened its doors in 2006, Collins facilitated the creation of a Multi-Disciplinary Team across numerous city agencies that work together to investigate, prosecute and treat victims of child abuse

and neglect.

The center's gala benefit drew a capacity crowd of 300 people. Featuring a British Invasion theme, attendees were photographed in front of a British MINI Cooper, courtesy of Passport MINI of Alexandria. The gala also featured a silent auction and raffle, as well as a Be A Star booth where patrons purchased toys and needed items for the center.

For more information, visit centerforalexandriaschildren.org

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Alexandria Community Trust (ACT) Chairman of the Board Gene Steuerle and ACT executive director John Porter.



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Mary Ellis Fannon, Dave Hawkins, Donnan Wintermute, Ellis Duncan and Daniel Fannon gather at the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra gala on Saturday, March 8, at The Westin.



Katherine Molnar with Jennifer, Fran and Keith Vaughan.



Gala master of ceremonies Gant Redmon and auctioneer Shawn McLaughlin discuss details of the live auction items.



27th annual symphony ball honorary chairs Marcia and David Speck pose for a photo with Megan Beyer.



Maestro Kim Allen Kluge joins ASO board of trustees president Ronal Butler and his wife Martha Lloyd.



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and Don Beyer talk before dinner at the gala on Saturday evening.

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Celebrates 70 Years

Themes: Community, accessibility and connection.

BY VERONICA BRUNO
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year by expanding its outreach efforts. Begun as an amateur orchestra, the ASO has become one of the premiere arts organizations in the area.

Under the baton of Maestro Kim Allen Kluge for 26 years, the organization has become greatly community-focused. The ASO will be performing a series of educational concerts throughout the season. They have several educational partnerships with schools and more mentoring programs are in the works.

"I consider myself a mentor first, then a musician," said Kluge. There are three themes that will usher in a new era: Community, accessibility and connection. "I have a deep-seeded need to connect with people," he added.

The ASO has several partnership initiatives throughout the metropolitan area, including a mentorship program through Alexandria's public schools and a hands-on Children's Art Festival. In addition to the



Jane Ring is congratulated by Cassie McLaughlin after her husband Connie wins the bidding on item #4 in the live auction.



Margaret Gullen with Joan and John Renner.

affordable student pricing they offer for their concerts, Kluge has announced that their season will also include a new Family Concert Series at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial; the concerts will be in a location that is metro- and shuttle-accessible as well as within walking distance to Old Town Alexandria and the neighborhood of Delray.



Auctioneer Shawn McLaughlin encourages Connie Ring to up his bid for item #4, a catered dinner by Beth Hamed of "Thyme and Place" in the home of Ted and Claire Schwab featuring a performance by Kim Allen Kluge. With Ring are Lee and Ted Ellett.

There are also efforts to expand the school and mentorship outreach programs. "The school programs next season are a vision for the future," said Kluge. "They are a way of giving back to the community."

The ASO will hold an El Sistema workshop with the John Adams Elementary School beginning March 24, a program designed to enrich the lives of disadvantaged children through systemic instruction. The workshop will culminate in a student concert on March 28. Other upcoming concerts

in the season will take place on March 29 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall, March 30 at Vienna Presbyterian Church, and a season finale concert on May 17 at the Schlesinger venue in partnership with the National Gallery of Art. There's also a chance to see them in the annual Alexandria City Birthday Celebration, at Oronoco Bay Park, a free community event.

For more information on the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, call 703-548-0885 or visit www.Alexsym.org.



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Patrick Henry Elementary School principal Ingrid Bynum, councilmember Del Pepper, ACPS Chief Administrative Officer Tammy Ignacio, Mayor Bill Euille, ACPS school board chair Karen Graf, ACPS Acting Health Services Coordinator Nancy Runton join students and teachers for the official ribbon cutting of the new Wellness On Wheels (WOW) bus on Monday morning, March 10.

Wellness On Wheels Bus Begins

Students from Patrick Henry Elementary School together with school staff and city officials cut the ribbon on a mobile health care unit Monday morning, March 10, at the school.

The Wellness On Wheels (WOW) Bus will service students in three of the west end schools that include John Adams, William Ramsay and Patrick Henry. The WOW Bus

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OPINION

Voting Against Virginia?

Local proponents of expanding health coverage for poor people have a point about those in the General Assembly voting against it.

When Delegates Scott Surovell, Charniele Herring and Rob Krupicka, along with Sen. Adam Ebbin got together to make the case for expanding Medicaid in Virginia, they brought slide presentations, charts, spreadsheets, poll results and more.

It is a compelling argument that expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act is not only good for the health of working poor Virginians, it's good for the health of Virginia's economy. What's more, polls show that Virginians support expanding Medicaid, even Virgin-

ians who didn't vote for Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

Expanding health care for poor individuals and families who so far have been cut out of health care reform by the General Assembly's refusal would create more than 30,000 new jobs, hundreds of jobs in every district in the state. It would bring in \$5 million in Federal dollars every day, \$1.8 billion a year. It would save the General Fund \$285 million over the biannual budget, money that could be spent on education, mental health and other critical priorities.

"Real people are suffering because of this,"

said Ebbin. "Real people would be helped." That includes working families and more than 12,000 veterans. Ebbin related the story of a taxi driver from his district who had a stroke in his 40s. With no insurance, Mount Vernon Inova Hospital covered his acute treatment and recovery. But without insurance, his access to rehabilitation was limited and as a result, his lifetime expectations are likely limited.

Saying no to \$5 million a day is, in fact, voting against Virginia.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right Advice

To the Editor:

Myopic is the most polite way I can characterize the Gazette's recent editorial urging the Virginia House of Delegates to jump into a Medicaid trough temporarily awash with fresh Federal dollars.

Virginia is right to refuse to become addicted to a program of providing health care for its indigent with Federal funds scheduled to rapidly atrophy. When the Federal money dries up, Virginia will be in a jam: it will have to increase taxes to pay for the expanded Medicaid, or it will have to reduce Medicaid benefits. Either course will cause howls aplenty.

The state government simply does not have the money to provide all the wonderful services, health care foremost, to all the many deserving people who want them, some desperately. And no amount of taxation will redress this dilemma, especially at the Federal level. Our Federal government has been living beyond its means for decades by using debt to bridge the vast annual gap between its spend-

ing and revenue. A day of reckoning can't be far away.

And don't fall into the Robin Hood trap. Even if the Federal government took all the money belonging to the wealthiest 1 percent, it wouldn't make a difference. Our entitlements are simply too generous, health care especially. Since neither the state nor the Federal government can tax its way to prosperity, the remaining solutions are few: reduce government spending, notably entitlements, sell assets and/or create more wealth.

Contrary to the Gazette's editorial to provide more benefits paid for with money we don't have, I opt for creating more wealth. With more wealth, there's more to tax. Better the Gazette should urge impediments to wealth creation be removed to inspire the risk takers among us to produce a product or service that does not now exist. When they do, in addition to more jobs, there will be more tax revenue with which to render welfare benefits to the poor

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

Ride On

To the Editor:

I have been an active cyclist for the nearly 40 years of my adult life, and I am becoming quite annoyed and even embarrassed by the petulant whining of my so-called bicycling "community" and their allies in City Hall over the bike lanes on King Street. Folks, good cyclists do not need lines painted on the streets. We've cycled for years on all kinds of roads and mixed with cars and have learned defensive techniques — and even cooperative ones — in order to coexist with cars and actually enjoy our sport. There are some of us who even obey traffic signals!

Perhaps when the weather breaks you'll all get back on your bikes and not have time to get your bike shorts in a twist over whether there's a bike lane on less than one half mile of King Street.

Let it go!

Steve Young
Alexandria

Slaters Lane Proves Benefit

To the Editor:

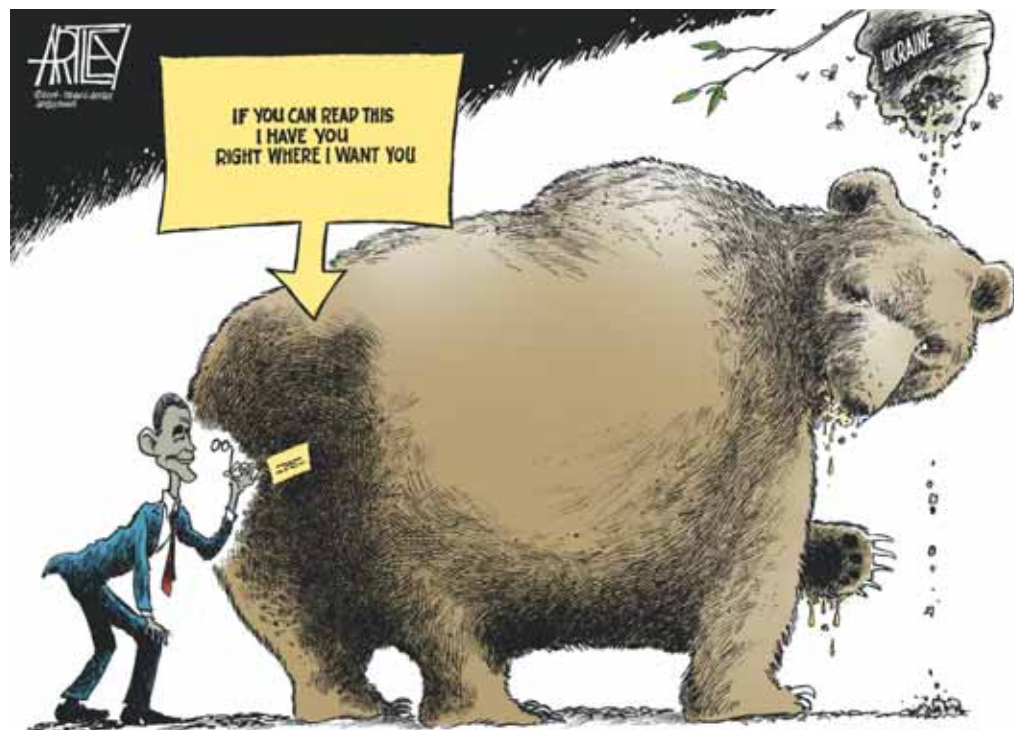
When City Council deliberates the fate of the King Street Traffic Calming and Bike Lane plan on March 15 they have many examples of similar successful redesigns to draw upon. The city's plan is neither cutting edge nor untested theories.

Similar traffic calming and safety measures have been successfully implemented in many U.S. jurisdictions, including Alexandria, with the recent successful redesign of Slaters Lane.

Slaters Lane used to have some of the same challenges that King Street has today between Janneys Lane and Russell Road: a high percentage of cars traveling well over the speed limit, pedestrians on sections of narrow sidewalks immediately adjacent to fast moving motorists with no buffer zone, and unsafe conditions for bicyclists.

But today Slaters Lane is a civilized and safe corridor. How were these improvements

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OPINION

We're (Almost) Done

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

The General Assembly's 60-day legislative session adjourned on Saturday without a completed budget for the new fiscal year starting July 1. The Governor is expected to call for a special session beginning March 24 to work towards a new two-year budget. It is not unusual for a special session to be called to complete work on the state's budget; there have been five instances since 1998 where the General Assembly was at least a month late in finalizing a budget. That being said, we want to complete this work as soon as possible.

RICHMOND REPORT

The ongoing dispute centers around Marketplace Virginia, the Senate's bipartisan plan to accept federal health expansion funds to provide care for up to 400,000 low-income Virginians. Republicans in the House of Delegates will not budge, despite the Senate's repeated efforts to compromise. Democrats strongly preferred traditional Medicaid expansion but compromised with Senate Republicans to support Marketplace Virginia, which will cover the same population as traditional expansion but through private health insurance plans. We have made changes to address opponents' con-

cerns, including cost sharing, work search and audit requirements. We have even included a provision to automatically terminate Marketplace Virginia if the federal government pays anything less than what it has promised, which is 100 percent for the first three years and 90 percent thereafter.

Senate Democrats are not alone — the Governor, House Democrats (and at least one House Republican), the state Chamber of Commerce, hospitals, and clinics have all signaled their strong support to provide health coverage to these hardworking Virginians. The House of Delegates has provided no alternative plan. Expansion will create an estimated 30,000 healthcare jobs for the state, averaging 389 new jobs and \$23.6 million in new Medicaid spending in each of the top 20 House Republican districts. If we don't pass Marketplace Virginia, those jobs will not be created and that money will be sent to other states. From both a moral and fiscal perspective, this is too important an opportunity for us to pass up.

Republican Sen. Dick Black of Loudoun went so far as to claim the 400,000 Virginians eligible for coverage would be "added to the welfare rolls" and suggested that the uninsured could simply visit emergency rooms for care. To dismiss Marketplace Vir-

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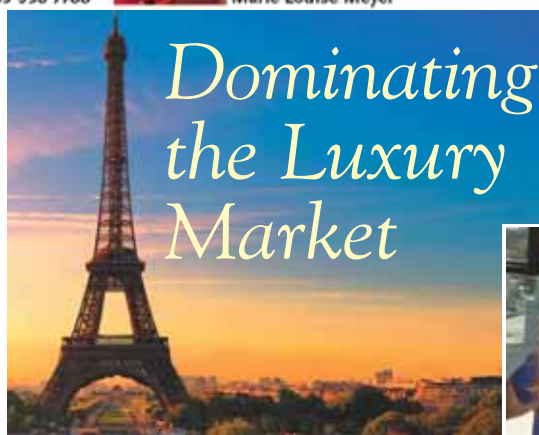
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OPINION

Why Not Recall Retired Homicide Detectives?

BY HARRY M. COVERT

Since retired judges are always available for further bench duty, why aren't retired detectives and other officers accessible for recalled duty?

Retirees, many of whom find similar work at other city and state agencies, have the ability and know-how and could be recruited to assist in major cases. These professionals can bring valuable assets by assisting in difficult cases.

Alexandria is not without many outstanding retired detectives. At least five have retired in recent years and their successes are respected and well known throughout the court system, police department and other law enforcement organizations.

At present, the city is reeling from what is now known as a serial killer on the loose. Citizens are more than concerned about safety and urged to be careful opening doors without knowing the visitor. In many cases lots of people have their firearms at the ready for protection.

Hopefully, no one will accidentally discharge weapons and hurt family members, neighbors and fast-food delivery people.



COVERT
MATTERS

Insecure feelings can be expected.

A little over a month ago, Ruthanne Lodato died from being shot by a small caliber gun, described by police as one of millions owned in the nation. With the help of the Virginia Forensic Laboratory, the bullets were found to be similar to those

used in murdering Dr. Ronald Kirby in November, not far from the Lodato event.

The bullets were also similar to the ones used in the December 2003 killing of Nancy Dunning, Alexandria businesswoman and wife of then Sheriff Jim Dunning.

Police last week admitted the murders were similar and serial. The Lodato and Kirby shootings occurred at 11:30 a.m. Dunning's death also came at approximately 11:30 a.m.

As per Chief Earl Cook last Thursday, investigations are ongoing 24-hours daily. There has only been one sketch of a possible suspect and that is in the Lodato case. He also said the FBI has offered all of its

resources, "if asked."

The public is urged to call police with any tip as to any evidence. A few days following the Lodato case, police were called to a live theater performance in Washington. They grabbed a man who resembled the sketch.

The man was allowed back to his seat, somewhat shaken. Police were satisfied it was the wrong man.

Unsolved cases still cause much grief to each of the families, to police agencies, city officials and the community.

Recalling retired homicide detectives could be a big bonus. They could provide fresh sets of eyes on cases, some different perspectives and possibly encourage those already diligently probing the tragic events.

A few years back some retired Philadelphia detectives took a look at the Dunning case to no avail. But they were trying.

Former Alexandria investigators could well make a difference. Most police agencies in the city and surrounding areas are on the alert for the possible. The more eyes the better.

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- ❖ Ronald Kirby, murdered, 140 days, unsolved.
- ❖ Nancy Dunning, murdered, 3,750 days, unsolved.



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Mary Ribble Cranwell

Mary Ribble Cranwell, a Central Intelligence Agency careerist, died on March 4, 2014 in her residence at Goodwin House Alexandria. She was 82 years old.

Mrs. Cranwell was born on March 17, 1931 in Ashland, Ky. and was the eldest of two children of John Francis Ribble Jr. and Nell Allen Ribble. She spent her childhood in Rutherford, NJ and Prestonsburg, Ky., and moved to Alexandria to attend St. Agnes School at the beginning of her junior year of high school. In 1948, after graduating from St. Agnes, Mrs. Cranwell attended Mary Washington College (Women's College of University of Virginia) in Fredericksburg, Va and earned BA in History, graduating with honors in 1952.

Following college, Mrs. Cranwell went to work on Capitol Hill for Senators Robert Clymer Hendrickson (N.J.) and Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), and assisted the latter on the Senate Organized Crime Committee. After marrying Thomas George Cranwell, becoming a full time mother of two, and ultimately getting divorced, Mrs. Cranwell returned to the workforce and established a career in the Central Intelligence Agency. She retired from the CIA in 1993 after 25 years of service.

Mrs. Cranwell called Alexandria home for over 51 years and was extremely proud of its community spirit. In her retirement, she remained active in several clubs/societies including the St. Agnes Alumni Board (a school she loved dearly), the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, and the Central Intelligence Retirees Association (CIRA).

She is survived by her two sons, James Harford Cranwell and Taylor Gordon Cranwell, as well as her brother John Francis Ribble, III.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on March 13, 2014 in the chapel at Goodwin House Alexandria located at 4800 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria. A memorial headstone along with her ashes will be placed in her family plot at Grace Episcopal Church, Casanova, Va. at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011).

Magdolna Iranyi-Gondor M.D.

Magdolna Iranyi-Gondor M.D., beloved pediatrician to thousands of children in the Alexandria area, died on March 8, 2014 after a long battle with cancer. Her career spanned five decades and touched the lives of several generations. She was always outgoing and interested in other peoples' lives, but many are not aware of her background.



Magdolna Iranyi-Gondor in 1960

Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1928, Magdolna showed early signs of interest in the sciences. For instance, while still in elementary school, her mother once discovered, to her horror, that young Magdolna was chopping up worms with her good kitchen knife in order to observe that the remaining segments continued moving even after the dissection.

In her childhood, the educational system in Hungary demanded that students choose their area of study when they complete elementary school. By then Magdolna knew she wanted to pursue medicine. At the age of 11, she took the initiative to apply to one of the most demanding "gymnasiums" in Hungary. To her parents' surprise, she was admitted to the eight-year program (which is the equivalent of both middle and high school).

Life in Hungary during the World War II years was turbulent. During air raids Magdolna and her mother were frequently forced to run to safety in community shelters. Once when they returned they found an entire wall of their home missing, destroyed by the bombing. Her mother, also named Magdolna, was a strong woman who always showed great resolve. She set to work salvaging what was left of their home and eventually rebuilt. Magdolna's devoted father, Tihamer, served on the Russian front during the war, where cold, hunger and inadequate supplies took men's lives daily. He returned frail and deathly ill, but was nursed back to health by his wife and daughter, even though goods were rationed and nutritious food hard to find.

In 1947 Magdolna began a six-year program at Semmelweis Orvostudományi Egyetem, a medical university in Budapest, from which she graduated in 1953. Medical research was Magdolna's driving passion and her Curriculum Vitae includes numerous research papers for which she collaborated through the Physiological Institute of the Medical University of Budapest between 1951 to 1956. Her early work was punctuated with three stints of mandatory military service in which both her medical skills and facility with languages were put to the test. In addition to her native Hungarian, Magdolna was fluent in English and German and had a working knowledge of Russian.

1956 marked a dramatic turning point to her life. Oct. 23, 1956 was the start of the Hungarian Revolution and by early November, the Hungarian government had collapsed. Soviet troops entered the country firing upon protestors and more

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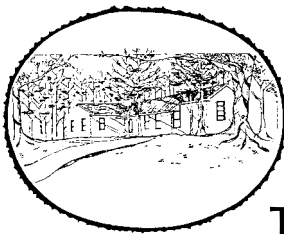
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209 SAINT ASAPH ST S	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,900,000	Semi-Detached	0.09	22314
422 UNION ST N	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,185,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314
119 MONTGOMERY PL	3	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,050,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22314
514 FONTAINE ST	5	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.17	.....	22302
1851 POTOMAC GREENS DR	4	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$975,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22314
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1115	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$878,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	22314
313 FAYETTE ST N	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$855,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22314
2902 CAMERON MILLS RD	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$835,000	Detached	0.11	.....	22302
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1806-07	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$830,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	22314
308 PAYNE ST N	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$795,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22314
511 ROBINSON CT	3	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$785,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22302
315 SECOND ST	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$785,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22314
428 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$780,000	Semi-Detached	0.05	.....	22314
1322 DUKE ST	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$757,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	22314
5331 ECHOLS AVE	5	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$752,500	Detached	0.31	.....	22311
2121 JAMIESON AVE #804-805	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$750,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	22314
711 FITZHUGH WAY	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$730,200	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22314
4001 HARRIS PL	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$722,000	Detached	0.31	.....	22304
2308 POTOMAC AVE #102	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$715,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	22301
1311 BAYLISS DR	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$695,000	Detached	0.23	.....	22302
3401 RUSSELL RD	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.22	22305
801 CAMERON ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Semi-Detached	0.02	22314
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901 ALLISON ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.15	22302
115 LEE ST #BH501	1	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	22314
102 E LINDEN ST	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$655,000	Detached	0.11	.....	22301
1320 CHETWORTH CT	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$629,900	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22314
1018 QUEEN ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22314
5092 GRIMM DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304
2121 JAMIESON AVE #2111	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22314
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925 HARRISON CIR	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304
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400 MADISON ST #1407	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22314
421 LURAY AVE E	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301
1200 ORONOCO ST	3	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$508,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.06	.....	22314
3314 LANDOVER ST	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$499,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	22305
37 ANCELL ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$498,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22305
552 SAINT ASAPH ST N #552	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$498,000	Semi-Detached	.....	.....	22314
6000 JEWELL CT	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$492,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22312
5332 THAYER AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.15	22304
6001 RICKETTS WALK	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.03	22312
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2924 HICKORY ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$448,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305
124 INGLE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$438,000	Townhouse	0.07	22304
6007 RIDDLE WALK	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22312
317 CLOUDES MILL DR #16	2	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse	22304
2575 NICKY LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$408,300	Attach/Row Hse	22311

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OBITUARIES

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than 200,000 Hungarians fled the country as refugees. Magdolna and her mother were among them. In the winter of '56, as part of a group of about a dozen refugees, they escaped through the mountains of Austria with the help of humanitarian organizations. Her ordeal ended on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1956, when they finally entered the U.S. with nothing but the clothes on their backs but ready to begin new lives and enjoy freedom. She and her mother moved to Maryland where Magdolna worked as a visiting scientist at The National Institute of Health, researching neurological diseases and blindness. Her father was eventually able to join them in the late 1960s.

She met Leslie P. Gondor M.D. again in the late 1950s. Their first meeting was actually many years earlier in Hungary, when young Leslie was a composer of music — a hobby he pursued while studying medicine. He was quite talented with several popular 1940's hits to his credit. Magdolna and her mother were one of many fans when they first met at a concert, then their paths crossed occasionally during her medical studies. Until they were reintroduced in the U.S., however, they were only acquaintances. After that, they fell in love and married in 1959. Leslie convinced her to combine her love of children with her medical training and go into pediatrics, where her talents blossomed.

Leslie and Magdolna started the Bradlee Family Medical Center in the early 1960s. For decades they adhered to a firm policy that no appointment was necessary to be seen by the doctors. Their son L. George Gondor, M.D. joined the practice in 2000.

Magdolna's compassion and devotion to each child's health was the hallmark of her practice. For example, long after most doctors used answering services for after hours calls, Magdolna kept an answering machine on her nightstand, monitoring nighttime calls and often picking up the phone to help if she could be of assistance. She maintained active privileges as an attending physician at both Alexandria Hospital and Jefferson Memorial Hospital, where she was the emergency room pediatrician on call year-round for 25 years. Unselfish in sharing her knowledge, she also took time to teach both physician assistants and medical students from George Mason University and East Virginia School of Medicine in their pediatric clinical externships.

It is no surprise that patients she treated when they were young, later brought their children as well as, in some cases, even their grandchildren to be seen by her. At least three patients attribute their decisions to study medicine directly to her influence on their lives; two are now practicing pediatricians.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent in the memory of Magdolna Iranyi Gondor M.D. to The American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or online at: <https://donate.cancer.org>.

William "Bill" Hopke, Jr.

William "Bill" Hopke, Jr., of the William B. Hopke Company Inc. died Saturday, March 1.

Beloved husband of Joan M. Hopke; father of Patricia Hopke Casey (the late Rob), Michael W. Hopke (Ann) and Frank J. Hopke (Carla); brother of James T. Hopke; grandfather of Kristen, Shannon, Ryan and Brenna Casey and Brooke, Scotty, Matt and Michelle Hopke.

A viewing was held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, on Friday, March 6.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria. Private interment at Fairfax Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203.



William "Bill" Hopke, Jr.

Emma Virginia Reeves

Emma Virginia Reeves entered life on July 30, 1922 and died on Feb. 27, 2014. Emma (Ginny) was born to Edward and Viola Owens in Alexandria.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Margaret (Owens) Scott and Bill Elroy of Alexandria. She is survived by her daughter, Carole (Reeves) Guitron, and son-in-law, Steve Guitron; grandsons, Michael and Matthew, all of Vista, Calif.; her brother, Edward Owens (Barbara) of Cayce, S.C.; niece, Vicki (Scott) Patchin (Steve) of Cayce, S.C.; nieces, Sharon Mason (John) and Tina Cunningham of Alexandria; and nephew, William T. Cunningham of Alexandria.

Ginny was a kind and generous soul never uttering a harsh word about anyone or anything. She was a gentle lady of small stature with a heart overflowing with grace and love. She had a great sense of humor and brought smiles to those she encountered on her life's journey.

She is truly loved and missed.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at Allen Brothers Mortuary – Vista Chapel, 1315 S. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, Calif. Following the service, a luncheon was held at the Sunrise Café in Vista.

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A artsy car, driven by Lila Childress, is spotted leaving the underground parking at Trader Joes on Feb. 10.

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BY STEVE HIBBARD
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The Little Theater of Alexandria is staging "Proof," a dense and compact drama/comedy written by David Auburn about mathematics and mental illness that starred Gwyneth Paltrow, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Anthony Hopkins in the 2005 film adaptation. The play, told in flashbacks, won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play.

It stars four actors, including Anna Fagan in the role of young Catherine who struggles with mental illness and who inherited some of her dad's math genius. She had cared for her father Robert, played by Chuck Leonard, a deceased math professor at the University of Chicago who battled a long mental illness. Ex-grad student Hal (played by Josh Goldman), with whom Catherine has an affair, discovers a proof about prime numbers in Robert's writings. The title refers both to that proof and to the play's central question: Can Catherine prove the proof's authorship? The play also explores Catherine's fear of mental illness, following in her father's footsteps, and her attempt to stay in control.

"She's a brilliant mathematician but she associates that side of herself with the schizophrenia that her father had," said Fagan, 27, who works at GWU for her day job. "She's very dark. I found it challenging to play a character who is bitter. ... It's hard to express someone so angry and dark, but also show that she has positive qualities too."

Leonard, 53, of Burke, who plays the dad, was the real-life director of theater at Episcopal High School in Alexandria before taking a teaching job at the GMU Honors College where he knows a lot of mathemati-

cians. "My father passed away years ago and had issues with dementia before he died," said Leonard. "So I wanted to make sure that aspect didn't get lost in stereotypical portrayal of mental illness."

"Proof" co-producer Kevin O'Dowd, 50, of Falls Church, who has produced 14 LTA productions, said, "The thing I liked about the play is how it explores the relation between brilliance and madness and how mental illness affects the family."

He had worked with Director Susan Devine years ago and wanted to work together again.

Devine, 56, of Fairfax, who called the script "simply brilliant," said they hired both a math and mental illness consultant to help the actors dissect their roles. "I always considered math as a metaphor for the complexities and struggles in life," said Devine. "With mental illness, it's very much the same — you either understand it or not."

Elizabeth Keith, 39, of Arlington, plays the role of Claire, the smart and rational sister from New York who has been providing financially for the family. "One of the beautiful things is that all of the characters are shown in good and bad situations," said Keith. "That was really fun to try to bring out those moments."

She adds: "Claire and Catherine have disagreed over the years about what is the best care for their father."

Set designer Daniel Remmers, 48, of Springfield roamed Google Earth for images of split-level homes in the Chicago suburbs to build the perfect set. "I thought the set should look like your parent's house and something that was old and run down," said Remmers, a physicist for the Navy. "The characters go through some difficult things, so I wanted a nice comfortable place for them to hang out."

"I wanted the audience to feel like the neighbors who were across the back yard looking in next door," said Devine, who also directed the LTA's production of "Chicago."

"Proof" runs through March 29 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Tickets are \$17 and \$20. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-0496.



PHOTOS BY MATT LIPTAK

Anna Fagan (Catherine) and Josh Goldman (Hal) star in LTA's production of "Proof."



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

ONGOING

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets.

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 through March

16. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html for more.

Art Exhibit. See Katie Runnerstrom's drawings and paintings through March 16 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The show reflects her exploration of several areas of science such as mycology and the study of jellyfish. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Theater Performance. See "Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady of Song" at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., through 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.

Art Exhibit. See "7th and H Streets, NW: The Hidden Refrain of Inner City DC" by Fred Zafran at Multiple Exposures Gallery, in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Runs Feb. 18-March 30. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com/ 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.

Exhibition Fundraiser. From March 8-23 at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibition features nearly 200 panels of artwork created by local artists. \$150/panel. The panels will be for sale and proceeds will benefit March of Dimes and the Target Gallery's outreach programming. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. "Portraits of Pop Culture art exhibit will be on display at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see artists' interpretation of pop culture, featuring compelling cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians, pundits and

other pop figures. Show runs March 7-30. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Woodlawn Exhibit. See work of needlers from across the country, including objects created by First Ladies and First Family members, including items by Edith Roosevelt, Dolley Madison and Barbara Bush. The exhibit runs March 1-31 at Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesday through Monday. Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for a fee. Admission is \$10/adult; \$5/student. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See photographer E.E. McCollum transform the figure in "The Cocoon Series" March 13

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through April 7 in the Art League Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Through a series of black and white photographs, McCollum transforms the human figure by using nylon tubing to encase the body. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. "ColorField" pays homage to the Washington Color School by encouraging Art League artists to revisit this method of abstract painting in which color is emphasized and form and surface are deemphasized. The exhibit runs through April 7 in the Art League at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "REVOLUTION: Art and Technology" art exhibit from April 4-27 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists explore their relationship with technology in computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, mixed-media pieces expressing feelings about technology, and more. Hours are Thursdays noon-6 p.m.; Friday & Saturday noon-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. The exhibit runs March 20-May 4. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore from March 26 through May 18 in the Crossroads

WATCH Awards

The Port City Playhouse, The Little Theatre of Alexandria and Aldersgate Church Community Theatre each took home honors from Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH) for artistic and technical excellence in community theater.

"We are excited about the wealth of talent represented by this year's WATCH Award nominees and winners," said Roy Peterson, WATCH chair. "This group is just one indicator of the vitality of the DC-metro community theatre scene."

WATCH is the organization that judges productions and presents annual awards recognizing artistic and technical excellence in community theater in the Washington, D.C. area. There were a total of 114 productions (42 musicals and 72 plays) judged in 2013 from which nominations and awardees were chosen. The WATCH awards were announced at a ceremony at the Birchmere on Sunday evening, March 9.

The Aldersgate Church Community Theatre WATCH Award was for Outstanding Hair Design in a Play — Rachel Royall in "Life with Father." Staging theater productions since 1990, the Aldersgate Church Community Theatre performs at Wesley Hall of Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 1301 Collingwood Road. Visit www.acctonline.org.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria received two awards: Outstanding Light Design in a Play — Ken and Patti Crowley in "33 Variations" and Outstanding Set Design in a Play — John Downing and Bill Glikbarg in "Twentieth Century." Founded in 1934, the Little Theatre of Alexandria performs at 600 Wolfe St. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Port City Playhouse won for Outstanding Sound Design in a Play — Sean Doyle in "Shiloh Rules." Founded in 1977, the Port City Playhouse performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

For more on WATCH, visit www.washingtontheater.org.

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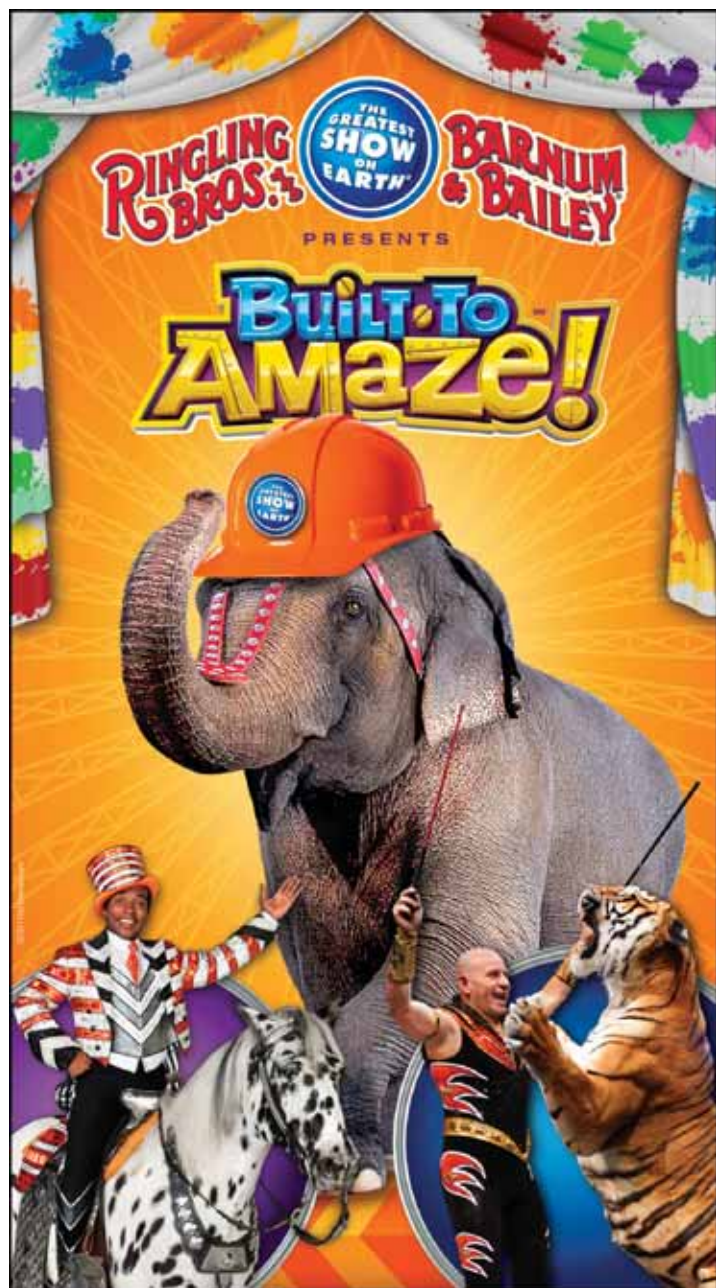
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Attics and Alleys Tour. Tickets are
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tour, a three-hour walking tour
featuring rarely seen spaces of four
sites — the Lee-Fendall House,
Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The
Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary
Museum and Carlyle House. Tours
will be offered Saturdays in May, 9
a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations
required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov
or 703-746-4242.

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of
Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit
will be on display at Prudential
PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington
St., suite 100. The exhibit will
showcase portraits from the Living
Legends of Alexandria project with
selected works from the Del Ray
Artisans. Show runs March 3-June
27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9
a.m.-5 p.m. Visit
www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites
visitors to explore George
Washington's design for the grounds
of his estate, through a new
exhibition, "Gardens & Groves:
George Washington's Landscape" at
Mount Vernon through Jan. 12,
2016. Gardens & Groves is the first
museum exhibition to focus
specifically on Washington's
landmark achievements as a
landscape designer combining rarely-
seen original documents, artwork,
and books with period garden tools,
landscape photography, and a scale
model of the Mount Vernon estate.
Included in admission \$18/adult;
\$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-
11; children under 5 are free. Visit
www.mountvernon.org for more.

**George Washington's Mount
Vernon** has joined Thomas
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Madison's Montpelier to expand the
"Presidents Passport," Virginia's
premier presidential trail. As an
added bonus to this year's program,
visitors to the Alexandria Visitors
Center at 221 King St. showing or
purchasing a ticket to any of the
three presidential estates will, upon
request, receive for free Alexandria's
"Key to the City" pass, which grants
access into nine historic sites and
museums in Alexandria - a \$26
added value. Learn more at
PresPassport.Monticello.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Sit Down and Take a
Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the
1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the
Alexandria Black History Museum,
902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on
the life of famed civil rights attorney
Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights
the role of Robert Strange, who was
a runner between the library and
Tucker's office, keeping Tucker
abreast of developments. The exhibit
runs through August. Free. 703-746-
4356.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Metro Club After-School Program.

Through June, 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
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Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a
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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.

SUMMER CAMP

Camp Offering. Mount Vernon
Community Children's Theatre will
hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug.
22. There are two-week sessions with
morning, afternoon or all day
sessions, and one-week sessions that
go all day. To register, visit
www.mvccct.org.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FUN

Cherry Blossom Food Tour. On
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and
Saturdays at 2 p.m., take a guided
tour of Alexandria, exploring the
architecture, while pausing in locally-
owned eateries to sample cherry-
centric dishes and learn about cherry
blossom history. \$49/person. Runs
March 22-April 12. Visit
[www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/
cherry_blossom_food_tour.html](http://www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/cherry_blossom_food_tour.html) for
more.

Blossoms by Bike River Ride. On
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1
p.m., enjoy a three-hour bike tour
along the Mount Vernon Trail, into
DC and around the tidal basin to see
the blossoms up close. Runs March
22-April 13. \$40/person age 13 and
older. Visit [www.bikethesites.com/
tours](http://www.bikethesites.com/tours) for reservations.

Cherry Blossom Boat Tour.

Departing Saturdays and Sundays at
11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. or
5:30 p.m. at Cameron and Union
Streets. Take a boat cruise and view
the blossoms along the river. Runs
March 29-April 13. \$26/adult; \$14/
child age 2-11. Visit
[www.potomacriverboatco.com/
blossoms2014.php](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com/blossoms2014.php) to register.

THURSDAY/MARCH 13

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m.,
meet the artists of "ColorField,"
which pays homage to the
Washington Color School by
encouraging Art League artists to
revisit this method of abstract
painting in which color is emphasized
and form and surface are de-
emphasized. Located in the Art
League at The Torpedo Factory, 105
N. Union St. Visit
www.theartleague.org for more.

Toast to Fashion. 6:30-10 p.m. at
Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort
Hunt Road. Hosted by the Junior
Friends of the Campagna Center, the
event features a fashion show,
marketplace, raffle, cocktail
reception. All the proceeds will
benefit programs operated by the
center. \$55/advance or \$65/door.
Visit www.campagnacenter.org for
more.

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m.,
meet the photographer of "The
Cocoon Series" E.E. McCollum, in the
Art League Gallery at the Torpedo
Factory, 105 N. Union St. Through a
series of black and white
photographs, McCollum transforms
the human figure by using nylon
tubing to encase the body. Free. Visit
www.theartleague.org or 703-683-
1780.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at The
Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The
United States Air Force Band will
perform music for mixed chamber
wind ensembles. Free. Visit
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5658.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at The
Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Michele
Murray and Buck Stone perform.
\$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-
548-0035.

FRIDAY/MARCH 14

Grand Opening. 4-6 p.m. at 529 Kids
Consign Boutique, 7918 Fort Hunt
Road. 529 Kids Consign will
celebrate the opening of their second
location in the Hollin Hall
neighborhood of Alexandria.
Shoppers will be treated to bubbly,
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www.529kidsconsign.com or call
703-721-2921.

Art Party. 7-10 p.m. in Target Gallery
at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St.
Meet the artists who created panels,
enjoy prizes, food, wing-off
competition and more. Panels will
cost \$100 at the event, with proceeds
benefiting March of Dimes and the
Target Gallery's outreach
programming. \$15/advance or \$20/
door. Visit www.torpedofactory.org
for more.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Convergence,
1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Singers'
Theater of Washington presents
"Suor Angelica," a one-act opera
from Giacomo Puccini's "Il Trittico."
\$20/general; \$15/student, senior,
group. Visit www.singerstheater.com
for tickets.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at The
Old Town Theater, 815 W King St.
Patty Reese Band will perform. Visit
www.theoldtowntheater.com for
tickets.

Comedy Improv. 8 p.m. at The
Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Give
suggestions to the comedy group and
watch as they turn them into scenes
and games. \$10/person. Visit
www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/MARCH 15

Touch-a-Truck Event. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
at Walt Whitman Middle School,
2500 Parkers Lane. Children can
explore, climb and press buttons on
trucks of all sizes. \$5/person older
than 2 years of age. Visit
[www.forthuntpreschool.com/
events.html](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.html) for more.

Vegetable Gardening 101. 10 a.m.-1
p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701
Seminary Road. Horticultural agent
Kirsten Buhls, assisted by Master
Gardeners of Arlington/Alexandria,
will discuss the basics of vegetable
gardening including seed starting,
soil preparation and when and where
to plant. Free. Registration is
requested, e-mail
mgarlalex@gmail.com or 703-228-
6414.

Children's Program. 11 a.m. at the
Old Town Theater, 815 W King St.
"Dezmo & the Secret Power of
Knowledge." There will be music,
dancing, audience participation and
more. Visit
www.theoldtowntheater.com for
more.

Country-Western Dance. 7:30-10
p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710
N. Chambliss St. Lessons begin at
6:30 p.m. Couples and singles
welcome. \$10/member;
\$12nonmember; \$5/child under 18.
Bring your own refreshments. Visit
www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

SUNDAY/MARCH 16

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
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will also be demonstrations.
Recommended for children in 3rd
grade and older. \$6/person.

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Portraits of Pop Culture

Barb Boatman checks out an exhibit at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery during the March 7 opening reception for **Portraits of Pop Culture**, a show featuring cartoons, lampoons and caricatures of celebrities, politicians and other pop figures. The show runs through March 30 and features a **Heads Up Silent Auction fundraiser**. Del Ray Artisans Gallery is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-838-4827 or visit TheDelRayArtisans.org.

CALENDAR

Reservations recommended. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-3852.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of "The New-York Tribune" detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Cynthia Marie will perform. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at Beverley Hills Community UM Church, 3512 Old Dominion Blvd. The folk duo Simple Gifts will perform. All ages. Free. Visit www.bhccumc.org for more.

Dance Performance. 4:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jane Franklin Dance will perform "Mouse in House," adapted from the book "The Mouse of Amherst" by Elizabeth Spire. \$12/adult; \$10/child. Visit www.janefranklin.com for tickets.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Folk duo Mustard's Retreat will perform with Kipyn Martin. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-380-3151.

TUESDAY/MARCH 18

Music Performance. Don Williams will perform at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$59.50/person. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 19

Music Performance. The Marshall Tucker Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Talk. 7:30 p.m. at the Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Wanda S. Dowell will discuss the daily lives of women in Union-occupied Alexandria during the Civil War. Free. 703-746-4554.

THURSDAY/MARCH 20

Reception. 6 p.m. at Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. "Meet the Legends" reception. \$45/by March 19; \$55/door. Register at meet-the-legends.eventbrite.com.

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

202-767-5658.

Anniversary Party. 6-9 p.m. at Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King Street, in Alexandria. The Arlington/Alexandria chapter of Holistic Moms network will celebrate five years with an anniversary party. Visit www.holisticmomsaralex.blogspot.com or www.holisticmoms.org for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 21

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Enjoy music by the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4. 703-765-4573 TTY: 711.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvect.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 22

Bus Tour on the Civil War Defenses of Washington. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., meet at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. The itinerary includes Forts Reno, DeRussy and Totten, and highlights Fort Stevens and Battleground National Cemetery. Pre-registration required, \$85/members of the Friends of Fort Ward; \$100/non-member. Call the Museum at 703-746-4848 to register.

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Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Hear music by Brahms, Bolcom and others. \$20/general; \$15/senior; \$10/student and teacher. 703-765-4342.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvtct.org for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 23

Theater Performance. See "The Foreigner" at 6:30 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Proceeds benefit Empowers, Inc., an after-school program for at-risk children and youth of the area. Appropriate for children age 11 and older. \$12/online. Increased cost at the door. Buy tickets at showtix4u.com or 703-855-4444.

Theater Performance. 3 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvtct.org for more.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meet some of the artists of "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower." The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its entire metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 26

Author Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Stuart Butler will discuss his book "Defending the Old Dominion," about Virginia and its militia during the War of 1812. Free for Alexandria Historical Society members.

FRIDAY/MARCH 28

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. See "Once Upon a Mattress." \$12. Visit mvtct.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 29

Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-noon at Fort Hunt Preschool grounds, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse infants', children's and maternity clothes, books, games and furniture. Household items such as kitchenware, linens and decorations will also be on sale. All proceeds benefit the preschool. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.html for more.

Story Time. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Meet Carol Butler, the author of "Genois Wilson, Firefighter, She Dared to Be First," and Genois Wilson. Tour the historic firehouse and ring the bell. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For children age 6 and older. \$4/child. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

Signature English Tea. 2-4 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Enjoy music, a silent auction and more. \$40/adult; \$25/child age 12 and under. 703-

497-5927.

Generation to Generation Gala. 6-11 p.m. at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Enjoy dinner, dancing, silent auction and more. SSA will pay tribute to some Alexandria residents for the impact they've had on the community. Buy tickets at www.eventbrite.com/e/generation-to-generation-gala-tickets-10630589379 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org/ for more.

Great Rum Punch Challenge. 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 138 N. Royal St. Enjoy different rum punch creations from local restaurants and distilleries and vote for your favorite, as Cutters of Barbados defends its title. The Alexandria Town Crier will announce the winner at the end of the evening. There will also be food, a silent auction and more. Beverages will be provided for designated drivers. \$50/person or \$100/person for VIP pre-event tasting. Proceeds benefit the museum's educational and preservation efforts. Reservations required. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> for tickets.

SUNDAY/MARCH 30

Gala Concert, Reception and Silent Auction. 4 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia will host a silent auction that opens at 3:30 p.m. \$25/advance; \$35/door. Visit www.sonovamusic.org for tickets.

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Music Performance. 3 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform the world premiere of a cantata by local composer Lawrence Ries. \$20/general; free for children 18 and under. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 1

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Calmus Ensemble Leipzig will perform. \$25-\$30. Visit www.classicalmovements.com or 703-683-6040.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2

Mardi Growl Gala. 5:30-8 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Mardi Growl is a New Orleans-style celebration featuring food from local restaurants and an open bar that will serve signature "Howlicanes." There will be an auction, costumes, music, caricature artists, stilt walkers and dancing. Proceeds benefit Alexandria's homeless animals. \$85/person or \$150/pair. Visit www.alexandriaanimals.org/mardigrowl for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 4

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. see "REVOLUTION: Art and Technology" art exhibit from April 4-27 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists explore their relationship with technology in computer-created art, digitally manipulated art, art made from electronic parts, mixed-media pieces expressing feelings about technology, and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 5

Braddock Day Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 138 N.



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"The Grandest Congress" Meeting. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Major General Edward Braddock, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, has convened a meeting of five colonial governors at John Carlyle's Alexandria home to prepare for the impending French & Indian War. Carlyle will call the meeting "the Grandest Congress...ever known on the Continent." Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> for tickets.

SUNDAY/APRIL 6

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m., meet the artists of "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

Pocahontas and John Rolfe Wedding Celebration. 3-5 p.m. at Collingwood Library, 8301 E Boulevard Drive. There will be a talk by Dr. James Ring Adams about the life of Pocahontas, followed by a reception. \$30/person will benefit NSCDA's American Indian Nurse Scholarship Fund. E-mail evelyngriswold@m.com or 703-765-

3655.

Movie Night. 7 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch "The Thomas Crown Affair." Free, but donations encouraged. Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 12

Firefighting History Walking Tours. 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history through a tour. Learn about three major fires, the five volunteer fire companies and more. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

Round Table Discussion. 10 a.m.-noon at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Discuss "Using Technology to Promote Art." Free, but donations encouraged. Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 14

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear vibraphonist Gary Burton and pianist Makoto Ozone perform. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. Lily Costner will open for Kevin Costner & Modern West at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets. Visit www.kevincostner.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Firefighting History Walking Tours. 1-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history through a tour. Learn about three major fires, the five volunteer fire companies and more. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

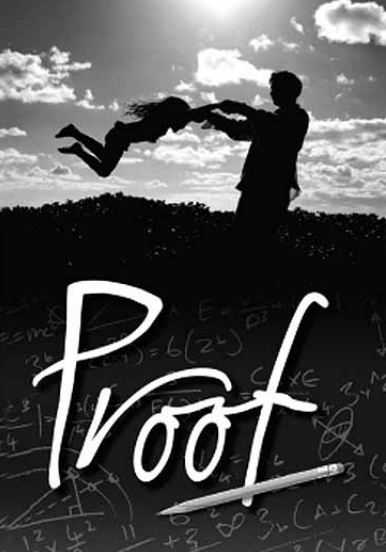
Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 11

Mother's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994 for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 17


Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/



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Support for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation?

Citizens of Alexandria: a strong “yes”; Alexandria planners and leadership: a strong “?”

BY R. ALAN MCCURRY

I am a solid supporter and board member of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation (ASF) and very proud of the help we provide at-risk and underserved youth. It is a great and satisfying feeling to see our apprentices develop the career and life skills that will help them become contributing members of the community.

With the development of the waterfront and the sale of Robinson Terminal south, the future of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation is at risk. Robinson Terminal south has been the home of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation for close to 10 years and provides 8,200 square feet of space in which to build its boats. ASF has been building boats and changing lives since 1995, using boatbuilding projects as a platform in which to educate and train at-risk young adults. Through our “build to teach”/hands-on experiential approach to learning and an emphasis on workforce development, ASF instills in young people a newfound sense of purpose and hope. However, without the space to build our boats, this program will be lost as will the opportunity to change lives and build futures.

I participated in both recent public sessions concerning the development of the waterfront. The first concept design meeting, held on Feb. 6, provided two choices



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISSMAN/CAZETTE PACKET

The future of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation’s nationally-acclaimed boatbuilding apprenticeship program for at-risk youth is in question due to the city’s plans for development along the waterfront.

for the future look and functionality of the waterfront. Both choices identified a building near the foot of Duke Street as the “civic center/Seaport Foundation” and also showed our current floating Seaport office and work space at the same location. The speaker indicated that this space was to be used by the Seaport Foundation to build boats and continue its work with young apprentices. Although the words were a little “soft” as to the total use of the space, it was clear that the Seaport Foundation was to be part of that building. Also clearly stated by the presenter was the broad community support expressed for the continu-

ation of the Foundation.

The second meeting, held on March 6, began with a review of the previous meeting and the display of a new plan reflecting the thoughts and suggestions which had come about from the first meeting. Clearly shown on one of the slides was a comment stating strong community support for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Sadly, when the new plan was displayed, the building that had previously been shown to house the Seaport Foundation now showed the building as simply a “Civic Center” with absolutely no mention of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation other than in reference

to our floating office. As previously mentioned, ASF currently uses 8,200 square feet of space in Robinson Terminal south to build and store boats and boat building materials and conduct training for the apprentices. Our floating office, 300 square feet of space used for administrative staff, clearly cannot support the boat building apprenticeship program. What was said about this new shift which could significantly impact the Alexandria Seaport Foundation? The city planning office offered at the March 6 meeting that there were “potential liability issues concerning the use of the space by ASF” nothing definitive nothing clarifying. Having watched this city work on numerous projects and seen first-hand the importance of citizen input, I am confident that without strong community involvement, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, and the many young at-risk apprentices it helps, will be homeless and without work.

The time is now for the City Council, the planners and administration to clarify how the Alexandria Seaport Foundation fits in to the waterfront plan between Duke and Prince streets and its role in fulfilling the need for a “working seaport” on our waterfront. If maritime heritage and activating the waterfront are to play a key role in the future of our city, who will take that on if the Alexandria Seaport Foundation’s educational boat building programs are no longer a part of our waterfront?

In Richmond

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ginia as welfare is not only untrue but does a great disservice to the hardworking Virginians who finally find themselves on the cusp of being eligible for health insurance coverage. These uninsured individuals are not just an abstract number — these are real people, a majority of them living in working families, and they include more than 25,000 veterans and their spouses. Marketplace Virginia, using the private healthcare system, would primarily benefit the working poor. A family of four with a total income up to \$32,913 would qualify.

The regular session may have adjourned but our work is not done until we have a budget that accepts federal funding to help our fellow Virginians access quality, affordable health care.

I will be giving several post-session legislative reports over the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars for:

❖ Saturday, March 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center (816 South Walter Reed Drive). Sponsored by the Arlington branches of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women.

❖ Monday, April 7 from 8-9 p.m. at Minnie Howard School (3801 West Braddock Road, Alexandria.) Legislative update will follow an abbreviated Alexandria Democratic Committee meeting starting at 7:30.

❖ Wednesday, April 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the Lyceum

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achieved?

When Slaters Lane was recently resurfaced, one of the two underutilized eastbound travel lanes was redesigned to provide a bike lane in each direction.

Today bicyclists travel safely in their own space without conflicts with pedestrians or cars, pedestrians have a buffer between themselves and motorists, and motor vehicle traffic has been calmed.

A win, win, win situation. I know this to be true because I witness it every day on my bicycle commute between D.C. and my home in Old Town, using the direct and safe connectivity now provided by Slaters Lane.

The city’s Traffic Calming and Bike Lane project will provide a similar win, win, win solution for this section of King Street. Underutilized parking space would be redesigned so that pedestrians will have a buffer from motor vehicles, cyclists will have a direct and safe route, traffic will be calmed, and all modes will benefit from the predictability that comes with allocating each mode its separate space.

I look forward to a safer, calmer King Street with implementation of the city’s plan.

Scott Binde
Alexandria

Consider Alternatives

To the Editor:

City staff were asked if the proposed bike path between Janney’s Lane and W. Cedar Street (four blocks from Metro) couldn’t go through the George Washington Masonic National Memorial grounds rather than adding dedicated bike lanes to King Street — a street that already handles 13,000 vehicles each day. Residents were told “no.” Turns out a bicycle route already exists through the Masonic National Memorial grounds and the executive director of the Memorial welcomes bicyclists. It’s a much safer and more scenic route. And it’s already identified on the city’s “Bike Map.”

Besides this route, there are a number of other alternative routes that add a minute or two, but provide a safer, more direct route to and from the Metro and avoid the narrow train overpass. Plus you can still cycle on King Street and share the road or use sidewalks (allowed in Alexandria).

With all these options why is it necessary to allocate 30 percent of the King Street roadway for a small number of bicyclists (12 at peak rush hour)? A good question with no good answer to residents. Most of those for bike lanes will not live every day with the effects of this decision and some may not even use the lanes.

The Traffic and Parking Board rejected the current bike lane plan based on safety is-

sues. City Council should say “no” for the same reason. Instead the city should expend efforts to mark and enhance the safer alternatives.

Louise Welch
Alexandria

Adding to Debt

To the Editor:

The Virginia legislature is starting to resemble our dysfunctional Congress, heading into a special session over the unresolved state budget. One house, under the control of one party, is holding the budget hostage to force the other house, under the control of the other party, to expand Medicaid to the working poor, ignoring the purpose of a two-house system to screen expenditures in such a way that an expenditure must survive a rigorous legislative test before the state and its taxpayers accept its responsibilities and burdens. Only success in both houses should sustain an expenditure, whereas defeat in one or the other should dispose of it. To do otherwise undermines a key check on overspending.

The House of Delegates is right to resist this chimeric expansion of Medicaid to the working poor:

* The party in control of the U.S. House of Representatives has voted several dozen times to repeal the so-called “Affordable

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PEOPLE

Paying Tribute to Multiple Generations for Giving Back

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Multiple generations of two Alexandria families will be honored at this year's Senior Services of Alexandria's Gala for the time and talent they've contributed to making Alexandria — and the world — a better place.

This year's honorees are Patty Moran and her daughter Kate Moran and Lonnie Rich, Marcia Call and their daughter and stepdaughter Sara Rich.

Senior Services of Alexandria's Annual Generation to Generation Gala will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Jen Walker — the Realtor for Del Ray and Beyond — is the presenting sponsor.

SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

This year's honorees demonstrate that one's involvement in volunteering, charity, and giving back can have a strong influence on the younger generation that may have a far reaching, sometimes unexpected, and even international, impact.

Patty and Kate Moran are both devoted to the Alexandria Community, and particularly the Del Ray neighborhood. Patty, now administrative assistant to T.C. Williams Principal Suzanne Maxey, has lived in Alexandria since 1976 and has volunteered in almost every sector of the community since then. Each year, she helps T.C. Williams students get acclimated during the first week of school, and plays a vital role in the success of the Titan Expo and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's silent auction. Patty also helps to organize the annual Art on the Avenue Festival, coordinates Del



Patty and Kate Moran

Ray's First Night activities, and has served as Grand Marshal of the Del Ray Turkey Trot. Patty's daughter, Kate Moran, is an accomplished musician, performer and song writer who co-founded the Del Ray Music Festival in 2007. This festival supports local music education as well as highlighting the musicians who live in and around Del Ray. Kate was a special education coordinator for ACPS and a teacher in Loudoun County and used music in her classroom instruction. She continues her commitment to children with her new kids band, "Rainbow Rock!" which has shows around Del Ray, including a monthly residency at St. Elmo's Coffee Shop. By day, Kate works at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

The Rich/Call family also has a deep commitment to Alexandria, as well as to education on a global scope. Lonnie Rich, a partner with Rich Rosenthal Brincefield Manitta Dzubin & Kroeger, LLP has been heavily involved in the political, civic and community affairs of the City of Alexandria. Lonnie served three terms on City Council, was chairman of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and has been active in Alexandria nonprofits, boards, and commissions



Marcia Call and Lonnie Rich

including those focused on issues as diverse as early childhood, civil liberties, human rights, women's rights and economic development.

Lonnie's wife, Marcia Call heads up her own corporate recruiting firm, TalentFront and serves as president of EduCorps, an organization providing ongoing teacher training in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi. For two years in the early '80s, Marcia served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zaire, now the DRC, working as a public health volunteer. In 2012, Marcia and her stepdaughter, Sara Rich, and Murutamanga Kabahita, founded EduCorps. Most recently, Marcia and Mr. Kabahita traveled to Rwanda and Congo to develop the infrastructure for a series of programs to launch in August 2014. Marcia was recognized by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce with the 2009 Chairman's Award for work in the promotion and stewardship of women in business. Marcia is a member of the T.C. Williams PTSA, the Del Ray Citizens Association, Bates College Alumni Association and Commonwealth Baptist Church.

Profiting from the examples set by her parents, Lonnie Rich and Sally Reams, Sara



Sara Rich

Rich began her civic activism in seventh grade when she successfully petitioned the school district and City Council for women's softball fields equivalent to the men's fields. After receiving a BA in history and a master's degree in teaching at the University of Virginia in 2007, with the encouragement of Marcia, Sara began teaching at The American School of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). While there, Sara decided to pursue her interest in connecting international teachers with Congolese educators. In 2010, she moved to Goma in North Kivu, DRC, where she learned Swahili in order to explore the potential of collaboration between international and local teachers. Sara's work there led to her co-founding of EduCorps. In addition to her work with EduCorps, Sara has worked at Coney Island Prep in Brooklyn, New York and St. John's International School in Waterloo, Belgium. Sara intends to return to the U.S. in the fall of 2014.

The Generation to Generation Gala, while honoring these families, will also support the work of Senior Services of Alexandria. To purchase tickets, call 703-836-4414, ext. 10 or go online to www.seniorsservicesalex.org.

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Care Act" (aka ObamaCare) which has proven less "affordable" than its advocates first insisted. In so doing, they have put states like Virginia on notice that they will not honor ObamaCare's promise of 100 percent at first, 90 percent indefinitely thereafter, future "free federal funding" for expanded Medicaid. Virginia taxpayers cannot alone bear the cost burden of expanded Medicaid, so it is fairer for the working poor not to have Medicaid in the first place than to become reliant on something they will later lose.

* What the federal government spends on reimbursing states for expanded Medicaid is not the proverbial "free federal money" because every dime adds to the federal deficit. The accumulated annual federal deficits, known as the national debt, are already greater than the entire annual American economy such that every state embracing expanded Medicaid brings closer the day when the Medicare/Medicaid trust fund reaches insolvency and the overall national debt grows so great that the country can no longer sell its bonds.

Dino Drudi/Alexandria

Let Civility Prevail

To the Editor:

As a bike rider of more than 60 years, I would like to comment on the lead story on a Bicycle Boulevard in the March 6, 2014, Gazette-Packet, as well as the thoughtful letter by Darlene Johnson.

First, finding a way for bicycles, motorized vehicles, pedestrians, dog walkers, roller bladers and all other ways to move human beings to co-exist peacefully and safely is not a matter of laws and rules, nor even seemingly clever ideas like a bicycle boulevard.

I know. I have ridden all over the world, and I have yet to see a system that truly works. As for the Washington area, not only are the streets clogged beyond any ability to find a workable formula, but even our main "bike trails," such as Mt. Vernon, Capital Crescent or W&OD have become super-highways of non-motorized means of moving people. Let me assure you as a regular cyclist, my antenna goes into high alert when I see in my path dog walkers, joggers pushing baby strollers, roller bladers, "bike drivers" and anyone on a Capitol Bike Share

bicycle.

You can legislate all you want, drop copies of rules and guidelines by helicopters, post signs, whatever ... You will still find minimally "compliant" behavior, not just by bicycles, as your article pointed out regarding behavior at the corner of Union and King, but by others as well.

Second, Darlene approaches the issue with a fundamental flaw right from the start. I call myself a bike rider, and have so for the past 60 years. That's what I am. To be sure, there are "bike drivers" out there in significant numbers, and I detest their behavior as much as any car driver or pedestrian does. After all, I fit both of these categories at various times. Many of these "bike drivers" not only fail to follow the rules of the road on city streets, but also fail to obey the speed limit of 15 MPH on the bike trails. They are dangerous, to be sure, and I avoid them no matter what form of transportation I am employing.

But seriously, Darlene, I can assure you that so many of the cyclists, especially kids, casual weekend riders and Capital Bike Share users are not driving their bikes. If they truly knew how to do so, I wouldn't be

so alert to giving them a wide berth. And few of them will ever get proper training.

In brief, as I noted upfront, there are no answers that any special commission can come up with that will solve the seemingly never-ending battle on our streets, roads and trails. Not special lanes, not roundabouts, not fewer stops signs, not even education.

There is only one answer, one seemingly forgotten in our modern age: exercising common sense and civility. I grew up on my bike in a crowded neighborhood of Chicago. Every kid had a bike, and plenty of adults rode as well. Did drivers view us with fear and loathing? No. They smiled at us, waved us on. Common sense told them that that they could kill us, not the other way around. Civility told them to smile, since scowling and cursing achieves nothing.

It's indeed a sign of our times that we seek and expect to find answers in legislation, commissions, hearings and regulations. Trust me: no matter what comes of all this, peaceful and safe co-existence will remain elusive ... unless common sense and civility prevails.

Jim Larocco/Alexandria



Society Fair's Monica Carroll prepares a sampling of Todd Thrasher's winning beverage, the 172 Degree Cocktail, at the winner's reception.



Joe Shumard and Stephanie and Larry Campbell



Cherry Challenge Committee Chair Danny Smith introduces Margaret and Douglas Laporta.

Savoring the 6th Annual Cherry Challenge

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee hosted the sixth annual Cherry Challenge. In the spirit of the old cherry tree tale, Alexandria restaurants were invited to participate in this culinary contest. This year, 30 restaurants participated and included: Bilbo Baggins, Casa Felipe, Chadwick's, Chart House, Del Ray Café, Del Ray Pizzeria, Dishes of India, Evening Star, Gadsby's Tavern, Hank's Oyster Bar, King Street Blues, La Bergerie, Laporta's, Las Tapas, Light Horse, Majestic, Mount Vernon Inn, Murphy's Irish Pub, Notting Hill, Daniel O'Connell's Bar and Restaurant, Overwood, Red Rocks, Restaurant 219, Rustico, Society Fair, Southside 815, Tempo, Trademark, Union Street Public House and the Waterfront Market and Café. Between Feb. 2 and Feb. 8, diners voted for their favorite Cherry drinks, starters, entrees and desserts.

Society Fair won best beverage for the 172 Degree Cocktail created by Todd Thrasher. Tempo received an honorable mention.



Notting Hill chef Amir Jahanger and Ann Pelizzar

In the starter/appetizer category Evening Star received top votes for a Tasso Duck Terrine with pistachios, dried cherries with spinach mustard vinaigrette. Notting Hill came in first for entrée with Roasted Duck Breast with honey ginger glaze, served on top of our Cherry Port Wine sauce. Sides of Green pea croquette and Swiss chard drizzled with a pear sauce created by Chef Amir Jahanger. Honorable mentions went to Laporta's, Southside 815 and Murphy's Irish Pub.



Monica Carroll of Society Fair awards Evening Star chef Dan Till and general manager Steve Greksouk with a gift certificate from Society Fair for their winning starter/appetizer.

Margaret Laporta's Cherry Pie received the most votes in the dessert category. Honorable mentions went to Mount Vernon Inn, Tempo and Majestic.

This year's sponsors included: Society Fair, The Hour and Glynn Jones Salon. An award reception was held Sunday, March 2, at the Evening Star in Del Ray.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Celebrating 90 Years

Alexandria resident Alice Krafft celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 23, with her husband Joe and their children Fred and his son Stewart, Louise, Hank and his daughter Johanna and her children Sarah, Johanna Belle and Henry, Matthew and his wife Jean, Amy, Charlie and his wife Cairn, Rebecca and her husband Jamie and their daughter Laurel and Michael Slavin and his wife Flora and more.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Learning About African Head Wraps

Vanessa Greene (left), director of the Krunch Bunch Senior Citizens Program that meets at Charles Houston Recreation Center, invited docents from the African Art Museum to teach the history of African head wraps. After basic instructions, program participants are able to make their own wraps. Above, with Greene is Pauline Terrell.

Looking toward 100

Marion Roland Conrad will be celebrating her 100th birthday on March 30. Born and raised in



Alexandria, she lived here for 95 years until she moved to Virginia Beach. She worked for the Alexandria City Fire Department until her retirement in the 1970s. She has been an active member of the Retired Police and Fire Association. She was the first woman to lay a wreath on President John F. Kennedy's grave site at Arlington.

LIVING LEGENDS

Fighting for Her Neighborhood Led to School Roles

Shirley N. Tyler
bridged racial divides.

BY ALICE MORGAN

For more than 40 years, Shirley Tyler has been a community leader in Alexandria. Tyler has been a resident of Alexandria since 1965 when she, her husband, son and daughter moved to Arlandria. They were the first African American homeowners in their neighborhood. Tyler became involved in her neighborhood association because of the problems of flooding from Four Mile Run, rat infestation and drug dealing. There were three major floods in the area, the worst in 1972 after Hurricane Agnes. As a member of the Arlandria Civic Association, Tyler worked tirelessly to bring about what became the Four Mile Run Flood Control Project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In the aftermath of the floods, the group

worked to make sure the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided support for what, by then, had become a predominately African American and poor neighborhood.

The group's community efforts at resolving the problems with rats led to city rules requiring trash to be placed in cans with lids. Their efforts at curbing drug traffic were ongoing and led to the establishment of a satellite police facility in the neighborhood. Also, as part of the Arlandria Citizens Association, she fought the intentional redlining by real estate agents where absentee landlords did not keep



PHOTO BY STEVEN HALPERSON/ISARA PHOTOGRAPHY

2014 Living Legend of Alexandria Shirley N. Tyler was instrumental in creating racial harmony during the redistricting of Alexandria City Public Schools.

Schools while vestiges of racism prevailed among many. She worked without recognition or fear. Her concern for fair play and equitable treatment while remaining ethical, independent, and open-minded is still the foundation of the school board's redistricting which resulted in "All roads lead to T.C. Williams." The end result was the alignment of the schools into the K6-2-2-2 formation and the creation of T.C. Williams into the single high school for the city. K6-2-2-2 was the terminology given to the reorganization of the schools to comply with desegregation law starting in 1971.

Tyler was an educator. From 1969 to 1979, she was a second and third grade teacher at Grace Episcopal School. In 1975, she became the headmistress and remained in that position

until her retirement in 1989. Under Tyler's leadership the school's scholarship program provided opportunities for children from adjacent impoverished neighborhoods to attend.

In addition to her community service in education, Tyler volunteered on Block Grant Advisory Committees from 1982 to 1990. She worked closely with Living Legend and former City Manager Vola Lawson and former City Manager Phil Sunderland on allocating limited funds to deserving not-for-profit organizations. This required her to have a thorough knowledge of the workings of each nonprofit requesting funds as well as a thorough knowledge of their financial status. Tyler was also involved with the addition of two recreation centers at Cora Kelly School. For over 25 years, she was involved with voter registration drives for campaigns for city council, congress, senate, and presidential campaigns. Tyler currently lives in Goodwin House and still enjoys an occasional get together with Living Legend Ferdinand Day, other Legends and community activists both past and present.

their property in good shape or illegally subdivided houses and apartments into multiple units.

Tyler's collegiate education in the social services and preschool education made it natural for her to become actively involved in the Alexandria public school system which was being forced by federal mandate to desegregate. She worked closely with Living Legends Ferdinand Day and Lynnwood Campbell and others to assure that her children

and all children would receive a first class education.

In 1973, Tyler was appointed to the Alexandria School Board. From 1974 to 1976, she served as vice chair and from 1980 to 1982 served as the first African American female chairperson. Tyler was instrumental in creating racial harmony during the redistricting of Alexandria City Public

Alexandria Commission on the Status of Women



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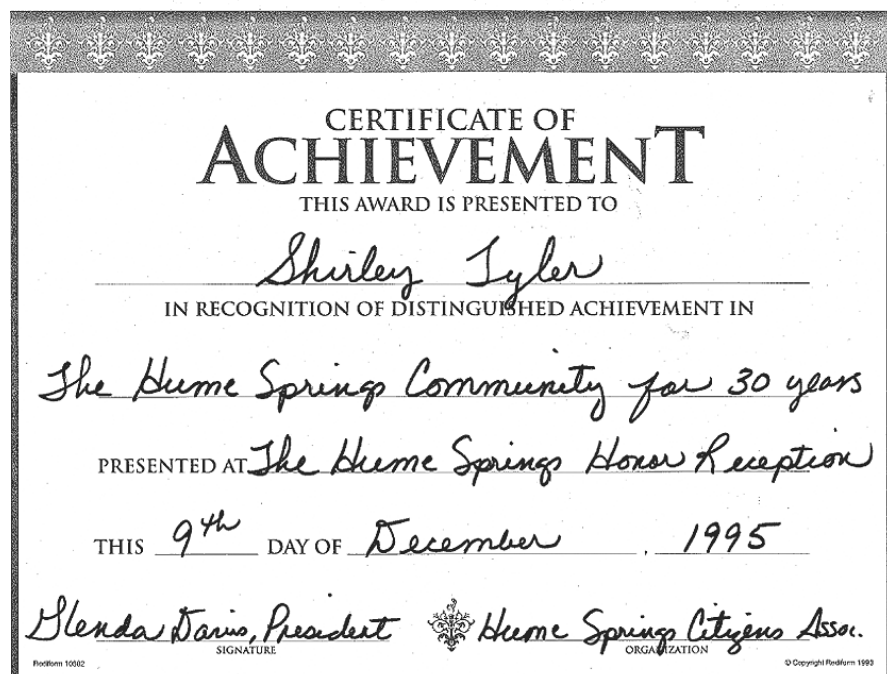
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Living Legends: The 2014 Project

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle the people making current history in Alexandria. The project was conceived in 2006 to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

The 2014 Legends will be honored on March 20 at the "Meet the Legends" reception. Register online at www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria Toyota, Club Managers Association of America, Dominion, Goodwin House, Inc., Gregg & Monica Murphy on behalf of Senior Services of Alexandria, Linda Hafer and Nina Tisara.

This is one of a series of profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Legends@AlexandriaLegends.com.

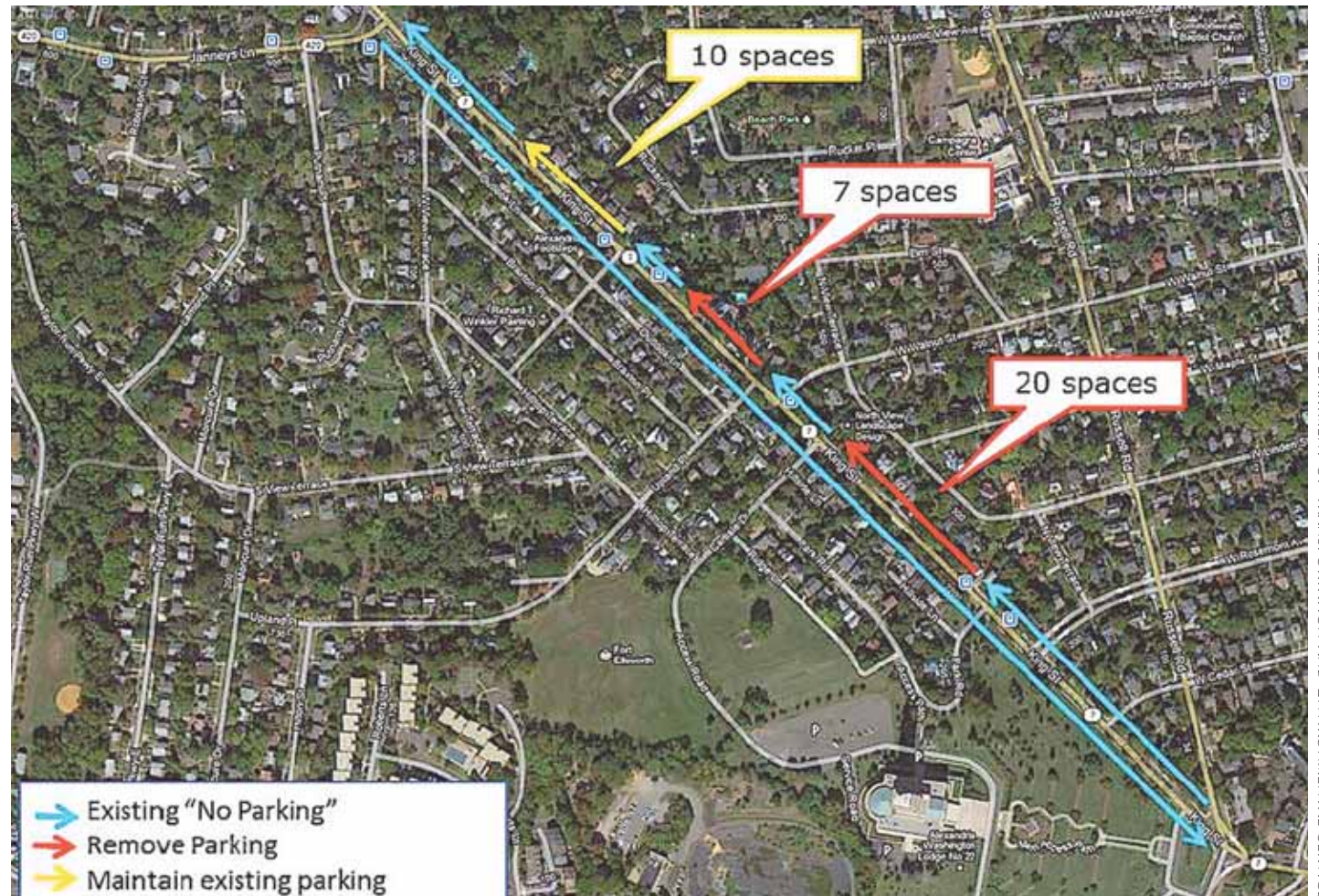
Council To Consider Proposed Bike Lanes on King Street

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the issue in a forum where the stakes are higher because council members have the final say. Many of the same speakers are planning to appear this weekend to make the same arguments they made last month.

"If you look at surveys that people have done, a majority of people in the D.C. area favor bike lanes," said Jonathan Krall, a member of the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, during the board hearing. "But you have a streetscape that's so dangerous that the only people who are willing to bike are the people who are really passionate about it." Bicycle enthusiasts argued that bike lanes would increase property values and increase safety while providing better options for bicyclists. But neighborhood residents said they were concerned about how they would entertain without availability to street parking. Many of the opponents said they were concerned that they will not be able to have parking spaces for guests for birthday parties and Thanksgiving dinners. "The notion by bike lane proponents that we and our neighbors are greedy and selfish, that's really not the case," said Brooke Curran, who lives on King Street and opposed the bike lanes. "The parking is used for charitable events, many of which are at our homes and many of which benefit Alexandria charities."

THE DEBATE comes at a time when the city is also considering transforming Royal Street into what city leaders call a "bicycle boulevard." City officials have hired a consultant and are planning to spend about \$15,000 to develop the concept, which is expected to be presented to City Council members later this year. Although the Union Street Corridor Study included language about removing some of the four-way stop signs along Royal Street so cyclists would not have to stop, Baier cautioned that idea has yet to receive any formal attention.



Changes to parking.

"We are not anywhere near that discussion yet," said Baier. "The only thing we are doing right now is cataloguing inventory."

City officials say the purpose of the King Street bike lanes would be to slow vehicle speeds and provide a safer environment for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. Another goal they say the proposal accomplishes is creating safer routes to nearby schools and the Metro station on King Street. Ultimately, they say, the project is guided by the Com-

plete Streets policy that calls for a different kind of infrastructure than the 27 parking spaces that are there now.

"This has been a challenging and complicated process, and I am empathetic to the inconvenience that the loss of parking will create for residents who currently have street parking available in front of their homes," said Baier. "I am also empathetic to the pedestrians and bicyclists who use this corridor on a daily basis."

How It Would Work

Parking would be removed on King Street from West Cedar Street to Highland Place in order to install bicycle lanes and associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The travel lanes would be narrowed from 11.5 feet to 10.5 feet. A five-foot bike lane would be installed in the westbound direction, and a four-foot bike lane would be installed in the eastbound direction. And a rapid-flashing beacon would be installed in the crosswalk of Upland Place and King Street to improve safety for pedestrians.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alexandria Archaeology seeks long-term volunteer docents to meet and greet visitors at the museum on the third floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Coverage from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Fridays. In addition to meeting and greeting visitors, duties include answering phone, tracking museum security, maintaining brochure racks and hands-on activity area. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4719.

Alexandria's Juvenile Court Services and Seaport Foundation seek **adult male mentors** for the SOHO (Space of His Own) creative mentorship program. Seaport SOHO will meet throughout the school year on Wednesday evenings, from 5:30-8 p.m., at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, 2 Duke St. Seaport SOHO will provide boys from fragile and fragmented homes with yearlong one-to-one mentoring through engagement in carpentry, fishing and sports activities. No mentoring or carpentry experience is required; SOHO is looking for enthusiastic and innovative men to serve as mentors. Email ashley.snyder@alexandriava.gov.

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium needs volunteers to tutor kindergartners and first-graders in literacy skills for 30 minutes once or twice a week through May in Alexandria public schools. Training and lesson plans provided. Call 703-549-6670, ext. 119, or visit www.alexandriatutors.org.

Police Investigate Possibility of Serial Killer

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small-caliber weapon. Unfortunately we have a lot of these weapons on the streets of America," said Cook. "I would easily say we are talking about a million of these types of small-caliber weapons in the United States, and that's probably a low number."

Cook said the microscopic comparisons were inconclusive, which means his detectives cannot conclude or deny that the bullets were fired from the same gun. Then there's the matter of whether or not the man in the composite image is acting alone.

Audio from the 911 call that was accidentally released by the Alexandria city attorney's office includes a discussion of a female intruder.

But police issued a composite image of

a male suspect.

"There is no current evidence that we have of a female involved in these three cases as yet," said Cook. "What I'm saying is I do not know if there is possibly a female who may have assisted in these homicides."

The series of murders are particularly alarming to neighborhood residents because all three victims were high-profile Alexandria residents.

Dunning was a well-known real-estate agent and the wife of the then sheriff. Kirby was director of transportation at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Ruthanne Lodato was a highly regarded music teacher who was related to a former judge.

All three were gunned down by someone who appeared at their front door in the middle of the day. Now many neighborhood

Three Murders

❖ Dec. 5, 2003: Nancy Dunning was killed in the 200 block of West Mount Ida Avenue between 10:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

❖ Nov. 11, 2013: Ron Kirby was killed in the 200 block of Elm Street between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

❖ Feb. 6, 2014: Ruthanne Lodato was killed in the 2400 block of Ridge Road Drive at 11:30 a.m.

residents say they are afraid to answer the doors at their own homes.

"We will stay on these cases. We've never given up on these cases," said Cook. "And we're hoping to bring this person or persons to justice as quickly as possible so we can put this horrible series behind us and get back to a normal lifestyle here."



PHOTO BY LARRY ALBERSON

Local nonprofits were awarded more than \$30,000 in grants in 2013 by the Alexandria Rotary Club Foundation. Applications for this year's grants are being accepted through March 31.

Rotary Club Accepting Grant Applications

Deadline is March 31.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria is currently accepting applications for its annual grants to organizations that provide services to

Alexandria's children, seniors and families in need.

Approximately \$30,000 will be awarded by the Alexandria Rotary Club Foundation at the club's annual Contributions Day luncheon in June.

Funds for the grants come from the proceeds of A Taste For Giving, the Alexandria Rotary Club's annual fundraiser held in October.

The grant application is available online at <http://rotaryclubofalexandria.net/contributions-application/apply>.

The application deadline is March 31. For more information contact Steve Gresham at steve@nilesbolton.com.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

High on the Hog Pork Barrel BBQ Hosts Meat Week challenge.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET



With Pork Barrel BBQ co-founder Heath Hall looking on at left, restaurateur Bill Blackburn gives final instructions to contestants in the High on the Hog Challenge Jan. 29 as part of DC Meat Week.

Skinny jeans were nowhere to be found as five contestants bellied up to the bar at Del Ray's Pork Barrel BBQ Jan. 29 to compete in the second annual High on the Hog Challenge as part of Meat Week 2014.

"This is our second year hosting the High on the Hog Challenge," said Pork Barrel BBQ co-owner Bill Blackburn. "But we have participated in Meat Week since its inception."

Started in 2005 in Tallahassee, Fla., Meat Week is a nationwide celebration of traditional American BBQ. Beginning the last Sunday in January, participating cities schedule nightly visits to various restaurants with the culmination being a BBQ feast on Super Bowl Sunday.

Competitors in this year's challenge were tasked with eating nearly four pounds of food in 45 minutes. On the menu: a Big Daddy Sandwich (1/2 pound of pulled pork, brisket sausage, cheese sauce, coleslaw and BBQ sauce), a slab of ribs, two sausages, a side each of mac and cheese, baked beans and coleslaw, and a wedge of cornbread.

"We didn't have a winner this year," Blackburn said. "Our contestant from Ken-



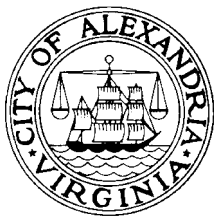
PHOTOS BY JOHN BORDERER

Pork Barrel BBQ co-owner Bill Blackburn, second from left, poses for a photo with High on the Hog Challenge contestants Lee Takett, Tim Mannel and Jake Barker.

tucky, Jake Barker, came close but not close enough. He couldn't quite finish in under 45 minutes."

Contestants paid a \$25 entry fee, all of which was donated to Operation BBQ Relief, a 501(c)3 nonprofit disaster relief organization that deploys BBQ teams to feed displaced families and emergency personnel in areas stricken by natural disaster.

"We also donated a portion of the evening's sales to OBR as well," said Pork Barrel BBQ founder Heath Hall. "So even though we didn't have a High on the Hog winner this year, everyone who participated and came in to support us helped support OBR and their relief missions across the country. It was a good night to celebrate BBQ."



NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

This notice is required by State law. The City Council has authorized a proposed real estate tax rate for advertising purposes of \$1.043 per \$100 of assessed value. The tax rate may not exceed \$1.043, it could be less, and it will not be set until May 1, 2014.

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

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments for new construction, or improvement to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.50 percent.

2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$1.013 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Alexandria proposes to advertise a tax rate of \$1.043 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the advertised tax rate would be \$0.03 per \$100, or a 3.0 percent increase. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Alexandria (including the General Fund and all Special Revenue grant funds and other sources) will exceed last year's by 5.1 percent.

5. The City proposes to continue an additional tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100 for all properties that have been classified in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

A public hearing on the effective increase will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The hearing shall be open to the public. The governing body shall provide persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

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

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements, or who require language translation services to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 746-4550. We request that you provide a 5 day notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

CORE is in need of 100 flash drives (at least 2GB preferred) for current students. Consider donating a couple to CORE today. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Computer CORE offices at 3846 King Street, Alexandria, 22302. Visit www.computercore.org/contribute.

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. 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.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Guide Now Available. Summer of Smiles, the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures are available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries located throughout the City. Registration for 2014 Summer Camps opens Wednesday, March 19 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 21 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online at www.alexandriava.gov/58232 or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108

Jefferson St. For more information about summer camps, contact Recreation Services at 703-746-5430 or the Camps and Classes Office at 703-746-5414.

GARDEN SEASON

Make a Reservation. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities announces procedures for the 2014 Community Garden season. Visit <http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/CommunityGardenRegulations2014.pdf> for the terms and conditions for the reservation of 194 community garden plots located in Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St., and Holmes Run Parkway. Community plots are available as follows: full-size community garden plot (15 feet by 20 feet): \$55/resident and \$75/nonresident; half-size plot (10 feet by 15 feet): \$28/resident and \$35/nonresident. Individuals interested in receiving information to apply for a garden plot contact John Walsh, Horticulturalist, at 703-746-4654 or john.walsh@alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/MARCH 14

Family Fun Night. 6-8 p.m. at Chinquapin 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.

Nomination Deadline. Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission and Alexandria Renew Enterprises seek nominees for the Sixth Annual Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award. Visit alexearthday.org/award.html for nomination and submission requirements.

SATURDAY/MARCH 15

City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

Legal Notices

The biggest things are always the easiest to do because there is no competition.
-William Van Horne

Legal Notices

Request for proposal

Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

RFP #00000428: Title: Professional-Holmes Run Bike Trail

RFP Opens: Date and Time: March 25, 2013, 3:00 p.m., prevailing local time

Pre-Proposal Conference: March 12, 2014, at 11:00 am, at 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 301, Alexandria VA 22314.

For general inquiries contact Lawrence Hall, Contract Specialist at 703.746.4697.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

MONDAY/MARCH 17

Sober Ride. 4 p.m. Monday-4 a.m. Tuesday Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offers free cab rides (up to a \$30 value) to would-be drunk drivers in the metro-Washington, D.C. area, including Fairfax, Arlington and Montgomery counties and Alexandria. Call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI (8294). AT&T wireless customers can dial # WRAP for the same service. Visit www.soberride.com for more.

Budget Presentation. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. City Manager Rashad M. Young will host a public presentation of his proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. Free, open to the public. Following his presentation, Young will answer questions. A live stream of the event will also be broadcast on AlexTV (Channel 70) and online at alexandriava.gov/AlexTV. For more information on the proposed budget or to view the entire document, visit alexandriava.gov/Budget.

TUESDAY/MARCH 18

Waterfront Commission. 7:30 a.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand, jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5504.

Professional Networking Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Join local members of the General Assembly as they provide a synopsis of the session. \$35/member; \$55/non-member. Visit www.alexchamber.com or register at lyris.newtarget.com/t/17411/56884/2389/7/.

Program. 9-11 a.m. at Alexandria Small Business Development Center. Learn how to market a business based on the book "SoLoMo Success: Social Media, Local and Mobile Small Business Marketing Strategy Explained" by Ray Sidney-Smith. Free. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/social-location-and-mobile-marketing-the-ultimate-small-business-strategy-registration-10540301325.

Pitch Your Business Idea. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. at Downtown Baptist Church, 212 S. Washington St. Participants can pitch a business idea in front of a panel of judges in order to earn feedback and be selected in EWI's entrepreneur incubator. Visit www.ewint.org or 571-312-4781 for the application and requirements.

Alexandria Giving Day. 5-7 p.m. at Taverna Cretskou, 818 King St. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Look Again Resale Shop are kicking off their participation in Spring2ACTion, Alexandria's Giving Day with a happy hour event. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/prevention-of-blindnesslook-again-happy-hour-spring2action-kickoff-tickets-10839556405.

Budget Work Session - Healthy Focus Area Team. 6 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St.

CANCELLED: Budget & Fiscal Affairs Advisory Comm. 7 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Alex Braden, 703-746-3740.

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School cafeteria, 3330 King St. Learn about the educational specifications for elementary and middle schools in Alexandria. Childcare, pizza and Spanish, Arabic and Amharic translation provided. RSVP to acpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/z163na0i1yknwtk/ or call Katherine Carraway at 703-746-3855.

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TC Boys' Soccer Looking for Deep Run at Regionals

Last season, Titans lost in PK shootout to Mount Vernon.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Eryk Williamson hasn't stopped thinking about the loss. The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team came out on the wrong end of a penalty-kick shootout against Mount Vernon in the 2013 regional quarterfinals. Williamson forced overtime with a header late in the second half, but Mount Vernon would survive.

One moment that stands out to Williamson was watching his brother, Terrell, hang his head in disappointment after failing to convert his PK, ending the match.

The Majors went on to win the AAA state championship. The Titans went home.

"To be honest, every single day ever since that game I've been thinking about it," Williamson said. "We just want to get past the second round [of regionals]. It's the second year in a row we haven't gotten past the second round, so I think that's just motivation to get past the second round this year."

Terrell Williamson has since graduated,



T.C. Williams junior midfielder Eryk Williamson is one of the Titans' top returning athletes.

and Eryk, a junior midfielder, is one of the leaders of the 2014 T.C. Williams boys' soccer team. The Titans competed in their first scrimmage of the season on March 11 and beat Chantilly 4-0.

"Going into this game, I was a little shaky about how things were going to be," Williamson said. "After this, it looks like we're going to have a good team."

Williamson is joined in the midfield by junior and fellow three-year varsity athlete Ramsey Benzina. "That's a nice center-midfield group to have there, because they're bringing that experience," TC head coach Martin Nickley said. "... Those two players are very focused and they are both going to be tremendous leaders."

Defensively, senior Hector Alvarado will

likely be the Titans' sweeper. Junior goal-keeper Edgar Martinez enters his second season as the Titans' starter. Senior Andres Avila-Riano will provide depth at keeper.

Nickley said outside backs Emir Crnovic and Patrick Kelly, both juniors, could also be key players for the Titans.

Offensively, Nickley said TC will "be looking to get goals from a variety of different sources." Two of those candidates are senior forward Willie Miezian and junior midfielder Abdurazak Abdullah.

T.C. Williams will open its season at home against Edison at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. Along with advancing past the regional quarterfinals, Williamson said the Titans have their sights set on winning the Conference 7 championship. T.C. Williams won the Patriot District title in 2012, Williamson's freshman year.

Nickley said he appreciates the Titans' desire for success.

"We have lost in the second round [of regionals] the last couple years," Nickley said. "First off, what a tribute to the guys to even get to that position. And then last year, [we lose] in penalty kicks to the team that also won the states, so there's a couple of ways of looking at that."

"... I love the desire of the players. Hey, we want to keep it going. We're really proud that we're getting to these regionals, but we want to keep it going."

Sportsman's Club To Host High School Basketball Night

Berkman, Walton among coaches to recap season.

BY KEVIN MCCANDLISH
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE PACKET

As Alexandria's basketball teams bring the local March Madness season to a close, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club will host the city's high school basketball coaches on Tuesday, March 18, at the annual High School Basketball Night. The evening will feature stories and recaps from the past season, news of college recruitment for graduating seniors and barbecue from the newly opened Sweet Fire Donna's Restaurant.

Among those in attendance will be Bishop Ireton Head Coach Neil Berkman, who has fortified the Cardinals' reputation as a Washington Catholic Athletic Conference contender unafraid of any foe. After compiling an 18-11 record, Bishop Ireton toppled their rival (and defending WCAC champions) Bishop O'Connell in the WCAC conference quarterfinals. The Cardinals eventually fell to perennial powerhouse DeMatha in the WCAC semifinals. Coach Berkman previously worked with the basketball programs of Coastal Carolina,

Cornell and Siena College.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and Episcopal High School penned a new chapter to their rivalry this year in an Interstate Athletic Conference semifinal for the ages. Episcopal narrowly prevailed 52-50. The Saints finished 18-8 overall while the Maroon were 17-11 on the season. Episcopal was edged out 63-52 by top ranked Bullis School in the IAC finals. The coaches for both Alexandria teams have strong experience and local roots, as Saints Head Coach Ronald Ginyard played for Paul VI of the WCAC before graduating from Georgetown University and serving as an assistant coach for Niagara, Columbia, The Citadel and Navy. Episcopal's Coach Jim Fitzpatrick was an All-Met guard for Flint Hill High School in Oakton as well as for Wake Forest University, with whom he won the 2000 NCAA NIT Championship. He served as an assistant coach at Elon University before coming to Episcopal High School in 2006.

For the T.C. Williams Boys Basketball Team and the Lady Titans Basketball Team, it was a tale of two seasons. Under the tutelage of 6th year Head Coach Julian King (a former forward for Temple University and Coppin State University), the Titans Boys Basketball team featured a core of young and fearless talent developing their identity as a team. Under Lady Titans Head Basketball Coach Kesha Walton (who began with the team as an assistant in 2004),



Bishop Ireton Head Coach Neil Berkman will recap the Cardinals' season March 18 at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club High School Basketball Night.

veteran leaders and team transfers joined to amass a 20-5 overall record and a runner-up finish in the Patriot Conference Championship. They made a strong run in the regional tournament as well, only falling to eventual Region 6A North champions Stonewall Jackson High School.

Everyone is invited to the Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St., for a social hour be-



Lady Titans Head Basketball Coach Kesha Walton will be a guest speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club High School Basketball Night March 18.

ginning at 6:30 p.m. with talks from the coaches and the Athlete of the Month award ceremonies beginning at 7:15 pm. The event is free and open to all. Please contact alexandriasportmansclub@gmail.com for further information. The ASC is on Facebook, as well as on Twitter at the handle @_SportsmansClub.

Revealing Wonders of Science

McLean High School student Shivani Gupta started off an afternoon session of Wonders of Science at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop on Feb. 1 with examples of bones and fossils that she collected as an 18th century natural scientist.

Shivani is one of dozens of students participating in Dean Howarth's Project Enlightenment at McLean High School. The project engages each student in researching the lives of individuals or 18th century professions engaged in the creation of useful knowledge. Saturday's session intro-

duced visitors to natural science, botany, physics and geology. Visitors were introduced to machines that produce electrical fluid, a camera obscura and a variety of fossils, bones and other artifacts that would have been collected and studied by 18th century scientists and thinkers.

Members of the Alexandria Society for the Creation of Useful Knowledge discuss the wonders of 18th century science with Scout troops from Herndon in the Apothecary Shop.



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Natural scientist Shivani Gupta displays a small shark's jaw.

Dean Howarth demonstrates how an 18th century electrical doctor might have extracted a tooth.



Eric Wood explains and demonstrates the action and uses of the camera obscura.



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LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:
Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000422 Dental Services
RFP Closing Date and Time: April 8, 2014, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference: March 20, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., prevailing local time at Dental Clinic, 4480 King Street, First Floor, Suite 124, Alexandria, VA 22302
For general inquiries contact Christina Wells, Supervisory Contract Specialist at 703.746.4291.
The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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ABC LICENSE
Samurai Hibachi & Sushi Bar, LLC trading as Samurai Hibachi & Sushi Bar, 4603 Duke St. Alexandria, VA 22304.

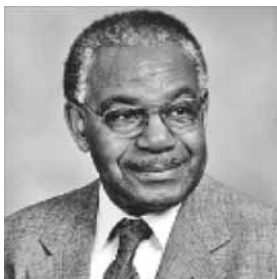
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer on Premises, Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kuang Hui Li, owner
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at
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OBITUARY DR. GILBERT MAYS (AGE 94)



of Alexandria, VA on March 5, 2014. Loving husband of Maudy Walker Mays; beloved father of Blanche Delores Mays Maness of Alexandria, VA; devoted grandfather of T. Nicole Hutchinson of Alexandria, VA. He is also survived by one great-grandson Brandon O. Hutchinson of Alexandria, VA; brother-in-law Benjie Randolph Walker of Lawrenceville, VA; niece Jean Wynn of Warfield, VA; cousins Mable Barksdale, Clara Callis of Lawrenceville, VA Irvin Barksdale, Jr. of Dinwiddie, VA; and a host of other relatives and friends. A viewing was held 3/12 at Alfred Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Interment at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA Arrangements by Lyles Funeral Service serving Northern VA. Eric Lyles, Director, Lic VA/DC/MD 1-800-388-1913

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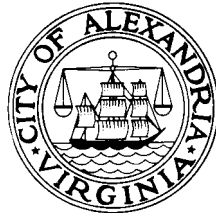
In accordance with the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) public participation requirements of 9 VAC 20-160-120, the general public is hereby notified that the property identified as Potomac Yards Landbay L Multi-Family, located at 625 E. Monroe Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia is working towards obtaining a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) through VRP. This property is referenced by the City of Alexandria Map-Block-Lot Number 044.01-06-01. The VRP participant is the property owner, Woodfield Investments, LLC, who performed remediation in 2012-2013 as a result of historical petroleum, arsenic and lead contamination resulting from the properties former use as a portion of a railroad yard. The property has been successfully remediated through the removal of petroleum-impacted, arsenic-impacted and lead-impacted soils from the site for proper off-site disposal as part of redevelopment activities. Institutional land use controls established by the property owner have been selected as an additional remedial action to satisfactorily protect human health based on the future use of the site. The institutional land use controls specifies that "groundwater beneath the property shall not be used for any purpose other than environmental monitoring or testing" and "all areas of the property not covered by the building or hardscape will consist of the two feet of clean material." Anyone with an interest in this voluntary remediation who has comments or questions may call or write Woodfield Investments, LLC through their representative, Mr. David Bookbinder of ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, 14026 Thunderbolt PI, Suite 100, Chantilly, Virginia 20151 (703) 471-8400 or DBookbinder@ecslimited.com. Comments will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of this notice.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (Licensing and Regulations), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire), Division 2 (Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance follows the direction given staff by Council at the November 12, 2012 legislative session and: (a) amends Sections 9-12-30 and -31 to remove driver transfer provisions; and (b) amends Section 9-12-35 to make changes to how grandfathered certificates are treated upon the certificate holder's departure from the Alexandria taxicab industry.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 064.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 500 North St. Asaph Street from RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) with proffer in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2014-0001.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2014-0001 to rezone the property at 509 North St. Asaph Street from, RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial, Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) with proffer.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Old Town North chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0001 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2014-0001 to amend the land use and zoning maps for the property at 509 North St. Asaph from RM/Townhouse to CRMU/X Commercial Residential, Mixed Use (Old Town North) approved by the City Council on February 22, 2014.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0006 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2013-0006 to amend Figure 4-10 on page 4-14 of the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan to allow office space to be converted to hotel or residential approved by the City Council on February 22, 2014.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 11-700 (Transportation Management Special Use Permits) of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2013-0009.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2013-0009 to adopted revised transportation management plan special use permit regulations.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article XIII (Environmental Management) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the Text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment NO. 2013-0014.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2013-0014 to adopted revised stormwater management regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING and Review of Decision to Remove Parking on King Street from West Cedar Street to Highland Place in order to install bicycle lanes and associated pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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LAST YEAR, council members adopted a historic tax increase, adding four cents to the tax rate. That was the largest tax increase in living memory. Now council members say they hope to keep the tax rate the same, although now that they've advertised the higher rate they will be able to increase taxes in May when they approve a final budget if that's the course they choose to take. But council members reiterated that just because they are advertising a higher rate doesn't mean that's where they'll end up.

"When we advertise the rate, people think that's the rate," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "So the concept of advertising the rate gets everybody confused."

During a Monday public hearing, dozens of citizens testified against budget cuts in Young's proposal. Some of the ones that have caused the most anxiety are the elimination of the senior taxi program as well as a reducing in tax relief to some seniors. Other cuts that have caused some pushback include reductions in the budget for Parks and Recreation and the Police Department.

"I did not run to raise propel taxes," said Councilwoman Allison Silberberg. "But we have some growing needs."

Lawson, Lodato To Be Honored

Ten women will be recognized by the Alexandria Commission for Women for their accomplishments in civic life and for the improvements they have brought about to the well-being of Alexandria women and girls. The 34th Annual Salute to Women Awards are presented for achievement in private and governmental pursuits, including the arts, business, service to youth, public policy, health and safety, public service and civic leadership.

Among this year's award recipients are the late Vola Lawson, former city manager (recipient of the Susan Lowell Butler Lifetime Achievement Award), and the late Ruthanne Lodato, founder of the children's program "Music Together Alexandria" and pianist for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (recipient of the Donna Bergheim Cultural Affairs Award).

The other 2014 awardees are Jen Walker (Marguerite Payez Award), Joyce Rawlings (Youth Community Services Award-Adult), Nancy Martinez (Youth Community Services Award—Youth), Joan Renner (Leadership in Business and Career Development Award), Jean Kelleher (Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award), Amy Creed (Making a Difference Award), Wendy Webb (Vola Lawson Award) and Cynthia Skinner (Rising Star Award). All awardees were selected by an independent committee appointed by the commission.

The Salute to Women Awards event will be held Monday, March 31, at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street. The reception begins at 6 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

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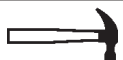
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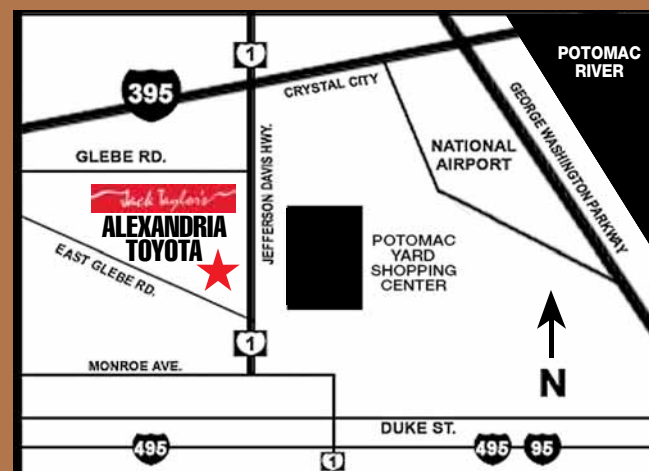
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Empty-Nesters Re-invent the Family Home

Built-ins, cleverly articulated interior increase usable space without need to add-on.

BY JOHN BYRD

Sometimes life's second act requires a bold set change. How else are others to know that the featured players have moved on, embracing new beginnings?

Reinvention is after all the quintessential triumph of creativity, and can be a very personal process when the thing reinvented is your home itself.

"Of course, large-scale life changes don't necessarily demand a whole house makeover," recently retired teacher Cindy Borer said. But in the past year, her only son moved out to start a new career and her husband is now traveling less, so the timing was right for discoveries.

BUT TO START AT THE TOP: last spring the Borer had celebrated 20 years residency in their two-story, four-bedroom Colonial-style house in Burke, and were taking stock of what they wanted from the years ahead.

At just over 800 square feet, the home's primary living area had been serviceable enough; even so, the formal dining room and adjacent den on opposite sides of the front facing foyer were hardly ever used and the rear family room was dark and cramped.



By borrowing a mere nine square feet from the dining room, the designers found space for a small mudroom with bench immediately to the right of a side kitchen door.

Evaluating options, Borer considered enlarging a few rear rooms. She also wondered if some of the home's interior walls could be modified in way that would allow for more natural light. What to do?

It was at this juncture that Craig Durosko, founder of Sun Design Remodeling, was called-in to discuss possible space improvement scenarios.

Durosko pointed out that the couple

didn't so much lack square footage as a sensible space plan tailored to how they actually use their home. The existing "center-

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

When Allie Mann of Arlington, a designer and senior interior specialist at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. was tasked with giving the first

From light-filled to dramatic, local designers create dream kitchens.

floor of a McLean, Va., home a face lift, she had to think free-flowing and airy.

"[The] client wanted to focus on making the kitchen feel open and connected to rest of home," said Mann. "[They] needed to have plenty of space to cook and entertain plus lots of storage."

Mann said the homeowner was making a cross-country move and settling in Virginia, so adhering to a strict timeline and budget were critical.

However, near the end of the project, the homeowner wanted to make a change.

"At nearly 85 percent job completion, client decided they wanted to completely remove the wall between the kitchen and family room. In the original design, we partially removed the wall," said Mann. "This meant a shift and redirection of scope, additional



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A vertical, glass subway tile backsplash adds a dramatic flair to this kitchen by Nicely Done Kitchens.

engineering [because] the remaining portion of the wall housed a three-story fireplace, relocation of cabinets had already been installed and modifications to counter tops. And still deliver a project close to on

time."

The finished kitchen is a light-filled space with cabinets by Crystal Cabinetry, honed Vermont Marble countertops and appliances

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Empty-Nesters Re-invent the Family Home

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hall” configuration defined rooms were consistent with tradition, yet were functionally underutilized most of the time. This accounted for daily traffic patterns that didn’t work as well as they might, and a nagging sense that the entire first floor was space-restricted.

On a second subject: the mid-house floor-to-ceiling bearing wall dividing the front and rear sections of the house could be completely deleted by installing concealed vertical supports at strategic intervals, Durokso said. Such a move would dramatically increase natural light, creating the floor space needed for an alternative layout more appropriate for both daily use and entertainment.

“On the first visit Craig pretty much solved our space plan problem,” Borer said. “From this point on, I was mainly to think about the interior design details.”

So Borer’s meeting with Jon Benson, the makeover’s lead designer, proved a revelation from the start.

A veteran home remodeling specialist as well as a nationally recognized furniture designer, Benson’s input shaped a floor plan focused on personal requirements in which custom built-ins eliminate unneeded walls while sharply improving both room function and interior design integrity.

To create a more functional relationship between the kitchen and the dining room, for instance, the designer replaced an interior pantry with a 27.5-square-foot food preparation surface and dining counter that serves both rooms equally.

By borrowing a mere nine square feet from the dining room, Benson also found space for a small mudroom with bench immediately to the right of the side entrance to the kitchen.

Re-situating the front hall closet to the right of the front door not only widened the front foyer but also created dramatic front-to-back sight lines that make the entire house seem much larger.

Measured in square feet, the changes are small. Yet such revisions liberate the first level circulation plan, re-organizing the home’s primary living area into rooms that are both interactive and articulated.

To visually differentiate the front-facing library from the family room, the designer converted existing overhead beams into an elegant tray ceiling supported by Craftsman-style piers.

A floor-to-ceiling bookcase—also a Benson original—provides an elegant yet useful wall for the new reading room. The new family room fireplace hearth was custom-designed to accommodate the plasma TV that now hangs above it.

Additional interior design decisions emerged from Borer’s collaboration with



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To differentiate the front-facing library from the family room visually, Sun Design converted existing overhead beams into an elegant tray ceiling supported by Craftsman-style piers.



The new transitional-style interior employs decorative elements to create distinctive use-zones in an open floor plan.

Sun Design’s Jessica Page.

“Jessica helped me discover the design style I’d been looking for,” Borer said. “She opened up a lot of resources. Ideas that I liked were added to a project scrapbook which we both referenced regularly to keep the decision process on track.”

As space plan modifications proceeded, Borer’s research revealed a strong personal attraction to transitional-style interior design, a contemporary concept that seeks to reconcile traditional architecture with the spatial freedom of an open floor plan.

On this score, Benson’s original floorplan sketch anticipated the use of loveseats as



Transitional interior design style seeks to reconcile traditional architecture with the spatial freedom of an open floor plan.

space dividers between the family room and the den. Meanwhile, Borer’s preference for soft white and grey duotones inspired an interior paint scheme that combines sharp white and khaki.

In the kitchen, Giallo Sioriato granite surfaces are set off by a vividly original glass tile and stone backsplash which lends an invigorating streak of color to the broader visual panorama.

“Its very comfortable balance of traditional and open really works well for us,” Borer said. “I found the whole process really enlightening.”

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by Sub-Zero, Wolf, KitchenAid and Miele.

NICELY DONE KITCHENS in Springfield, Va., created a kitchen with drama for a Centreville, Va., family. “White semi-custom cabinetry and a contrasting dark island creates a dramatic look,” said Stephanie Brick, designer. Brick cited the focus on the vertical, subway tile back splash.

The rest of the back splash in the kitchen is horizontal, which is the standard for subway tile, said Brick.

The kitchen also includes ample, easily accessible storage space.

“The paneled refrigerator helps conceal the appliances and helps them to blend in with the cabinetry to give the aesthetic more continuity,” said Brick. The kitchen includes easily accessible storage space and ogeedged granite counter tops.

OPENING UP and adding light were priorities when Guy Hopkins Semmes, partner and founder of Potomac-based design-build firm Hopkins and Porter and Lea Allen, one of the firm’s senior architects, remodeled the kitchen of a Bethesda, Md., home.

“The kitchen was small, but we were able to add a lot more space, by making few minor changes,” said Semmes. “Before there was an enclosed porch next to the kitchen. We opened the wall between the kitchen and the adjacent enclosed porch.”

Semmes and Allen made another major elimination: appliances. “We got rid of the



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Arlington, Va., designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. created a free-flowing and elegant feel in this McLean, Va. kitchen.

refrigerator and moved it downstairs,” said Semmes. “All of the other appliances are located under the counter and open up like drawers.”

Semmes also found a creative way to make the space more light-filled. “We took out a stairway wall to the second floor and replaced it with a triangular opening so light from stairwell came down into the kitchen.”

The kitchen now has maple cabinetry and white Silestone countertops. “It was done on a budget. It’s amazing what you can do when you work with what you’ve got.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOPKINS AND PORTER

Guy Semmes and Lea Allen of Potomac-based design-build firm Hopkins and Porter removed walls to create space and add light to the kitchen of this Bethesda, Md. home.

Garden Club of Virginia Celebrates 81st Tour



This Alexandria garden will appear on the 81st Historic Garden Week tour.

House and garden tours will take place across Virginia during the 81st Historic Garden Week. Garden week runs from Saturday, April 26-Saturday, May 3.

Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic gardens. Each spring visitors are welcomed to more than 250 of Virginia’s most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks during “America’s Largest Open House.” This eight-day statewide event provides visitors an opportunity to see gardens at the peak of Virginia’s springtime color, as well as beautiful houses sparkling with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members.

Statewide tour passes are available for \$175. The Alexandria tour takes place Saturday, April 26, tickets are \$35. The Vienna tour takes place Tuesday, April 29 and tickets are \$25. There is a 240-page guidebook with detailed descriptions of properties on each tour. The \$10 charge covers the shipping and handling cost of the book. Free copies of the guide are available at Virginia businesses, visitor centers, and some AAAs. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center says cold season annuals like these yellow pansies can add bright color to a garden now.



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Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring

Local experts tell you what you should do now, in spite of the cold weather.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

on the environment. It reduces bad bug populations and is safe over all.”

It doesn’t feel like spring. Last week’s snow made it seem like warm weather might never arrive, so planting a garden might be the last thing on your mind. However, local gardening experts say this is the ideal time to start preparing your landscape to yield colorful spring foliage.

Bill Mann, of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, Md., said spring garden preparation plans differ from year to year. “It depends on the landscape beds you have and whether or not you’re planning to put in a vegetable garden,” he said.

“This is the time to inspect shrubs for damage that might have been broken during the snow load,” said David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center, which has locations in Fair Oaks, Merrifield and Gainesville, Va., Don’t go overboard, however: “You don’t want to prune plants before they bloom. A good rule of thumb is to prune a flowering plant right after it blooms.”

Instead, spend some time tidying up. “Right now is the time to fertilize your shrubs, remove old mulch, put down new mulch and just clean up,” said Watkins. “Everybody is sick of winter, especially this winter. This is the time to clean up old leaves. Because the winter has been so cold, there are going to be some plants that won’t have made it.”

“In March, a lot has to do with inspecting the yard for winter damage,” said Mann. “This is a great time of the year to look for insect damage and deer damage.”

Mann expects extensive deer damage this year. “Deer didn’t have much to eat except for plants like azaleas and rhododendrons.”

Insect damage is less obvious and more difficult to identify. “This is the time to do damage-control by using safe or organic-based products like neem oil,” said Mann. “When sprayed on plants, it smothers insect eggs or some insects in the larva stage. It also kills stinkbugs. If you can see them, you can control them. You can use a higher concentration this time of year and it is a lot safer and easier

WHILE EAGER GARDENERS may be excited to start planting spring flowers in their newly cleaned plots, Watkins offers a caveat: “It is a little early for most annual flowers in pots on patios, but you can plant annuals like pansies, which are cold season annuals,” he said. “They don’t like heat, so in June they start to wither. Then you can put other flowers in like petunias and geraniums.”

Watkins recommends planting hearty, ornamental shrubs in patio flowerpots and surrounding them with flowering plants to ensure year-found foliage. “A nice thing to do in pots is plant a woody ornamental,” he said. “It is nice to have plants in the pots that stay year round. I put a Japanese maple in a pot on my deck. In another pot I put ilex verticillata [winterberry] and I had red berries all winter long. In the spring, I’ll put petunias in the soil around it, and around the edge I’ll plant a flowering plant that will trail down over the pot from April to October. Then the rest of the year I’ll get red berries.”

Sowing grass seeds is also an ideal project to begin now. “The seeds won’t germinate until it gets to be 52 degrees,” Watkins continued. “So even if we get another snow storm, it helps work the seeds into the soil.”

Randee Wilson of Nature By Design in Alexandria encourages the use of indigenous plants. “Look for sources for native plants — they help sustain our local wildlife. If we didn’t have local plants, butterflies would be gone.”

Native plants also require less maintenance. “Some native plants are cardinal flower, which is bright red; bee balm, also bright red; blue cardinal; iron weed, which has purple flowers, and native wisteria vine,” said Wilson.

If a new patio is in your plans this spring, Watkins says to get started now. “We’ve been putting down putting patios all year long,” he said. “A good garden center is going to get backed up when the weather is warmer. The sooner you start getting your job in the line, the better.”

15th Biennial Ikebana Show at the Art League

Twenty-five members of the Washington, D.C., branch of the Sogetsu School participated in the 15th biennial Ikebana Show at the Art League in the Torpedo Factory last week.

The art of Japanese flower arranging, Ikebana, is promoted by more than 300 different schools of thought. The Sogetsu School of Ikebana originated in Tokyo, Japan in 1927 as a new, modern style of Japanese flower arranging. The idea among the members is that Ikebana may be created at anytime, anywhere, by anyone, with any material.

Members of the school made numerous visits to the Torpedo Factory during January to select artwork for their arrangements. They returned Thursday morning, March 6, to set up arrangements in the Art League for an opening reception that evening. The exhibit continued through Sunday, March 9. For more on the school, contact Jane Redmon at 703-931-5519 or janebredmon@aol.com. Visit www.sogetsuwashingtondc.org.



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Mary M. Corley worked with “The Choir” a porcelain piece and a clay centerpiece container both by Christine Hubloue.



Elise Schoux created her arrangement with work from two artists: Constance Slack’s acrylic painting, “In The Key of Green And Gold” and Joann Ackerman’s stoneware piece “White With Red Circles.”



Carla Amerau chose work by acrylic painter Susan Finsen, “Croquet 3” and added a ceramic bowl, “Circles and Squares” that she created for her arrangement.



“Forest Mystique,” an acrylic by Alvena McCormick and a round stoneware container by Carlos Beltran Baldiviezo form the background and base for Jane Redmond’s arrangement.

The D.C. Design House Designers Announced

Some of the area’s top designers competed for an opportunity to donate their talent to transform a local, grand home into a showcase home. Local designers chosen to help transform the 2014 DC Design House include:

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- ❖ Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors in Old Town, Alexandria, Va.
- ❖ Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, Va.
- ❖ Allie Mann, based in Arlington, Va., of Case Design/Remodeling
- ❖ Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer of Cleveland Hall Design in Alexandria.
- ❖ Nancy Colbert of Design Partners, LLC in McLean, Va.

Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a fundraiser for Children’s National Health System (formerly Children’s National Medical Center). The D.C. Design House has raised more than \$1 million and attracted more than 55,000 visitors over the past six years.

Built in 1929, the home, located in northwest Washington, D.C., has six bedrooms, five full baths and two half baths and also features a three-car garage and a pool. The stone house offers three levels and approximately 7,929 square feet of living space for 24 designers to transform.

The DC Design House opens to the public on Sunday, April 13 and runs through Sunday, May 11. Hours are Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Monday, \$25. A preview party will take place Saturday, April 12, \$50. Visit www.dcdesignhouse.com.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

Van Metre Wins Sales, Marketing Awards

Van Metre receives 8 awards total at The Nationals 2014.

Van Metre Homes won eight Silver Awards at the 2014 National Sales and Marketing Awards, hosted by the National Sales and Marketing Council.

Van Metre Homes were honored as Rookie of the Year, Sales Person of the Year, Sales Manager of the Year, Best Direct Mail Program, Best Print Campaign, Best Overall Advertising Campaign, Best Computer Sales Tool, and Best Design Center.

Individuals recognized for outstanding achievement included Omayra Dehring for

Rookie of the Year, Ernie Kyger for Sales Person of the Year, and Danny Faulkner for Sales Manager of the Year. Van Metre Homes won for Best Direct Mail Program with their Fashion Week. Their Fresh Campaign won two awards for Best Print Campaign and for Best Overall Advertising Campaign. Van Metre Homes’ Hologram won for Best Computer Sales Tool and the Van Metre Design Studio won for Best Design Center.

Van Metre Companies has constructed more than 16,000 houses and several thou-

sand apartments, as well as office buildings and shopping centers in Northern Virginia. Van Metre communities include their own master-planned developments, as well as neighborhoods in smaller subdivisions and third-party planned communities.

The Van Metre portfolio of new homes includes condominiums, townhomes and single-family homes designed for first-time and move-up buyers throughout the Northern Virginia suburbs.

Van Metre’s exclusive Design Studio, lo-

cated in Stone Ridge, Va., allows homebuyers to choose their interior finishes and options. Van Metre also offers turnkey mortgage financing services through their own lending affiliate, Intercoastal Mortgage. Through the Van Metre in-house architecture team, buyers can modify architecture based on a community’s design plan and surrounding environments. They are also able to quickly adapt to market changes, as well as offer customization with Van Metre’s Dream Home Portfolio — offering homebuyers an easy path to personal home customization.

Extreme Weather and Your Home

BY JOHN BYRD

While common sense suggests that home improvements should be put off to warmer weather, a sustained period of colder temperatures often reveals systemic problems that will need correction sooner or later.

As temperatures dropped precipitously several weeks ago, all Reston homeowner Craig Mattice knew was that his original mansard roof was plagued with ice dams and his 10-year-old, 600-square-foot addition was so cold the pipes were freezing.

"After living in the house for over 25 years the chill was a surprise," Mattice said. "It wasn't just that the winter has been colder than usual ... it was beginning to look like a larger problem, particularly in the new wing, which was five degrees colder than other rooms."

To determine the cause of ice-clogged gutters, Mattice turned to remodeler David Foster who had completed a number of home improvements for his son.

"The damming was literally the tip of the iceberg," said Foster, principal of Foster Remodeling Solutions. "When I inspected the attic it was clear that the envelope was not adequately sealed, insulated or ventilated, which is why the upstairs had been too hot last summer."

Add to this the fact that prior to 1980 local building code required less thermally-resistant insulation (R-19) than the current R-38 standard. "It's not unusual to find that the existing insulation just isn't the best application for some of our coldest days," Foster said. "Different parts of a house can call for different insulation strategies."

The larger technical solution was to blow-in R-25 fiberglass, which raised the attic's thermal resistance to R-44.

The more recently completed family wing was another matter. Turns out the Mattice's artfully-designed addition was built over an unheated crawl space, and the HVAC duct wasn't even connected in the kitchen.

"An appropriate insulation strategy starts with a kind of forensics," Foster said. "Where is a wall, ceiling or roof exposed to outside conditions? Is it difficult to regulate temperatures in different parts of the house? These are some basic questions we start with."

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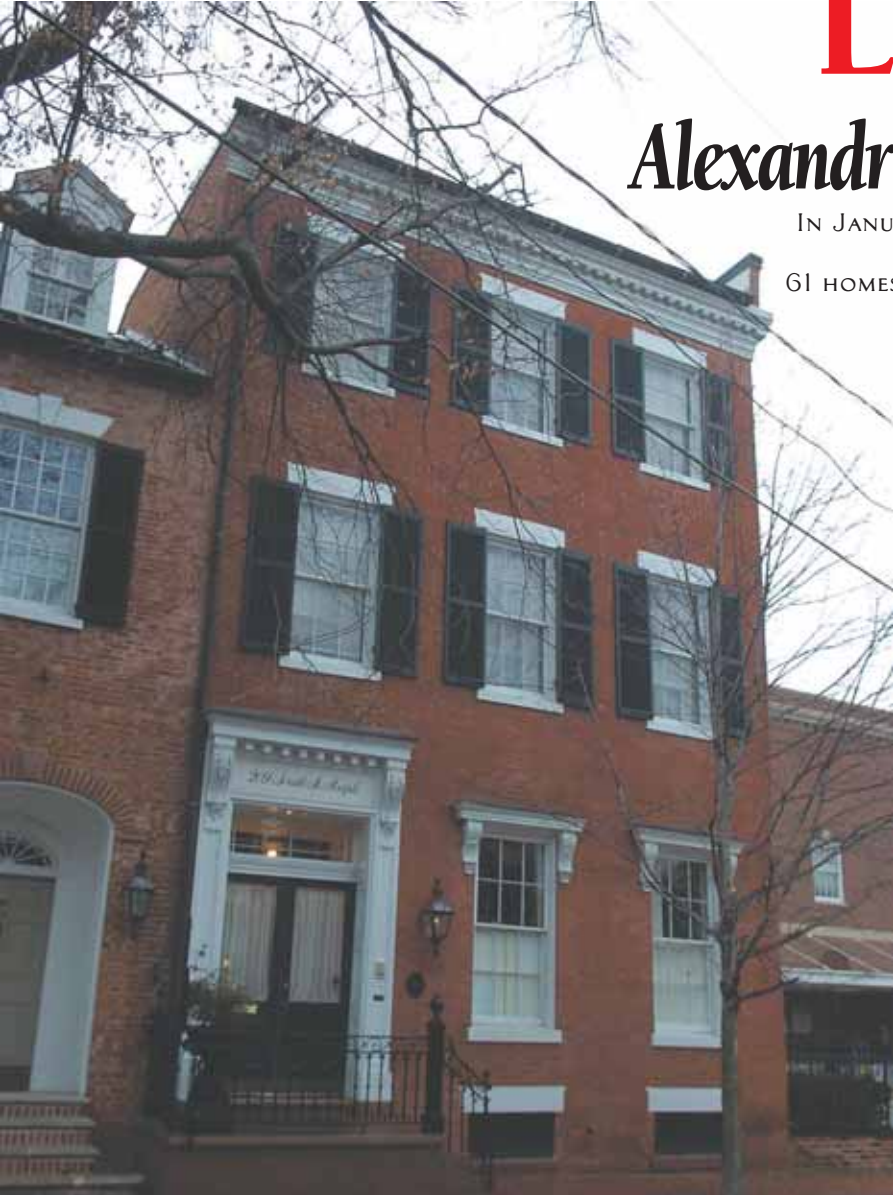
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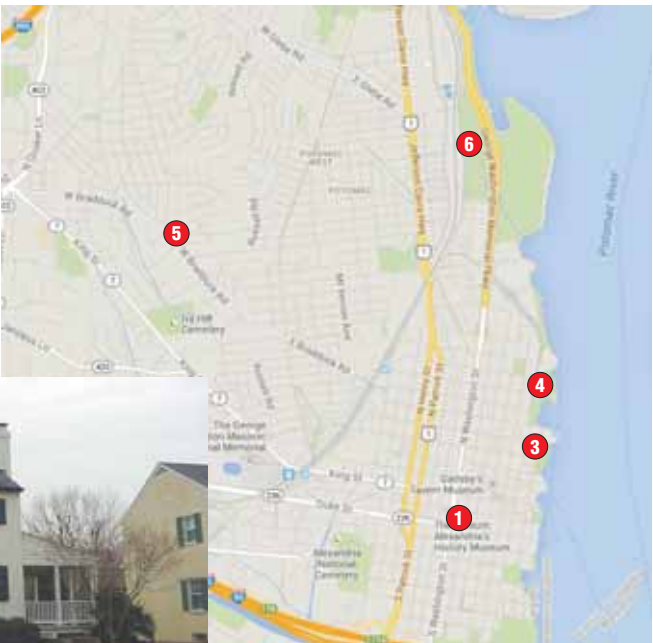
Alexandria & Mount Vernon Top Sales in January 2014

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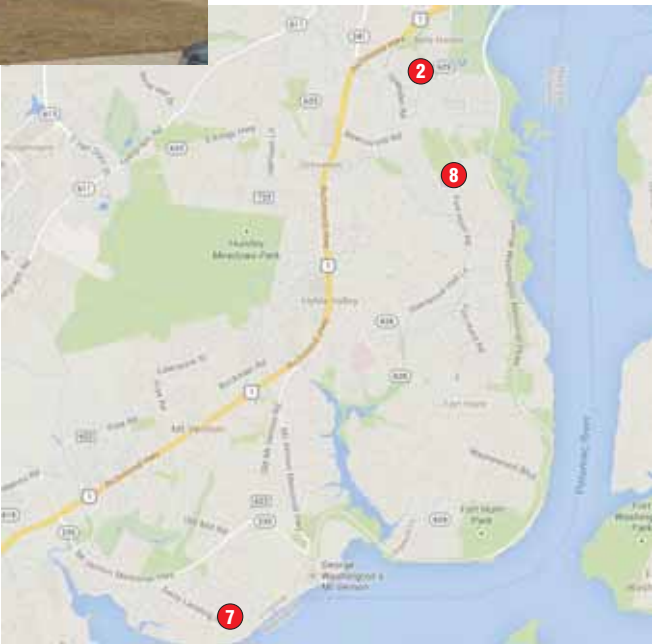
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3 422 UNION ST N	3	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,185,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN	01/07/14
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