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Comprising this
"Snowflake Trio" in
Encore's Christmas
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“Behold the Lamb,” Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:45 a.m. at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. This year’s program titled “Behold the Lamb,” will be a celebration of the birth of Christ with choral music and interpretive dance performed by the Ministry of Music and Performing Arts, along with a Christmas Play, entitled “A Night in Bethlehem” performed by the Youth and Children’s Church Ministry. The public is invited to come and wit-

ness this beautiful and inspirational service, and join in a Christmas Fellowship.

Calvary Christian Church Presents Annual Live Nativity, Saturday, Dec. 20, 5-7 p.m. Safeway shopping parking lot in Burke Town Plaza, 9596 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Come and see Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, with Delilah the camel and other lovely beasts. Cocoa and Cookies will be served.

Fairfax Baptist Temple Christmas Service, Sunday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m., 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station. Please contact the church office for more information: 703-323-8100, fbt@fbtministries.org

The Fairfax Baptist Temple choir, orchestra and drama team present “Ten Thousand Hallelujahs” a Christmas Musical by Ron & Shelly Hamilton, Sunday evening, Dec. 21, 5 p.m., 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station. Please contact the church office for more information: 703-323-8100, fbt@fbtministries.org

Bluegrass Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. in Franconia Hall at Fire Station #5, 6300 Beulah Street, Alexandria. The community is once again invited to find meaning in the mayhem of the season. The familiar Christmas story will be celebrated in a new way with traditional

carols by the acclaimed Big Hillbilly Bluegrass band. Join your friends and neighbors at the firehouse this Christmas Eve. The service is sponsored by Aldersgate Kingstowne, a United Methodist Church that invites people to follow Jesus through the shared practices of worship, learning in groups, and hands-on service to the poor. For more information, go to www.aldersgate.net or call 703-660-2600.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and

children’s church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

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Facets New Executive Director Brings Perspective and Experience

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Margi Preston started as Executive Director of Facets of Fairfax officially on Nov. 17. But she attended its fall fundraising event, A Taste of Fall, on Nov. 15 and witnessed the dedication of Facets staff and supporters in helping individuals and families experiencing poverty in Fairfax County.

Preston was attracted to Facets of Fairfax because of the diversity of the work it is doing, which range from emergency and immediate help to long-term efforts to “try to get people to a better place,” she said.

Facets launched its Hypothermia Prevention and Response program on Nov. 23 and it will last for 16 weeks this winter, concurrent with other programs that provide short- and long-term help to people in need.

Preston hopes to bring a “different perspective with a lot of experience” to Facets. With her 28-year career working on poverty issues and experience with county, state, and federal governments, she said that she wants to “enhance the



Margi Preston is the new executive director of Facets of Fairfax.

already amazing services” of Facets. For now, she is busy learning more about her job, the staff, and

the programs.

Preston was executive director of Any Baby Can in Austin, Texas,

prior to joining Facets. She joined Any Baby Can as a program officer in 2012 and assumed the execu-

tive directorship in February 2013.

Her interest in social work started in college. While doing an internship in Appalachia, she saw the effects of rural poverty and lack of resources. After graduating with a bachelor’s in social work in 1986, she worked at Children’s Protective Services in San Antonio. Her next career was working in shelters, which led to an interest in their administration. She helped start Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter in Ohio.

Her next move was as shelter director of the Women’s Shelter of East Texas, where she worked on bringing telemedicine to clients, who would normally have no access to psychiatrists and other types of medical help.

Preston and her husband, Dan, live in Leesburg, with one of their four daughters.

Founded in 1988, Facets of Fairfax operates in all of Fairfax County. It provides comprehensive services in three key areas, homelessness prevention, housing services, and education and community development.

It employs 21 staff and has 3,000 volunteers. For more information visit <http://facetscares.org/>.

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‘Every Storm Has its Challenges’ City of Fairfax prepares in advance for snow removal.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Because last winter was so severe, the City of Fairfax had to remove a larger amount of snow and ice than it had anticipated. Staff cleared nearly 40 inches of snow, costing \$502,000 and causing a drain on city resources.

To avoid a repeat of that situation, staff is proposing some recommendations so Fairfax will be better prepared for such harsh conditions. Street Superintendent Willis Shafer, who oversees the snow-removal operation, presented the plan during a recent city council work session.

“Last year was difficult – every storm has its challenges,” he said. “But we now have 18 vehicles that can treat and plow [the roads]. Once the snow gets more than 2 inches in depth, that’s when we start plowing.”

“Our crews leave their families and work 12-hour shifts, and I was extremely proud of them last winter,” continued Shafer. “But there was a lack of salt in February, difficulty in getting more and six more weeks of snow ahead, so I decided not to salt then.”

“We’re really geared up for a 6-inch storm,” added Director of Public Works

David Summers. “More than that is very challenging.”

MAYOR Scott Silverthorne said he thought the city snow-removal crew did an “excellent job. But the decision not to use salt in one instance caused problems and people were upset about it. So we just need to be thoughtful about it, going forward. And people need to be patient and understand that snow-plowing takes time.” To Shafer, he said, “You all have a tough job to do, and we thank you for it.”

During Shafer’s presentation, he said the goal is to have all city streets passable within 24 hours of the end of precipitation, although extreme weather conditions may extend this time.

Although the city manager may declare a snow emergency once a winter storm warning is forecast, a snow emergency is immediately in effect once 3 inches of snow have accumulated on city streets.

The city clears more than 160 lane miles of roadway, as well as critical sidewalks, bus stops and shelters and provides access to Fairfax facilities and their parking areas. Priorities are given to the following, primary routes, followed by subdivision streets: Fairfax Boulevard/Lee Highway (Routes 50 and 29), Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), Old Lee Highway, Main Street (Route 236),

Pickett Road (Route 237), Jermantown Road (Route 655) and the CUE bus routes of Warwick Avenue and Draper Drive.

Workers pre-treat the streets with salt brine to create a barrier between the road surface and the snow/ice layer. City staff makes the brine and uses 13,000 gallons of it to treat all 160 lane miles of roadway one time.

In light snow, less than 2 inches, crews spread salt on all routes, and a sand-and-salt mixture only when temperatures drop below 20 degrees. If more than 2 inches accumulate, the primary routes are plowed and retreated, followed by the remaining subdivision streets. Once the storm has stopped, plowing continues until all streets are passable.

However, residents must all do their part. Cars shouldn’t be parked on the street during plowing or other snow-clearing operations. And property owners are asked to clear the snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Snow should be piled to the right-hand side of the driveway facing the street.

“Regarding sidewalk clearing, it’s particularly important where children stand and wait for a bus or need to walk [to school],” said Councilwoman Janice Miller. “What can we do to encourage neighborhoods to keep their sidewalks clean?”

CITY MANAGER Bob Sisson said City staff would take her question under advisement. Residents were also urged not to clear their driveway aprons until the plows go through. During snow events, they may call Fairfax’s snow desk at 703-385-2629.

Meanwhile, Shafer is already implementing some improvements for 2014-15. “We’ve increased our manpower from 12 field personnel up to 20, and we’re evaluating the use of GPS technology to every field vehicle,” he said. “We’ve added two, additional field supervisors to direct plow-and-treatment operations, and we’re adding two plows to the residential zone and [more] trucks to subdivisions at the onset of each storm. We’ll dedicate two trucks to each zone.”

Shafer also planned to conduct more training for his staff prior to the winter season.

“We have to relearn snow removal every year,” he said. And he wants more citizens to cooperate during snowstorms by parking their vehicles in their driveways, rather than on the streets.

He’s further proposing that, when snow volume exceeds 6 inches, the city may call in a subcontractor to help, if needed. The added resources will be assigned to the primary roads.

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Instead of driving to one of the malls take a venture to the town of Fairfax. There you will be delighted with thoughtful gift ideas and services. In a visit to Fairfax Town Center, nestled by diverse dining options on University Drive and Main Street, one can find a handful of small businesses offering unique products.

"The Factory Tee & Vintage Apparel" store on 10409 Main Street has a wide selection of one of the hottest trends this holiday season – the ugly Christmas sweater. Over 200 different sweaters are

available and if this selection doesn't catch your eye they offer custom screen-printing so you can deliver the message you want.

At the "Paint Your Own Pottery" at 10417 Main Street the hottest thing going is the "Hand-print Ornament." The cool thing about "Paint Your Own Pottery" is that you can make a holiday platter, a custom magnet or an ornament. Their large open store allows one to custom create a long lasting, thoughtful gift. Once you complete your product they

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Fairfax Academy Classes Event

A special interactive Fairfax Academy event, The Academy Adventure, is planned for Friday, Dec. 12, during all four lunch periods, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Students will learn more about the nine, specialized classes offered through the Fairfax Academy for Communication & the Arts. There'll be displays, slide shows and performances, plus an opportunity to speak to the Academy students, staff, and administration.

Santa's Ride Toy Drive

City of Fairfax police are partnering with several other local law-enforcement agencies to collect new and unwrapped toys, games and books for the 2014 Santa's Ride. All donations will be distributed to children at Inova Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center and to other chil-

dren in need.

Bring toys to police headquarters, 3750 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax, and place them in the Santa's Ride donation box. Donations may also be dropped off at City Hall in the City Manager's office, room 316; Parks and Recreation office, room 123; and General District Court, room 101. Any and all help is much appreciated. Donations will be collected Monday, Dec. 15.

Food Drives in Fairfax

Our Daily Bread and Combined Properties are hosting Food Drives at Courthouse Plaza in Fairfax City, every Saturday from now through Dec. 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at 10382 Willard Way. A different Fairfax County nonprofit will collect donations of non-perishable food and supplies or grocery gift cards to help feed individuals and families in need during the holiday season. For information, visit www.ODBFairfax.org.

Help Provide Holiday Meals

Our Daily Bread is seeking caring community members to sponsor more than 3,000 struggling families in Fairfax County for Christmas meals and gifts for children who might otherwise go without. Details and registration are at <https://www.odbfairfax.org/Holiday>.

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OPINION

Make a Plan, Talk About It

Here is help in keeping impaired drivers off the roads.

The holiday party season is upon us, and with it an increase in drinking and driving. It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

More than 10,000 people died in drunk driving related accidents in 2012, including more than 200 in Virginia and 160 in Maryland. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas and New Year season in particular.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during



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days since a still-unnamed Fairfax County police officer shot unarmed John Geer standing in the doorway of Geer's home in Springfield, then let him bleed to death on Aug. 29, 2013. No information has been released about the incident, officers involved not named, no explanation, no grand jury, no charges. (as of Dec. 10, 2014)

this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home.

Safe Ride Home

WRAP's 2014 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly from Dec. 12, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2015. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). See SoberRide.com information listed below for important details concerning this program.

Callers will be responsible for fare amounts over \$30.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 61,000 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

We know that many young people over 21 are living at home with parents, or will be visiting for the holidays. Parents, be brave. Have a conversation with your children whether they are under or over 21. Be sure those over 21 have a plan, and are equipped with the SoberRide number.

SoberRide is not available for underage drinkers, but parents still should talk to their children about their plans, and tell them out loud that you expect them not to drive impaired and not to get into a car with an impaired driver. Tell them to call you, and you'll come get them if necessary. The news has been full of teachable moments about the consequences and vulnerabilities of drinking to excess, drinking and driving and beyond. Don't let the opportunity to talk about it pass you by.

— MARY KIMM,

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Changing Society's Perception of Sexual Assault

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)



COMMENTARY

Recently, headlines across the country involved another sexual assault tragedy. This time at the University of Virginia. While a great deal of controversy surrounds this latest story, it is important to not lose sight of the fact that stories of sexual assault are filling our newspapers all too regularly. As we continue to read reports of these acts nearly every day, many of us seem to fall into the trap of believing that sexual assault only happens to somebody else and that it is only committed by people we don't know. But the statistics say otherwise.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a sexual assault occurs every two minutes in America. On average, there are 233,986 victims of sexual assault every year. In eight out of 10 cases, the victim knew the perpetrator.

In addition to traumatic physical injuries, victims of sexual assault are very likely to suffer from serious emotional effects. Sexual assault victims are 26 times more likely to use drugs, 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol, and 4 times more likely to consider suicide. One in four women will be a victim of sexual assault at some point during their life.

On Dec. 2, the Board of Supervisors approved my board matter that directs county staff to assess current methods to prevent sexual violence, and to utilize those assessments to develop new ideas on how to educate students on sexual assault. These efforts are concentrated on educating those who might commit sexual assault crimes in order to change the cultural acceptance toward such crimes and to prevent sexual assaults in the future. It is impor-

tant that county staff work with community leaders to develop ideas on how to work together to increase an awareness and educate students about sexual assault in order to change the culture of apathy toward such acts.

I am also pleased to report that officials at George Mason University, which sits in my district, have been working on this issue for some time. They have agreed to brief me on their efforts, and I plan to urge university officials to tap into whatever resources are available to help them prevent such crimes. Recently, several state delegates have proposed legislation to require that campus assaults be prosecuted as the crime that they are. I intend to meet with our police to make sure we are doing everything we can to arrest and prosecute offenders.

As a community, we must make larger, systematic efforts to prevent these crimes. We must do more to change our culture, and that means reaching our children before they are in college. The seeds of such conduct are planted

long before students set foot on campus, and are nurtured by a culture all too willing to turn a blind eye. We need to teach our children, and population as a whole, that sexual assault is a serious crime and will not be tolerated in our society. We must continue to teach the warning signs of potentially violent behavior. We must also engage in new efforts directed toward those who commit these crimes, and work to ensure sexual assault is viewed with the seriousness it deserves.

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The Green Massage Spa on 3950 University Drive opened just two weeks ago. They are offering a 60—minute massage by a certified masseuse for \$29.50.

—TERRANCE MORAN



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By DAVID SIEGEL
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Time for a family theater event full of wonder. The Providence Players of Fairfax are presenting a show that "families can all enjoy together about a magical world; the world of Narnia," said Brian O'Connor, director of the upcoming "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe." The play is an adaptation of the classic book by renowned author C.S. Lewis that has enthralled readers for generations.

As dramatized by Joseph Robinette, the live play is faithful to the imaginative world of good and evil that Lewis created. It is a world of mystery that begins as four children discover an enormous wardrobe with a secret passageway into a mystical world; the thrilling land of Narnia. In Narnia, the children find themselves in curious adventures and great struggles dealing with right and

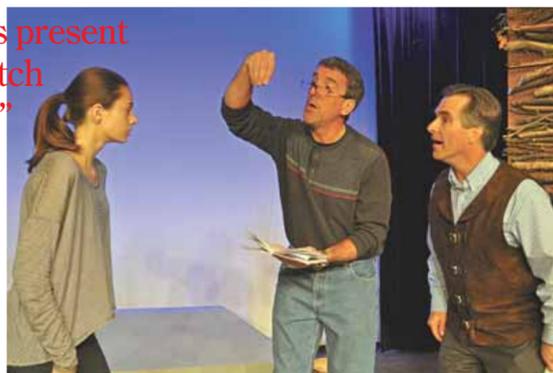


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From left — Iris Berendes-Dean (the Unicorn), director Brian O'Connor and David Whitehead (Mr. Beaver) in an early rehearsal for the C.S. Lewis classic "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" from the Providence Players.

wrong. They become involved with a wise Lion named Aslan, a mysterious White Witch and many other unexpected talking creatures.

"There is a great spirituality to the world of Narnia, even with its playfulness. It is an enchanting play with great life lessons," said O'Connor. He noted that the show is one in which lives are turned around and much forgiveness de-

scribed. He described the large cast of children, youth and adults as "superb."

O'Connor is a long-time actor in the area. He has been on stage at Ford's Theater, Arena Stage, Olney Theatre, the Kennedy Center, and other theaters.

Kyleigh Friel (St. John Academy, McLean), an 11-year-old, is Lucy in this production. Lucy is the first to find the secret passageway be-

Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax County present "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances: Dec. 12-21. Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 with Sat. & Sun. matinees 2 p.m. on Dec. 13, 14, 20 & 21. Tickets are \$17. Call 703-425-6782 or visit: www.providenceplayers.org/
Note: Half of all net proceeds from this production will be donated to Young Hearts Foundation that strives to improve the lives of young people affected by long-term illness.

yond the wardrobe she discovers in an old house. Her character is a very truthful girl who also stands up for her beliefs. "My grandpa bought me 'Lion, Witch and Wardrobe' when I was little," said Friel. "Every little detail that is added into the play" makes it better.

Abby Pierce (Alexandria), who recently moved to the Northern Virginia area is making her local community theater debut as the Dwarf. "I love Narnia! I grew up reading all things C.S. Lewis, so I am very excited to be a part of this story." She added, "everyone is jumping in" to make the production enjoyable for audiences.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" is an inspiring tale that has withstood the tests of time. So as one of the characters says, "let's go and explore together." It promises to be an imaginative evening.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

War on the Doorstep: Fairfax Militia in the War of 1812. Exhibition. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Open Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free tours at 1 p.m. 703-591-0560.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 8, 2015

Dressing for the Occasion: An Exhibition of Costumes and Textiles Representing Fairfax Personalities and Events. Exhibition. Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 703-385-8414.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

Little Flock's Christmas Bazaar. 5-8 p.m. 11911 Braddock Rd., Fairfax. This is a family event with dinner, bake sale, holiday crafts, photo booth, shops and entertainment. Free. Visit www.littleflockschooll.org for more information.

SLIMED! An Oral History of Nickelodeon's Golden Age. 7-45 p.m. Angelika Film Center & Café at Mosaic, 2911 District Avenue, Fairfax. Author Mathew Klickstein will talk about his new book, SLIMED! An Oral History of Nickelodeon's Golden Age. SLIMED! culls together interviews with 250 creative artists involved with the creation of Nickelodeon, and is a fun-filled, nostalgic and fascinating in-depth chronicle of how the First Kids' Network came to shine a vibrant new "kid-like" light on the cultural landscape. General admission tickets: \$14 Premium Reserved, \$11 Adults, \$9 J members or seniors (65+), \$7 under 30.

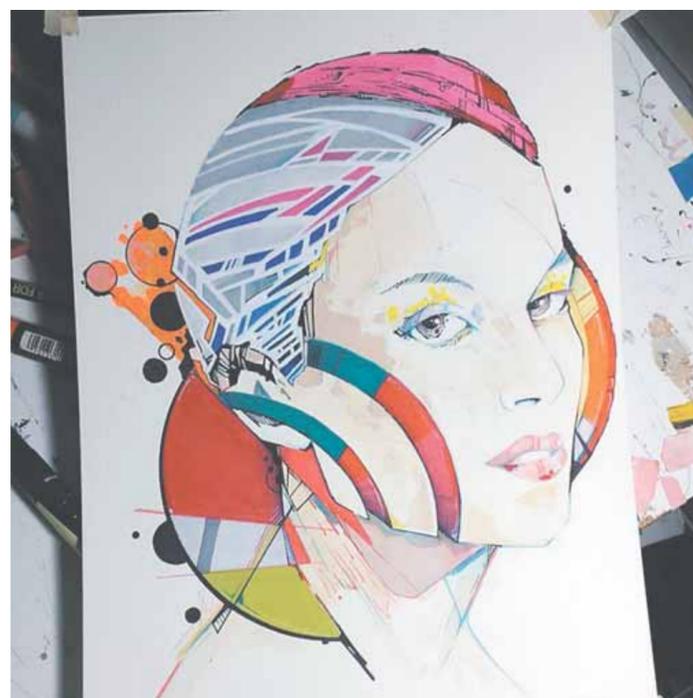
FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Holiday Celebration with The 5 Browns. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Experience these virtuosic sibling pianists live, thundering away on five Steinways! In their Center debut, they will present a merry evening featuring everything from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite to selections from Vince Guaraldi's A Charlie Brown Christmas. Praised by Entertainment Weekly for their "scorching piano," they first made headlines when all five were accepted at The Juillard School of Music simultaneously. They have since topped The Billboard chart and appeared on the Tonight Show, Today, Oprah, and even in their own PBS special. Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30. Reservations: 888-945-2468.

Ensemble PVS. 9:30 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Ensemble PVS is a unique ensemble, comprised of piano, violin and voice. The ensemble PVS has been performing together since they were doctoral students at University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music (CCM). Their performances have been heard at numerous venues in Washington D.C., Cincinnati, and Baltimore.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 12-20

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides. Fridays & Saturdays: 2-9 p.m. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides through the tree-lit streets of Mosaic. www.mosaicdistrict.com.



A new art exhibition entitled "Divine," curated by The Bunnyman Bridge Collective, brings together 10 local artists working in a variety of media from stencil art, calligraphy, poetry, painting, drawing, mixed media, textiles, and more. The opening reception will be on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight, spend an evening with the artists. The exhibit is on display until Feb. 7, 2015 at Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

American Festival Pops Orchestra:

Holiday Pops - Songs of the Season. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Under the baton of founder and Artistic Director Anthony Maiello, this ensemble of 60 of the finest musicians from the D.C. area spread jubilant holiday cheer and good tidings with cherished Christmas carols, holiday favorites and a popular carol sing-along. memories. Admission: \$30-\$50. Reservations 888-945-2468.

Swing Dance. 7:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. An evening of swing dancing and great music. Each event begins with a half hour swing dance lesson by Gottaswing, followed by a dance. More information at www.gottaswing.com. Music by Josh and Good Old Stuff. Admission fee of \$15 can be paid at the door with cash or credit card.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 14

"Four Centuries of Virginia Christmas." 2 p.m. Fairfax Museum. 10209 Main St, Fairfax. Join author Mary Miley Theobald to explore and learn more about Virginia Christmas customs and their evolution from pagan, British, German, and Dutch precedents. Free. 703-385-8414.

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Holiday Mischief at the North Pole

Encore presents musical show, "3 Days 'til Christmas!"

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Reindeer, elves and dancing snowflakes are all part of the holiday joy in Encore Theatrical Arts Project's upcoming musical extravaganza, called "3 Days 'til Christmas!" it'll be presented at NOVA's Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

Show times are Friday, Dec. 12 and 19, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20, at noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 21, at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$23, with special prices for Girl Scout troops, at www.encore-tap.org/tickets/.

It's almost time for Christmas, but where are the gifts and why are all the children's names on the naughty list? What kind of mischief is happening at the North Pole? To find out, the audience will travel back to three days before Christmas. A girl who tests toys wants to become an elf; meanwhile, the head elf doesn't want any of the

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Dressed as elves, dancers perform the kickline number, "Sparkle Jolly."

toys to leave the North Pole.

The cast of 37 Encore performers, plus three professional actors – including narrator Edward Baker-Duly – have been rehearsing since July. "They're doing amazingly well," said Director and Choreographer Raynor van der Merwe. "The girls have matured so much

this year, and seeing their growth makes my heart sing."

The scenes take place inside Santa's workshop, outdoors at the North Pole, at the reindeer barn and at a sweet shop. Van der Merwe said the audience will enjoy the performers' enthusiasm, the colorful costumes and professional

sets. "And besides the joyful story that's told, there'll be songs they're familiar with and already love, as well as new holiday tunes woven in," she said.

Portraying the toy tester, Ginger, is Faith Chun, 10, of the City of Fairfax. Dancing since age 3, she's been with Encore two years. "Ginger's lovable, and her playfulness is contagious to the elves, so they want her to stay at the North Pole," said Faith. "She's really loud and is around my age, so she's fun to act."

Playing a lead role, she said, makes her feel "nervous and confident at the same time." But she's excited that her character "helps save Christmas."

Renee Griese plays Dancer the reindeer. "She keeps the other reindeer in line and is the leader of the pack," said Griese. "She's easily irritated and wants everything to run smoothly, and I like keeping things in order, too."

A dancer since age 3, Griese says she can have a bad day, but then "come to dance practice, forget about it and just enjoy myself." Her

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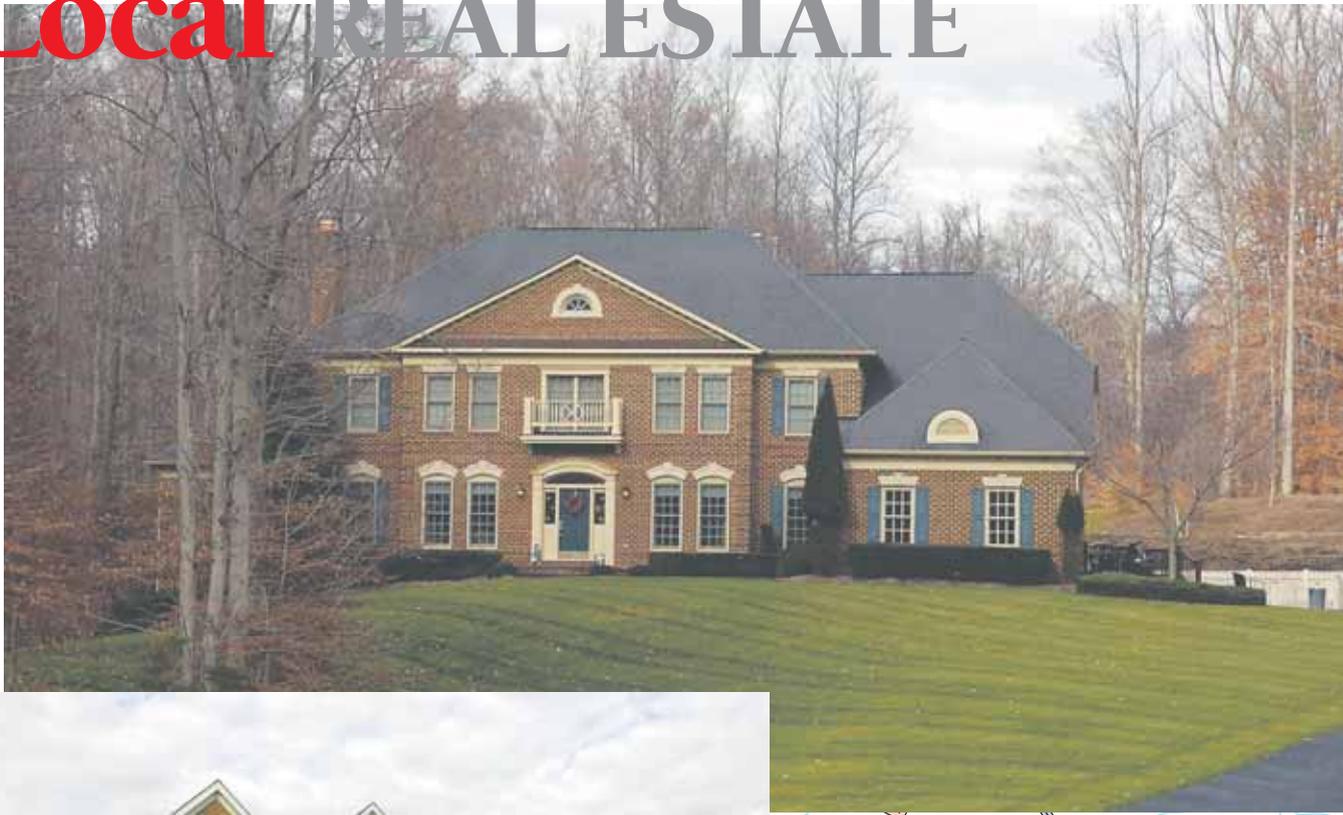
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2015 New Year Remodeling Resolutions

BY JOSHUA BAKER
BOWA



After all the holiday festivities have passed and the ball has dropped to ring in the New Year, many homeowners are inspired to tackle resolutions that relate to their living space. 2015 may be the year you want to remodel your home to allow for the changes occurring in your life. Perhaps you want to build out an office which will allow you to work from home? Maybe 2015 is the year you want to avoid climbing stairs, so moving the master suite to the first floor may be on your resolution list?

One thing is certain in life — family needs are always evolving. As kids come and go, aging parents move in, greener technology becomes available, and we look for more creature comforts in our homes, individuals and families need and want to update living spaces.

So, if you're thinking 2015 is the year to make changes to your home to better suit your changing lifestyle needs, I would encourage you to review some of the following top home remodeling resolutions.

TIP #1: Planning For My Long-Term Home Needs

Given the fact that a home remodeling project can be a significant investment of both time and money, I would strongly recommend that your family has thought through all elements of the remodeling job to make sure it will work for family's long-term living needs. You want the work done on your home to both improve your day-to-day life and add to the future value of your home, so ensuring the decision makers in your family are all on the same page is critical.

Also, as your family plans to remodel your home, we recommend considering the best times for your home to be under construction. We find that since families tend to travel more during the summer months, that is a good time for a remodeling project as the process may be less disruptive and the work can move quicker.

TIP #2: Research What You Like

One of the best things you can do to prepare for sitting down with a professional remodeler is to find

pictures of aspects of homes that you like. Being able to show examples of your preferences is extremely helpful to ensure your tastes are understood and incorporated into the design, and often, the materials selected for your remodeling project.

Websites like Houzz.com or Pinterest.com offer thousands of ideas that you can explore and print out to help you define the look and feel you desire to achieve with your new finished space. You can also save them in an online account that can be viewed by your potential remodel company.

TIP #3: Do Your Homework on the Best Remodeling Company

As with any significant investment, make sure you do due diligence before signing on with a design-build firm. Remodeling remains one of the most reported industries, so be sure to talk with the firm's client references and visit recent projects they have completed to get a sense for their craftsmanship. You may also want to ask about employee tenure and which professionals will be working with you through the remodeling process. It is important to know who will be your single point of accountability.

With a single point of accountability for the entire design and construction process, you can work alongside your architectural team and other specialists to ensure reliable materials are specified, drawings are clear, and challenges are addressed to lay the groundwork for a smooth production process. Most importantly, this team approach ensures that the project that is being designed aligns with your budget goals, and finds areas of efficiencies and appropriate cost savings wherever possible.

These three tips will help you to achieve the best approach and find a design-build team that will take accountability and manage the entire process while looking after your best interests. Remodeling professionals become part of your family during the process, so it's important to be extremely comfortable with the firm you choose.

Josh Baker is the founder and co-chairman of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction company specializing in luxury renovations, remodels and additions in the greater Washington, D.C. area. BOWA has more than 25 years of experience and has been honored with 170 local and national awards. Visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.

Saving Historic Homes

Residents could live virtually rent-free in exchange for repairing and maintaining homes.

Fairfax County might soon breathe life into historic homes that have fallen into disrepair. If an ordinance adopted by the County Board of Supervisors last month becomes law, the county will be one step closer to establishing a resident curator program.

The program, which would be the first in the Commonwealth of Virginia, allows indi-

viduals or groups to occupy publicly owned historic properties rent-free in for exchange repairs and maintenance.

"It allows us to preserve historic resources and limits our liability because some of the properties are empty and therefore invitations to vandalism," said Judy Pedersen, a spokeswoman for the Fairfax County Park Authority. She added that the program would also trans-

fer financial responsibility to the curator, saving taxpayers money.

Earlier this year, the county commissioned a study to explore the idea, taking in to consideration factors such as the types of properties that would be eligible, whether to allow commercial use and criteria for selecting curators.

Pederson said the county needs \$241,000 and a project manager in order to start the program "But we're on track and things are moving forward," she said.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Brian R. Higgins and Nancy J. Higgins, dated November 25, 2005, and recorded December 20, 2005, in Deed Book 18065 at page 1104 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 57, Section 1, Springfield Forest, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 921 at page 507, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 6600 Hackberry Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$8,500.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.875 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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OBITUARY

Vivian May, 72, of Fairfax VA died at Fairfax Hospital on Wednesday December 3rd. Funeral service will take place at Advent Funeral Home 7211 Lee HWY Falls Church VA 22046 Saturday December 13th 11 am

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ABC LICENSE

TRG Westfield LLC, trading as Fosters Grille, 5007 Westone Plz, Chantilly, VA 20151. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer on and off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jeremy Topper, Member 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 www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3260

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House Fire Leads to Teen's Arrest

Believing he set fire to his own home, authorities arrested a 19-year-old Fairfax man last week and charged him with arson. They did not release his name, but the incident occurred Tuesday, Dec. 2, around 8:30 p.m. and caused an estimated \$250,000 damage.

Units from both the City of Fairfax Fire Department and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department responded to the blaze at 10903 Fairchester Drive in the City of Fairfax. Upon arrival, fire was reported in the attic and in a bedroom at the rear of the house.

Information provided by the City of Fairfax stated that an investigation conducted jointly by the City Fire Marshal and Police Department "resulted in a finding

that the fire had been intentionally set by a 19-year-old resident of the home. The suspect also allegedly caused additional damage to the home, including broken windows and damage to a family member's car in the driveway."

The suspect was taken to the detention center and charged with arson of an occupied dwelling and intentionally burning personal property. He was held pending a bond hearing. Because of the fire, the home was declared uninhabitable and three family members were displaced. The American Red Cross helped them find temporary lodging at a local hotel. No one was injured.

— BONNIE HOBBS

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Teen Writers Group. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Share, discuss and get feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. Age 13-18. 703-249-1520.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve your skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.

One-on-One English Practice. 7, 8 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking, reading and writing English with a volunteer partner. Ages 8 through adult. 703-249-1520.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Connected on the Homefront. 7-9 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield; Terrace Room. This month's theme

is "What is Lovely"-Christmas Memories. A meeting that provides dinner, fellowship and speakers to minister to wives of active duty, reservists and retired military. Visit www.immanuelbible.net or 703-941-4124.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Using Activities with Meaning to Promote Well-Being and Fun! 1:30 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Learn strategies for sparking fun and laughter in caring for people with dementia; making your time enjoyable, frustration free and memorable. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Board members meet biweekly to plan and implement projects and programs that will enhance library services for teens. Age 13-18. 703-249-1520.

Encore

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favorite song in this production is a new one called "Nuttycracker Suite." In it, she said, "There's black light and we dance behind a curtain reflecting our shadows, so it's a special-effect number." Griese said people of all ages will "have fun and find the show entertaining. The storyline's really engaging, and our two new actors are hilarious."

Monica Brown attends the Fairfax Academy's dance program and is in her seventh year with Encore. "I fell in love with dance when I was 3," she said. "You can escape from all the outside drama in your life and put what you're feeling into movement."

As Prancer the reindeer, Brown's character is competitive against Comet the reindeer. "Ginger's just come to the North Pole, and we're both trying to impress her with how cool we are," she said. "I love playing a reindeer; she's prim and proper, like my own personality, so I can draw from personal experience."

Brown especially likes the number, "Let it Ring, Let it Swing, Let it Snow." Hoping to eventually become a Radio City Rockette, she said that song is a Rockette-style num-

ber with kick lines and precision steps." Brown said the audience will enjoy all the different songs and dances and will like seeing Santa, elves, reindeer and snowmen. And, she added, "It'll really get them into the Christmas spirit."

Alia Artieda is a homeschooled senior who's been with Encore since age 6. "Dancing is so much fun, I couldn't think of doing anything else," she said. In this show, she's in several of the numbers.

"My favorite dance is 'Toyland,' when all the toys come to life," she said. "There are rag dolls, jesters, toy soldiers and ballerinas, and I'm a ballerina. It's fun because it has so many different styles of dance. The dancing in this show is something everyone will enjoy; there's always something new."

Mikaela Vasconez finds dancing "freeing" and also performs in many of the numbers. She likes "Sing a Little Song" the best. "It's jazz, we're holding presents as we dance and it's very graceful," she said. "We wear candy-cane-striped leotards on top with gold, ruffled skirts."

As for the show, she said, "It's family-friendly. There's lots of great dancing, funny acting and a heartwarming story with a satisfying resolution."



Robinson boys' basketball coach Brian Nelson talks to the Rams during their Dec. 8 home game against Lake Braddock.



The Lake Braddock boys' basketball team fell short against Robinson on Dec. 8.

Nai-Tetteh Leads Robinson to Comeback Win over Lake Braddock

Senior's two steals, 14 fourth-quarter points propel Rams to victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After twice stripping the ball from Lake Braddock sophomore Corey Pelham and converting the steals into five points early in the fourth quarter, Robinson senior Ashrifi Nai-Tetteh acknowledged as he came off the floor that he should have imposed his will earlier in Monday's contest.

While taking an aggressive defensive approach in the first half might have made life easier for the Rams, Nai-Tetteh's fourth-quarter performance made life miserable for the rival Bruins.

Nai-Tetteh scored 14 points in the final 8 minutes to go with his two clutch steals and the Robinson boys' basketball team came from behind to beat Lake Braddock 65-59 at Robinson Secondary School.

THE RAMS trailed 47-42 entering the fourth quarter. After Nai-Tetteh made a pair of free throws, the Robinson guard stripped Pelham and converted a three-point play after he was fouled while making a layup. Nai-Tetteh stripped Pelham again moments later, this time the steal resulted in a pair of free throws for the Robinson guard, giving the Rams their first lead since the opening minutes of the first quarter.

"I've been playing against [Pelham] since last year," Nai-Tetteh said. "I knew from fall league earlier this year when I pressured him, he made bad decisions. I just knew that if I did that, I could turn the game around and get the momentum going our way."

Pelham buried a 3-pointer to put Lake Braddock back on top, but Robinson went ahead to stay when Joey Powell scored near

the rim, giving the Rams a 51-50 advantage.

Nai-Tetteh buried a 3-pointer with 5:29 remaining, giving the Rams a four-point lead, and made a pair of free throws with less than one minute to go, helping hold off the Bruins.

Robinson trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half and was down five entering the fourth quarter, but Nai-Tetteh's timely defensive plays helped spark the Rams.

"He's our best defender," Robinson head coach Brian Nelson said. "He knows it and that's really no big secret. He's a particularly good on-ball defender ... but he ... [hadn't] yet this season through three games, until that fourth quarter, asserted himself in the way that he can, defensively. I think he just, for whatever reason, picked that moment that this is when I'm going to actually show what I can do at the defensive end of the floor and he made some plays."

"The game absolutely turned on those plays he made."

Nai-Tetteh finished with 20 points and six rebounds. Powell had 13 points, and Brent Yantis and Avi Silberman each eight. Austin Jones totaled four points and seven rebounds.

Nelson said the Rams are talented, but many of this year's key contributors were



PHOTOS BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION
Robinson senior Ashrifi Nai-Tetteh scored 14 points and had two key steals during the fourth quarter of the Rams' 65-59 victory over Lake Braddock on Dec. 8.

role players on last year's team. On Monday, the Rams earned their first win of the season after losing games against South Lakes and Potomac Falls.

"I think [Ashrifi Nai-Tetteh] just, for whatever reason, picked that moment that this is when I'm going to actually show what I can do at the defensive end of the floor and he made some plays."

— Robinson boys' basketball coach
Brian Nelson

"We kept talking over the weekend [about how] we just need to get one and kind of get the weight off our backs of 'when is that first win going to come?'" Nelson said. "We know we have a talented team, we just are a little lean on experience closing games."

Lake Braddock had just four players score Monday night. Reagan Jones led the way with 17 points. James Butler finished with 16 points, Pelham had 14 and Elliott Johnson added 12. Johnson grabbed seven rebounds, and Butler and Jones each had five.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, Robinson defeated South County 46-45 to improve to 2-2. Lake Braddock beat Westfield 65-52, improving to 2-1.

Robinson faced West Springfield on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Rams will travel to face two-time defending region champion Woodson on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

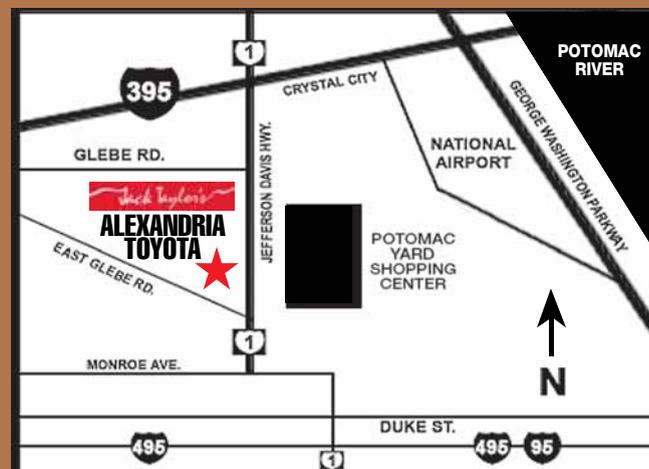
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