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Earl Lloyd, front row center, graduated from the segregated Parker-Gray High School in 1946. With him in front: Coach Louis Johnson, William "Red" Jackson, Rozier Ware, Horace Burton, Oliver Ellis and Henry Brooks. Back: Lee McCoy, Albert Burts, Robert "Tex" Matthews, Francis McGee, Louis Napper and Willie Rice.

Paving the Way

**Basketball pioneer
Earl Lloyd dies at 86**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

When Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, he did it under the glare of a national spotlight. Three years later, on a snowy evening in 1950, a similar but quieter revolution took place when a black man stepped onto a court in Rochester, N.Y., marking the first time an African American had played for an NBA team.

That man was Earl Lloyd. "Before the game, I was terrified," Lloyd would recall in later years. "I had a fear of disappointing the people who depended on me. Luckily, letting people down was not a part of my DNA. I'm glad I was part of something that helped pave the way for others."

Lloyd's NBA debut passed without fanfare. The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle didn't mention Lloyd, playing for the Washington Capitols, in its game story of the Caps' 78-70 loss to the Rochester

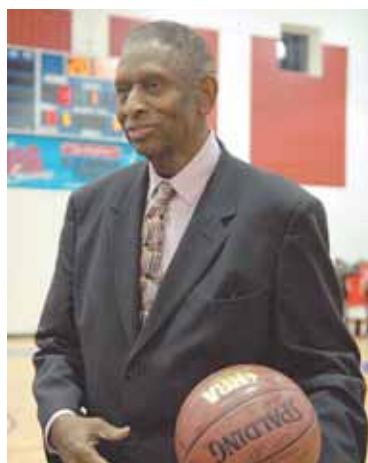
Royals. But it was a watershed moment in American history.

Just four years earlier, in 1946, the Alexandria native had graduated from the segregated Parker-Gray High School, where athletic teams had to travel to cities such as Roanoke, Charlottesville or Petersburg in an open-bed canvas truck filled with hay because there were no hotels or eating establishments available to African Americans.

"When I reflect back on Parker-Gray, I just shake my head," Lloyd said in an interview with Alexandrian Derrick Lyman. "I don't know how we did it. Athletically, we had nothing — no gymnasium, no baseball diamond, no football field. Except we had a magical coach, Louis Johnson. Man, he got it done."

Nicknamed "Big Cat," Lloyd would go on to become the first African American to play on an NBA championship team when his Syracuse Nationals defeated the Fort Wayne Pistons in 1955. In 1960, the Detroit Pistons took him on as the NBA's first black assistant coach and, later, he would be hired as the league's first African-American bench coach. In 1971, he became the NBA's fourth black head coach.

On Feb. 26, 2015, the pioneering NBA trailblazer and Hall of



BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Earl Lloyd, shown at the dedication of the T.C. Williams High School basketball court in 2007, died Feb. 26 at the age of 86.

Budget Winners — And Losers

Acting city manager presents budget proposal to City Council.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

When Acting City Manager Mark Jinks presented Alexandria City Council with the \$647.9 million proposed budget, the generally positive reception was tempered with the knowledge that many departments would not be receiving the funding they had requested. There was no feedback from the public or departments facing cuts at the City Council's March 3 meeting, but it's likely the city will face scrutiny from the public and within the city government before its May 7 approval.

In this year's budget, each de-

partment prepared a budget submission based on its role in the City Council's strategic plan, after which deputy city managers and the Office of Management and Budget worked with those departments to find options for reducing spending.

According to Jinks, the available funding for the city manager to spread around is still severely hampered by the effects of the recession. Job growth throughout the D.C. region has been very slow as the nation emerges from the recession. The city has experienced growth in the service industry, which is one of the lower pay professions, so it does little to help

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Jewelry Store Owner Robbed at Gunpoint

Police investigating nearby crimes.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Except for the armed robbery of his store, David Martin said Feb. 21 was an otherwise normal day at his Goldworks USA jewelry store on King Street. It was so normal, in fact, that when two men came into his store with turtle necks pulled up over their faces and hats pulled down over their brow, Martin wondered how he was going to do business with them. Even as the pair awkwardly stood in a corner of the store, struggling to reach

into their jackets with their bulky gloves, Martin was unsure what was happening. But when one eventually managed to pull out a bag and the other retrieved a gun, Martin understood that they were there to rob the store.

"I was doing inventory, and I can't remember if they said much," said Martin. The robbers grabbed his arms and pulled him across the top of his counter. "At that point, I could tell there was going to be a delay."

Martin's associate at the store pressed the burglar alarm and

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At a campaign kickoff event on Sunday, March 1, Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg threw her hat into the ring for Alexandria's mayoral race and became the city's third major competitor for the position. Mayor William Euille and former Mayor Kerry Donley both officially announced their candidacy at the Alexandria Democrats' Feb. 2 meeting. Euille has been mayor of Alexandria since 2003. Donley was mayor from 1995 to 2003 and served as vice mayor from 2009 to 2012, when Silberberg assumed the role.

— VERNON MILES

Chamber To Honor Heroes

Sixteen public safety personnel will be recognized on April 30 at the 2015 Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Foundation Public Safety Valor Awards Luncheon to be held at Alexandria First Baptist Church beginning 11:30am.

The program, presented by Inova Alexandria Hospital, will recognize acts of valor by police, fire, and sheriff deputies during incidents occurring in 2014.

This year's honorees, listed below, also include two K-9 recipients:

Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Chris O'Dell, Life Saving Award
Police Department

Officer Daniel Canniff, Certificate of Valor

Officer Erik Nygren, Bronze Medal

Officer Ryan Waple, Certificate of Valor

Officer Carlos Rolon and "Xig Xag", Silver Medal

Officer Steve Escobar and "Gracie", Silver Medal

Officer Michael Nugent, Gold Medal

Officer William Rutz, Life Saving Award

Sergeant Nicholas Ruggerio, Life Saving Award

Officer Matthew O'Malley, Life Saving Award

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Marshal Andrea Buchanan, Bronze Medal

Firefighter Michael Faber, Certificate of Valor

Firefighter Daryoush Hematti, Certificate of Valor

Firefighter Michael Ambrose, Life Saving Award

Firefighter Joseph Porcelli, Life Saving Award

Firefighter Micheall Lyons, Life Saving Award

For information and to make reservations to attend the Valor Reception, visit www.alexchamber.com.

Financial Literacy for Students

Local students are getting a free education in how to manage their money. Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union is working with Banzai, a national financial literacy program, to make curriculum available to Alexandria schools for free.

Banzai is an interactive, online program supplemented by printed workbooks which aligns with state curriculum requirements for personal finance education.

Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union has offered time, money, industry experience, and a variety of credit union resources to help Alexandria schools teach personal finance in the classroom. Students using the program are exposed to real-life scenarios where they learn to pay bills and balance a budget. The educational program also introduces students to auto loans, bank statements, entertainment costs, savings and more.

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Duncan Visits Patrick Henry Pre-K

Secretary of Education and others express support for Alexandria's early childhood development.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Students in Patrick Henry Elementary School's pre-kindergarten were building with their blocks and learning how to write letters when their Feb. 25 morning was interrupted by a room full of men and women in suits. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and the accompanying delegation sat with pre-k students, chatted about their work, and joined in with a few of the exercises. In a crowded corner of the Patrick Henry Elementary School Library, Duncan heaped praise on Patrick Henry Elementary School's pre-kindergarten education program while expressing his frustrations at a nationwide lack of similar programs.

"As a nation, we have not committed to making sure our babies are fully educated," said Duncan. "Elementary and secondary education is too late. This is not an expense, it's an investment. We don't do a great job of catching up kids in [later years]. We need to stop thinking of education as something that starts at five or kindergarten."

Duncan was joined at the table by U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), local educators, and parents. Duncan particularly noted the work of Ingrid Bynum, principal of Patrick Henry Elementary, who has increased the number of pre-k classes from six to nine since she was appointed to the position in 2012. Bynum said their current pre-kindergarten classes are currently full.

"It's heartbreaking when we have parents who call every week to see if space is available," said Bynum, citing that the city has a waiting list of 100 students. Beyer would later note that this number was deceptively low. The 100-student backlog is just for those who can access "Head Start" program. There are 230 students at near-poverty level in Alexandria who need pre-k but can't afford it. According to Bynum, the numbers alone make the case. "It's pretty evident we need more funding."

"We need less kids on waiting lists," said Duncan. "The local community has more than done their share of waiting."

However, despite praise for the program by Superintendent Alvin Crawley, the city-wide Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten programs are receiving a \$1.6 million cut, from \$11.8 million to \$10.2 million. Patrick Henry Elementary School is receiving a \$13,987 cut to their Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten, from \$802,795 in 2015 to \$788,809 in 2016. However, this stems mostly from changes to the medical and retirement structure affecting all Alexandria school staff. Funding for professional instruction at Patrick Henry increased by \$28,525. The budget funds an additional full-time early childhood coordinator and an administrative assistant position, as well as technology resources for pre-k classrooms.

Bynum said the staff focuses on making sure the school engages with the entire community, particularly lower income communities where students are less likely to receive academic instruction at home.

"We use a lot of social media, a lot of word of mouth," said Bynum. "We go into community cen-



Patrick Henry Principal Ingrid Bynum (left) and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan (middle) observe pre-k students at work.

PHOTO BY VERNON MILES / GAZETTE PACKET

ters and go out to public housing, we have playdates with parents. There are 29 different languages spoken with families in Alexandria, so we bring interpreters to these events.

"We need to ensure access," said Beyer. "If we can do what Patrick Henry has done across the state, the sky is the limit on what we can achieve."

Lori Shabazz, a kindergarten teacher at Patrick Henry and the Washington Post's Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year, said that in the large scale discussion on pre-kindergarten education, it's important to listen to the feedback from teachers.

"Sometimes classroom teachers get left out of the big process," said Shabazz.

Shabazz said, in her experience, that students with a pre-kindergarten education tend to have higher literacy and social skills in her class, the latter of which is a major issue.

"These students have already learned to 'turn and talk' and learned about 'peer sharing,'" said Shabazz. "Kindergarten is no longer snack, nap, and play. Students in pre-kindergarten know how to raise hands, take turns, and separate from their parents. There's a huge academic and social gap between kids with and without pre-kindergarten education."

Shabazz also noted that pre-kindergarten day care with little academic focus, where most of the day is spent playing, is not the same as a school-focused pre-kindergarten class. It's a stereotype of early childhood development that Shabazz and Bynum said they have to work against when explaining the program.

"In pre-school, we focus on reasoning and problem solving," said Bynum. "The children learn languages and build self-esteem."

Bynum noted several cases where students who struggled in early school ages and were on the verge of being put into remedial classes were eventually tested into a very high percentile. Bynum said she's haunted by the idea that these children might never have been identified without pre-kindergarten education.

"We need to be able to give our children their best push," said Bynum.

Eby Aka, originally from the Ivory Coast, is an American citizen and a parent of a Thomas Jefferson student.

"I have seen the good of an early education in my son," said Aka. "All of our children are born with gold mines in their mind, it's up to us to exploit that."

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Update on George's Library

Founding director highlights programs, goals.

BY GERALD A. FILL
GAZETTE PACKET

George Washington had a vision to construct a library but never got around to building one. He said in a letter to his friend, James McHenry, on April 1, 1797, "I have not houses to build, except one, which I must erect for the accommodation and security of my military, civil, and private papers, which are voluminous and may be interesting." More than 200 years after he wrote of his desire for a library it is now a reality because of the efforts of supporters of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, who raised more than \$106.4 million for the library, approximately one third went to finance the construction and the rest to endow the programs planned.

Dr. Douglas Bradburn, founding director of the Fred. W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, discussed the library's programs, challenges, during the second year after opening its doors.

Q. As founding director, how will you measure your initial success for the library?

A. I am very honored for the special opportunity to play an important role in the development of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington.

Success for the library will be measured and constantly reevaluated in many ways. In our first and second year of existence we have embarked on several strategic efforts to develop the foundation for long term success: hiring the right people who have the skill, vision, and commitment to realize the creation of a world class library and research institution; selecting our first group of academic scholars and teaching fellows; continue to collect rare objects and historic papers such as our recent acquisition of George Washington's financial papers of the Potomac Navigation Co. (1785). After George Washington's return to his Mount Vernon home from the war, he founded the Potomac Navigation Co. It was a typical example of the vision and energy that he applied throughout his life. He saw the Potomac River as a key ingredient in expanding commercial opportunities, and the creation of the navigation company as providing him with the means to make good decisions to expand the use of the river by improving knowledge of the river. We are also in the process of launching a Mount Vernon leadership fellowship program for selected undergraduate students. Our plan is that by awarding scholarships and fellowships we will over time develop a distinguished alumni of leaders in government and the private sector. In addition, we are well underway in sponsoring new book talks and

Biography

Douglas Bradburn

Born in Wisconsin, raised in Virginia. He earned a B.A. in history, B.S. in economics from the University of Virginia; a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. Former position as the chair of the Department of History with the State University of New York, Binghamton. Received the SUNY Chancellor's award for excellence in teaching, in 2010. Married for 15 years to Nadene J. Bradburn. They have two children, Charles, and Samuel.



Douglas Bradburn



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From left: Mark Santangelo, archivist, and Douglas Bradburn, founding director of the National Library for the Study of George Washington, stand by an original painting of President George Washington. The painting is an original oil by Rembrandt Peale, circa 1855-1860.

symposia at the library that is open to the public.

The library is also interested in educating the public and scholars on the importance of George Washington's ethics, his character, and his ability to inspire others. We will also build the ability of the library to assist scholars who work with us to publish their research. For example we assisted in getting published a just completed book on horticulture which depicts George Washington's effort to influence landscape design.

AN INTERVIEW

Q. You have mentioned the importance of promoting the study of history and social studies in the secondary school systems and at the university level. Why? How do you plan to assist history teachers?

A. On several levels the study of American history has had limited support among state and local budgets and university budgets. We believe American history and history teaching in general should not be undervalued as an educational tool to understanding how to preserve and protect our democracy, values, and culture. Understanding the past helps leaders understand present and future challenges better. We will assist history teachers by developing and maintaining cutting edge digital techniques (podcasts; digital images; interactive e-books, etc). This will help us to present information on the history of George Washington in an interesting, creative, and easily accessible way. We want the history profession to view the George Washington library as a second intellectual home. Secondly, we will provide innovative teaching opportunities to history teachers through our fellowship program. We have already reached out to 18 states to recruit 20 history teachers to join our summer program of improving their capacity to teach history. Our selections emphasize potential for scholarship, diversity, and commitment to the teaching of history. This will continue as we reach out to all states over the next several years. We also have and will continue to regularly invite

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Clothing as Art

Craft shop is a clothing boutique.

BY SHIRELY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Step into Carol Supplee's Imagine Artware on King Street and sort through the racks of "sculpture for the body." Supplee is wearing a Putorti duster from her collection made by a small family in Canada. Supplee opened her "craft shop," which is really a clothing boutique, 23 years ago and moved to the current location in 1998. During this time she has seen the population become younger in the area although her customer base of working women has remained stable. "I've had a number of them for 20 years, and many are friends."

PEOPLE AT WORK

Often when she goes to shows and buys things for the shop she can predict who might like a particular item. Although, she said, "we have to offer a variety of choices because we have all body types and it has to look good on you." She has already been to several big shows this year. "I have people I consistently buy from and have for years. It is a challenge to find new people. What I buy has to have a certain aesthetic for me. Sometimes I take another person to get a different point of view — here look at this." When she's not attending shows or on the floor helping customers, she is doing inventory of incoming products and handling the accounting. "I'm it," she said. Supplee said her business follows the economy. "But I feel a heavy responsibility to the customers who depend on me and to the suppliers to market their products as I promised."

Supplee looks for original works of art. "See the black and gold piece in the window? That is a hand-painted Kay Chapman blouse starting with a bolt of white cloth. Over here I have a rack of hand-loomed pieces. This black and ivory A line coat with the tree design is hand-knitted by Sandy D'Andradé. This is her own style, her own design." She added, "nobody else will make this. It is an art."

D'Andradé says that Supplee treats her artists with respect. "She's not just buying things. She appreciates what they do."

Some designers have been with Supplee since the



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Carol Supplee points out this hand knitted sweater coat has an abstract tree design: "It is the original artwork of Sandy D'Andradé, and no one else makes anything like it."

beginning but have finally retired. Supplee moves over to a display just inside the front door. "These are made by two ladies from Massachusetts who take recycled materials and sew them into hats and gloves." She holds up a camel cap with sage trim skirting the edge and a felt flowered button. "Every one of them is different. And Deborah Murphy from the West Coast makes these original scarves." All of the items in the store are made in America or Canada.

Over the last 20 plus years Supplee has seen the shops change around her. "I do miss that." She adds that Vermilion next door has been half a dozen different restaurants. Art and Soul is gone but there is a new knit shop and olive oil store.

Before owning the store she worked as a bank marketing specialist for 15 years with the S&L industry. Her master's degree had been in art history and museology so when the S&L market dried up, she looked for another opportunity.

"I used to go to craft shows but then went to a big one in Baltimore. I noticed a lot of people were doing clothes. They were doing better. I stumbled on a weaver who asked me if I wanted to buy a business. So I did."



Carol Supplee, owner of Imagine Artware on King Street, pulls out a hat made with recycled materials. She says, "None of them are alike."



Tami Peterson, an employee at Imagine Artware, unpacks some newly arrived soaps and arranges on the shelf under the hand-designed scarves.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Alexandria resident Marc Leon joins Pat Malone and Pat's son Brian at Fire Works on Tuesday.

Standing Up 2 Cancer

Celebrating the one-year anniversary of surviving "major league" cancer, Alexandria resident and retired Air Force veteran Pat Malone held a 24-hour marathon fundraiser at Fire Works American Pizzeria & Bar in Arlington. Starting at 4:26 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, Malone stood tall and continued standing for the next 24 hours at the restaurant. Fire Works stayed open through the night offering late night buffet and beverages, silent auction, ping pong, corn hole toss, overnight movies, popcorn and other games. Fire Works also matched all dine-in check donations up to \$1,000. As of Feb. 23, donations have reached \$11,500.

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The clock starts the countdown at 4:26 and 38 seconds on Tuesday at Fire Works as Pat Malone begins his marathon fundraiser Standing Up To Cancer.

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MOUNT VERNON \$1,699,000

5125 Remington Drive

Gorgeous new construction home with Potomac River views. Features a beautiful designer kitchen, high ceilings, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite, finished lower level and a 2-car garage.



MOUNT VERNON \$3,795,000

4736 Neptune Drive

Stunning custom waterfront property features breathtaking water views from every room, marble floors, designer kitchen with Clive Christian Cabinetry, 200+ ft dock, 3 stop elevator and 2-car garage.



COMING SOON

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505 Woodland Terrace

Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in Alexandria City featuring a renovated kitchen, hardwood floors throughout, landscaped backyard with stone patio, 3 fireplaces and a huge storage attic.



OLD TOWN \$1,495,000

610 S Washington Street

This gorgeous custom built home in Old Town features 3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, a high-end kitchen, 4 gas fireplaces, a rooftop sun deck, gated entry, private patio and detached 2-car garage.



COMING SOON

OLD TOWN \$1,795,000

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HOME SALES

In January 2015, 126 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,700,000-\$127,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,700,000-\$217,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
601 FAIRFAX ST N #405	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,700,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	22314	THE ORONOCO
229 PITT ST S	5	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,250,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.10	22314	OLD TOWN
601 FAIRFAX ST N #409	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,750,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	22314	THE ORONOCO
323 COLUMBUS ST N	4	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,693,700	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN
503 IVY CIR	4	2	3	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,465,000	Detached	0.24	22302	IVY HILL
709 PRINCE ST	5	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,340,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
951 JANNEYS LN	5	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.33	22302	WALLESTON
357 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,105,000	Detached	0.10	22304	CAMERON STATION
805 WOLFE ST	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$995,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	BURGES SQUARE
2016 MAIN LINE BLVD	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,665	Townhouse	0.10	22301	POTOMAC YARD
1103 QUINCY ST	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.26	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
618 PITT ST N	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$889,500	Townhouse	0.03	22314	PORTNERS LANDING
807 CRESCENT DR	5	4	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$852,500	Detached	0.32	22302	BEVERLY HILLS
2119 MARLBORO DR	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$846,000	Detached	0.23	22304	MARLBORO ESTATES
5002 JOHN TIGER DR	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$832,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
4017 GARLAND ST N	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$828,000	Detached	0.22	22304	SEMINARY RIDGE
422 PITT ST N	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$819,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BULFINCH SQUARE
7 LEADBEATER ST	5	4	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.13	22305	WILMAR PARK
15 BRADDOCK RD E	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached	0.21	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
3300 OLD DOMINION BLVD	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$774,500	Detached	0.23	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
311 SECOND ST	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$770,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	HEARTHSTONE
108 BELLEFONTE AVE W	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$755,000	Detached	0.16	22301	ROSECREST
311 MONROE E #1	4	4	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$741,000	Duplex	.....	22301	DEL RAY
429 ARGYLE DR	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.16	22305	MONTICELLO PARK
309 MONROE AVE E #A	4	3	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Duplex	.....	22301	DEL RAY
802 CRESCENT DR	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$708,000	Detached	0.18	22302	BEVERLY HILLS
5261 POCOSIN LN	4	3	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$693,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
4601 LATROBE PL	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$673,000	Townhouse	0.08	22311	STONEGATE
804 CHALFONTE DR	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Detached	0.20	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
1215 W BRADDOCK RD	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.15	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
509 PATRICK ST N	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$657,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
55 DEL RAY AVE W	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	OAK CLUSTER
517 WEST ST N	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$631,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	OLD TOWN
51 ARELL CT	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$619,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	LANDS OF QUAKER VILLAGE
4628 KNIGHT PL	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Townhouse	0.03	22311	STONEGATE
915 Patrick ST N #50	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$609,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22314	OLD TOWN COMMONS
1308 MICHIGAN AVE	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	NORTH OLD TOWN
235 MONROE AVE E	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$582,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	DEL RAY
1111 ORONOCO ST #PH33	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$582,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	22314	THE MONARCH
949 PITT ST	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Townhouse	.....	22314	WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
620 COLUMBUS ST N	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$572,400	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
606 OWEN ST N	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Detached	0.18	22304	SEMINARY VALLEY
909 DUKE ST	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
933 PEGRAM ST N	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.18	22304	SEMINARY
5148 WOODMIRE LN	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	SEMINARY PARK
4908 GARDNER DR	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
3807 CHARLES AVE	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	SUNNYSIDE
204 TENNESSEE AVE	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
220 GRETN A GREEN CT	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	.....	22304	BRIGADOON
809 FRANKLIN ST	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$519,500	Townhouse	0.01	22314	OLD TOWN
5409 RICHENBACHER AVE	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	KMS TOWNHOUSES
805 FRANKLIN ST	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$512,618	Townhouse	0.01	22314	OLD TOWN
126 MEADOWS LN	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1206	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$501,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #408	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
955 HARRISON CIR	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$496,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	SUMMERS GROVE
2181 JAMIESON AVE #1608	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$492,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
117 MEADOWS LN	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.04	22304	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
1346 CHETWORTH CT	2	1	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,900	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BASHFORD LANE CLUSTER
714A NORFOLK LN	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$472,500	Townhouse	.....	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
5822 PEARSON LN	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	SUMMERS GROVE
6018 RICKETTS WALK	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.04	22312	QUANTRELL MEWS
223 ASPEN ST	3	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$462,500	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
5081 DONOVAN DR	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse	.....	22304	CAMERON STATION
5032 DOMAIN PL	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$453,000	Townhouse	.....	22311	DOMAIN
2400 SANFORD ST	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Detached	0.18	22301	DEL RAY
811 CHURCH ST	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Semi-Detached	0.04	22314	HUNTING CREEK
171 MARTIN LN	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Townhouse	.....	22304	OAKLAND HALL
121E. TAYLOR RUN PKWY E	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.07	22314	TAYLOR RUN PKWY
3736 KELLER AVE #125	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$429,000	Townhouse	.....	22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #118	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	CAMERON STATION
2655 CENTENNIAL CT	2	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Townhouse	.....	22311	SEMINARY HEIGHTS
131 PAYNE ST N	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$401,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	PARKER GRAY
4667 LONGSTREET LN #305	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$397,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22311	MANORS AT STONEGATE
3810 KELLER AVE	2	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$383,000	Townhouse	.....	22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
1724 KINGSGATE CT #301	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$372,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22302	KINGSGATE
117 HUDSON ST	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Duplex	0.08	22304	WAKEFIELD
1173 VAN DORN ST N	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$367,900	Townhouse	.....	22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
2416 DEARING ST N	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Townhouse	.....	22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
2331 HENSHAW PL #201	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22311	MANORS AT STONEGATE
4689 LONGSTREET LN #204	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$347,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22311	MANORS AT STONEGATE
309 HOLLAND LN #308	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	THE ROYALTON
102 ROBERTS LN #201	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	FORT ELLSWORTH
100 ROBERTS LN #201	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	FORT ELLSWORTH
1200 BRADDOCK PL #505	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	22314	BRADDOCK PLACE
3639 EDISON ST	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	HUME SPRINGS
257 S. PICKETT ST #201	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	HILLWOOD
200 PICKETT ST N #1507	3	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$314,800	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22304	HALLMARK
4850 EISENHOWER AVE #124	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN
4550 STRUTFIELD LN #2316	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$308,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22311	PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER
3307 WYNDHAM CIR #3158	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$292,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22302	POINTE AT PARK C
3534 WILSON AVE	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	LYNHAVEN
3618 GREENWAY PL #536-3618	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22302	PARKFAIRBAX
1014 PRINCE ST #5	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	COURTS
4 FRENCH ST	3	1	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$281,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	22304	DUKE GARDENS
1554 MOUNT EAGLE PL #1554	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$270,603	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22302	PARKFAIRBAX
200 PICKETT ST N #1203	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22304	HALLMARK
200 PICKETT ST N #413	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$265,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22304	HALLMARK
5300 HOLMES RUN PKWY #1211	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$263,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22304	GREENHOUSE
244 REYNOLDS ST S #310	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	REYNOLDS PROSPECT
502 BASHFORD LN #3233	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$257,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22314	RIVERTON
1193 VAN DORN ST N #1193	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$245,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
5101 MARIS AVE #200	2	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$243,250	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	22304	ALEXANDRIA OVERLOOK
309 YOAKUM PKWY #303	2	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$228,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	22304	WATERGATE AT LANDMARK
3340 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #3340	1	1	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	\$220,000	Duplex	.....	22302	PARKFAIRBAX
4914 29TH RD S #B1	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$217,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22206	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE

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George Washington interpreter Don DeHaven joins Girl Scout Brownies and Cub Scouts for a group photo Feb. 15 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. DeHaven, in one of his last appearances as George Washington, gave a presentation on Washington's life and role in the founding of America.

Hail to the Chief Local Scouts meet "General Washington."

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

While extreme temperatures forced the cancellation of Alexandria's George Washington Birthday Parade, they did not dampen the spirits of the Scouting troops that braved the cold on Feb. 15 for a chance to meet "General Washington" at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

In one of his final appearances as Alexandria's George Washington interpreter, Don DeHaven related stories of Washington's life and the founding of America to dozens of local Girl Scout Brownies and Cub Scouts.

Hosted for the second year by the ODBC in conjunction with the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, Scouts, troop leaders and parents listened as DeHaven detailed the struggles faced by families in the nation's fight for independence.

Following a question and answer period, the local troops posed for pictures with DeHaven and read displays depicting the history of Alexandria.

Refreshments for the event were donated by local



Girl Scout Brownies from Alexandria's George Mason Elementary School listen to George Washington interpreter Don DeHaven Feb. 15 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

businesses including hot chocolate from The Creamery and cupcakes by the nonprofit Firefighters and Friends.

Store Owner Robbed at Gunpoint

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Martin speculated that the robbers figured they had a three minute time-frame to complete their heist. One of the robbers pushed a gun into his back. According to Martin, the whole incident took place over one minute, but it felt like a half an hour.

Martin said the robbers didn't seem like professional thieves. In the same bulky gloves that had given them trouble in retrieving their bags and their gun, they struggled to pick up rings and other items around the store. As they made their escape, the robbers again struggled with stuffing the gun and the bag full of loot back into their pockets.

"In retrospect, it was really a comedy of errors," said Martin.

Despite the gun, Martin said he wasn't particularly scared.

"We wouldn't have four cameras and three alarms if I wasn't aware of the possibility of something like this," said Martin. One of the robbers, who put the gun into Martin's back, stood with his partially obscured face within a very clear view of the cameras. The police discouraged Martin from putting any of the footage the cameras captured on Facebook. The police arrived on the scene about 10 seconds after the robbers left.

"I'm happy they didn't get here earlier, there could have been a shootout," said Martin. "We're just so lucky no one was shot."

Overall, the robbers left with six rings, which Martin says his insurance will cover. Martin has his own suspicions about the robbery and the events of that day. According to Martin, there was a man in the store half an hour before the robbery just looking around who said he would be back later, but never showed up again.

Police originally believed that both suspects were armed, but believe now that only one was, which corroborates Martin's account. Police are currently also investigating a robbery at 1600 block of Commonwealth Avenue, with two suspects, one of whom brandished a weapon.

"We have not linked any robberies at this point," said Crystal Nosal, Senior Public Safety Information Officer for the Alexandria Police. "While they both had two suspects, one armed with a handgun at each, the robberies were very different."

On March 2, another robbery occurred at the corner of Duke Street and South Pickett Street, but the police have not released details from this case or suspect descriptions in this or the robbery at Goldworks USA.



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Tuesday, March 10 – Irish Trivia
Food, fun, trivia and prizes. Starts at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11 – A Taste of Ireland
Sample five brands of Irish whiskey from 5–9 p.m./ \$18 per person. Live music.

Thursday, March 12 – Perfect Pint Contest
Pour a perfect pint! Starts at 5 p.m. Followed by live music.

Friday, March 13 – Weekend Kickoff
Live music starts at 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 – Music & Dancing
Live music starts at noon. Boyle School of Irish Dance at 4 p.m.

Monday, March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Eve
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OPINION

Good, Bad and Ugly

A look at recently ended session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The 2015 session of the Virginia General Assembly came to an end last week, and some of the biggest news was about what it did not do. By far the ugliest debacle rests in the Assembly's ongoing refusal to expand Medicaid to cover as many as 400,000 uninsured people in Virginia, even though it would come at no cost to Virginia (Federal government pays 100 percent for the next two years and 90 percent after that) and would be a massive boost to Virginia's economy. The local and state economy is suffering from the loss of federal spending in other areas, and it's just plain crazy and mean-spirited to deny medical care for people who can't afford it otherwise, and at the same time, turn away an economic stimulus equal to 20,000 or more jobs and a direct infusion of nearly \$2 billion a year.

GOOD: The Assembly nixed a bill which "empowers the Director of the Department of Corrections to make and enter into contracts ... to compound the drugs necessary to carry out execution by lethal injection. ... Information

relating to the identity of the persons or entities compounding such drugs, the identities of persons or entities engaged to manufacture or supply the materials used to compound the drug products, and the name of the materials or components used to compound drug products for use in an execution are confidential, exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, and not subject to discovery or introduction as evidence in a civil proceeding ..."

The House of Delegates nixed executing people with secret potions. Passed in the Senate, blocked in the House of Delegates. Be sure to thank those local legislators who voted against this craven proposal: Senators: Adam Ebbin, Barbara Favola, Janet Howell, Dave Marsden and Chap Petersen. Delegates: David Bulova, Eileen Filler-Corn, Charniele Herring, Patrick Hope, Mark Keam, Kay Kory, Rob Krupicka, Jim LeMunyon, Alfonso Lopez, Ken Plum, Tom Rust, Mark Sickles, Marcus Simon, Scott Surovell and Vivian Watts.

And ask these local legislators who voted to carry out executions with secret drugs and secret methods what they were thinking: Senators George Barker and Dick Saslaw. Delegates: Dave Albo and Tim Hugo.

No good comes from conducting the people's business in secret, all the more true when the business is brutal. Killing people is wrong, two wrongs don't make a right, killing people and keeping the brutal details secret is wrong.

BAD: State Sen. Barbara Favola's bill to ex-

tend foster care services and support, including foster care maintenance payments, to qualifying individuals age 18 to 21 years who were formerly in the custody of a local board of social services passed unanimously in Senate, and died in the House of Delegates. The money spent would have been matched by Federal dollars, and every dollar spent helping former foster children become independent, self-supporting adults saves a bundle in other costs down the line.

UGLY: "Ethics reform" put a \$100 cap on each individual gift from lobbyists to members of the Assembly, with no enforcement mechanism, and no changes in campaign finance. Former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife were convicted of corruption for taking more than \$170,000 worth of gifts and favors from Star Scientific and related individuals; this was the catalyst for the so-called reform. It is apparently fine, however, that Star Scientific also gave \$108,000 to McDonnell's campaign. More than 40 other entities gave more, including Dominion (\$383,720), Altria (\$361,556), Smithfield Foods (\$267,738), Walmart (\$121,250), just as examples. (Source: vpap.org). No good comes from having our legislative body awash in this kind of cash. You can visit the Virginia Public Access Project at vpap.org and look up who has been giving how much to the people who represent you. It's fascinating.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Won't, City Can

To the Editor:

Flora Krause Casey was an early

20th century public health pioneer in the City of Alexandria. She was a strong advocate for the health of disadvantaged persons, and is credited with creating one of the first community health clinics in

the City. For the past 20-plus years, the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission and the Alexandria Health Department have honored her legacy by recognizing an individual whose volunteer

work has had a significant impact on the public health and well-being of the Alexandria community and has worked to improve the health of medically needy citizens. As the recipient of the 2014 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award, I can say with total confidence that were Flora Casey alive today, she and I would be among the biggest supporters of Mayor Euille's initiative (See "If State Won't, Then City Must Focus on Uninsured", Feb. 19-25, 2015) to bring community-wide attention and a response to the health care needs of an estimated 5,000 very low-income uninsured residents who are without comprehensive health insurance.

The mayor's initiative is in the best tradition of public health policy in America. As a former U.S. Surgeon General once said: "The role of public health is not to make people healthy, but rather to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy." Research clearly shows that the most important "condition" that low-income individuals need to be healthy and stay healthy is access to timely, effective and affordable health care. It is shameful that the Vir-

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ginia General Assembly, by refusing to expand the state Medicaid program, continues to deny comprehensive health insurance to more than 5,000 very low-income residents of Alexandria, and more than 250,000 others throughout the Commonwealth. It is shameful because we know that individuals without health insurance are at much greater risk of premature death, poorer health and mental health, and financial instability than those who are fortunate to have it.

But I am proud to be part of a community that is unwilling to acquiesce in the General Assembly's insensitivity to the health of many of our most economically disadvantaged citizens and instead has chosen to come together to find some reasonable solutions to the health care needs of our low-income citizens who are at great risk.

The words of another public health pioneer, Dr. Jack Geiger, written decades ago, sadly still ring true today: "The poor are likelier to be sick. The sick are likelier to be poor. Without interventions, the poor will grow sicker and the sick will grow poorer. And that has troubling consequences for all of

us."

On behalf of my early mentor Flora Krause Casey, I call on the entire community to rally behind the mayor's initiative and support an effort that will truly manifest our city's compassion and generosity on behalf of many of our most vulnerable citizens.

Arlene Hewitt

Recipient, 2014 Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award
Member, Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission
Member, Steering Committee, Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria
Living Legend of Alexandria

A Good Neighbor?

To the Editor:

I was appalled after reading [School Board chair] Karen Graf's letter in the Feb. 19 Gazette when she said, "There is no money in the budget allocated for taking legal action against any members of the community who do not support future plans for the high school."

So the School Board has actually contemplated legal action

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Family Matters

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Putting an End to Hunger in the Commonwealth

BY WILLIAM D. EUILLE
AND NICK ARENT

From Congress to state legislatures and assemblies to local school boards and city councils, it is common for legislative bodies to pass resolutions. Many of these are honorific in nature — commemorating an historic figure, naming a Post Office, adopting a state bird or flower.

Upon occasion, however, resolutions can address more substantial fare — and offer a community the opportunity to weigh in on an issue that should capture our attention and be front and center in our collective conscience.

The Alexandria City Council soon will take up a resolution stating that ending hunger, particularly childhood hunger, should be a priority for all Virginians. It will

acknowledge the efforts of Gov. Terry McAuliffe and First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe to address this issue with the recently launched Commonwealth Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide.

It is amazing that in this day and age we even need have this discussion. But the fact is, about one in every five children in the U.S. and one in six children in Virginia is at risk of going hungry. And even as the economy slowly recovers, many more children are in families that receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) today than when the Great Recession of 2008 hit — 16 million kids, compared to 9 million in 2007, according to a recent report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In Virginia, more than 12 percent of our population struggles to provide enough

food for their families, while more than 16 percent of our children and almost 12 percent of our elderly citizens are food insecure, meaning they do not have consistent access to adequate food.

And in Alexandria, an estimated 11.9 percent of our population experience food insecurity, including one in every seven children.

Aside from the basic immorality of letting anyone go hungry in a country as prosperous as America, it is just bad public policy. Hungry children can't learn. If they don't learn, they won't go to college and get the training they need to compete in today's work force and to make America competitive in the global marketplace.

And that will create a downward spiral that will shrink our tax base, harm future generations and create the need for an even larger safety net — requiring more tax dol-

lars from a smaller tax base. As we spiral downward, all of us are hit in the pocket-book.

So what can we do?

We can protect and defend programs that we know work. Programs that historically have had strong, bipartisan support, like SNAP and the National School Lunch Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

This is why the Alexandria City Council will take up and hopefully pass a resolution demanding an end to hunger, particularly childhood hunger. We are a people worthy of issuing this demand and then following through to make sure it is heeded.

Euille is mayor of Alexandria; Arent is state organizer for Virginia Fair Share Education Fund, which is working to end childhood hunger.

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against these “members of the community” who disagree with their policies but has just not allocated tax payer money for it ... yet. Would these be the same members of the community who pay for the schools through their real estate taxes, whose ancestors' land was taken for pennies on the dollar to build T.C. Williams to begin with, and who already are dealing with the impact of having a high school right in their backyard? You promise not to sue? Oh, I feel so much better now. And this promise should be believed while you are breaking your promise, codified in the DSUP, to not put lights on the football field? We are told that ACPS is working to “leave a legacy of quality and pride for our citizens and students.”

Using “urban renewal” to take taxpayer land and then breaking promises is certainly a good way to do that. Remember when the tennis court lights ran over budget and you just “found” \$500K? This should make the parents of George Mason students happy to know that these lights were more important than fixing windows with rotted panes, rodent issues, inadequate plumbing, etc. Surely it is not that the School Board and mayor just want to play tennis at night or go to Friday night football games. Finally, Ms. Graf says they are “striving to maintain positive relationships” with their neighbors. I would suggest that not suing your neighbors does not make you a good neighbor.

Frank Bires
(A neighbor not sued, yet)

Have Council Ask for Funds

To the Editor:

Our Dear Leaders have spoken. Well, not really. What they did was not listen, for the umpteenth time, to the citizens whose interests they were elected to represent. Their latest bout of deafness was their vote to rezone land on King Street allowing the con-

struction of a health care facility.

Having followed the issue thanks to a series of pre- and post-vote letters published by the Gazette, I share the angst of those who feel let down by the City Council's vote. Several who wrote impassioned, but reasonable rebukes of our Dear Leaders did so because they were disappointed that no amount of public pleas had any effect; “the fix was in,” as one writer observed.

And so it was, which means another segment of the community has discovered the futility of addressing our Dear Leaders at a council hearing. This revelation is a rite of passage akin to discovering crass fundamentals of life such as taxation does not create prosperity; that a college education doesn't guarantee employment; that printing money does not produce wealth, etc.

What's the solution? For starters, toss this mayor and his say-nothing, do-nothing council acolytes.

Put in place some sensible, fiscally frugal people whose vision for the city is not their personal one, but an amalgam of the residents'. After all, who are they representing? And for icing on the cake, restrict future city councils from burdening the taxpayers with any new program the cost of which exceeds, say, \$15 million unless the public approves it.

It's our money after all. It will also turn the tables. Instead of citizens making pleas to our City Council, this spending restriction will require the council to persuade us, the taxpayers why, for a city as deeply in debt as Alexandria, more debt is necessary.

It will also revitalize our local democracy by making voting evermore important. The voting booth, not a back-office whispered deal, is where the assorted \$15 million plus programs will be approved or rejected.

Foremost, require those who replace our Dear Leaders to explain, should it ever come to pass, why they defied the majority of those who pleaded for another outcome. This is what decent people do instinctively; it's what every parent does a gazillion times a day; it's what our next City Council should



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Snapshot

Happy early St. Patrick's Day from Sweetie.

do too. Our current council members, especially our mayor, are beyond redemption.

Jimm Roberts
Alexandria

Portentous Political Event

To the Editor:

Not since Bill Clinton's first campaign swing through here has an Alexandria political matched the excitement generated Sunday (March 2) by Allison Silberberg's announcement of her candidacy for mayor. Having attended dozens of local political events here over the last 30 years, I have never known such an overwhelming response to a candidate. Ms. Silberberg, Alexandria's vice mayor for the last three years, has been a lonely progressive voice on the City Council. A large and diverse — politically and ethnically — bipartisan audience braved polar weather and greeted her announcement — and the prospect of a turning point in city governance — with an ovation that can only be described as electric.

Richard M. Moose
Alexandria

Act for The Uninsured

To the Editor:

Mayor Euille recently has formed a Special Advisory Panel on the Health Care Needs of the Uninsured in Alexandria. The purpose of this panel is to address a compelling local issue: how to help some 5,000 city residents affected by the General Assembly's refusal to expand Medicaid to an estimated 171,000 of the Commonwealth's poorest people, 70 percent of whom live in working families. Health care is basic to the health and well-being of all of us. But given its high cost, health insurance is absolutely vital. The General Assembly's unwillingness — for purely ideological reasons — to accept hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicaid expansion funds carries enormous health and economic consequences. But as the mayor pointed out, this should not be the end of the story for a community such as Alexandria. Even as efforts to persuade the General Assembly to reverse course continue, the mayor is absolutely correct that the basic community values that guide our city mean that we all should step in and take action to protect our uninsured residents.

Sara Rosenbaum
Alexandria

Elect by Neighborhoods

To the Editor:

The Alexandria City Council (minus the esteemed vice mayor) recently approved a spot zoning request on upper King Street to construct a memory care facility. This decision was the latest example of City Council having little to no regard for residents of an affected neighborhood. A number of the City Council members lamented

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Basketball Pioneer Earl Lloyd Dies at 86

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Famer died at his home in Crossville, Tenn. He was 86.

"He was an incredible human being," said Lloyd's nephew Reggie Lloyd. "He gave so much of himself to everyone. He had a torch to carry and he carried it well throughout his life."

Earl Francis Lloyd was born in Alexandria on April 3, 1928, the youngest of three sons born to Theodore Benjamin Lloyd and Daisy Mitchell Lloyd. He was raised on Montgomery Street in "the Berg" section of Alexandria and was a standout athlete at both Lyles-Crouch Elementary School and Parker-Gray High School. His father worked in a coal yard and his mother was a domestic for white families.

As a high school basketball star, Lloyd

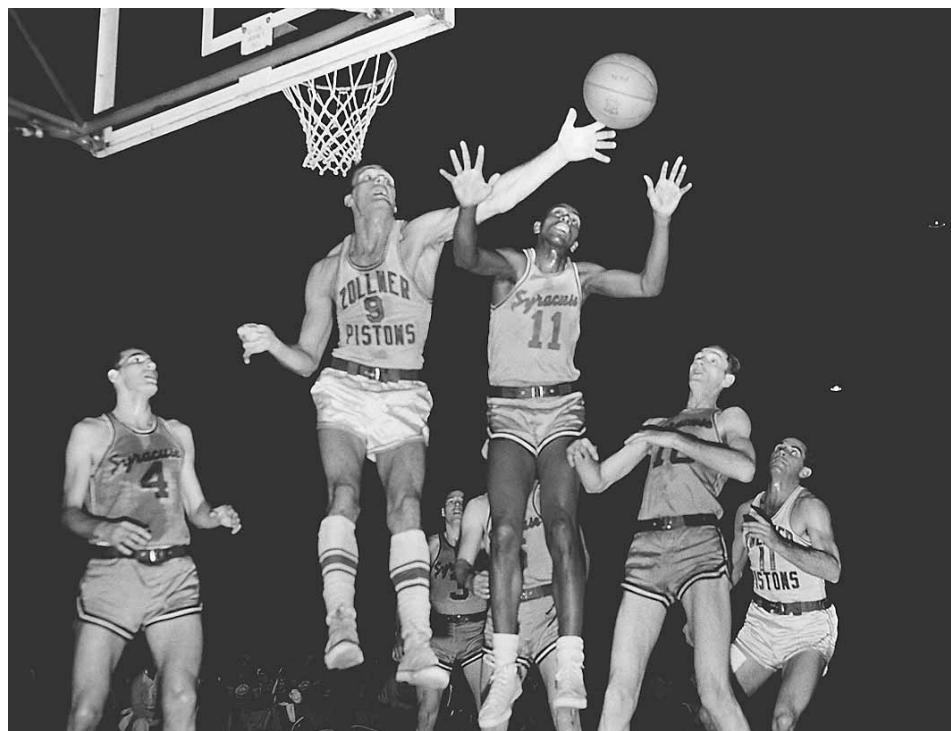
was named to the All-South Atlantic Conference three times and the All-State Virginia Interscholastic Conference twice. Following his graduation from Parker-Gray, the 6'6" Lloyd attended West Virginia State College, where he led the school to two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference and Tournament Championships in 1948 and 1949. Lloyd was named All-Conference three times and was All-American twice. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in 1950.



Earl Lloyd was honored Dec. 1, 2007, at the dedication of the new T.C. Williams basketball court.

Following his college graduation, Lloyd was drafted into the NBA by the Washington Capitols. After seven games, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He returned to basketball in 1952 with the Syracuse Nationals.

In 1958, Lloyd moved to Detroit, where he played two seasons with the Pistons before retiring as a player and moving into coaching. In 2003, he was enshrined in the



Playing for the Syracuse Nationals, Earl Lloyd (11), battles Fort Wayne's Mel Hutchins (9) for a rebound during an NBA championship game on April 5, 1955. With the series victory, Lloyd and teammate Jim Tucker became the first African Americans to become NBA champions.

Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I'll represent a lot of people when I go in there," Lloyd said prior to his induction. "I was born in 1928 in Alexandria, Virginia – the cradle of segregation. That was a desolate time."

Lloyd credited Coach Johnson, his seventh grade teacher Helen Day and his parents, particularly his mother, for his success.

"I was a black baby whose life was a question mark," Lloyd said following his Hall of Fame induction ceremony. "A black baby who so easily could have been lost to the history books but whose life became an exclamation mark. But I stood on the shoulders of people like Helen Day and my mother. Without

people like them we were destined to lose, to disappear one by one."

Harley "Skeeter" Swift, who also went on to play in the NBA from Alexandria, grew closer to Lloyd in later years.

"Earl was a very special man," Swift said from his home in Tennessee. "As we get older, the impact any of us may have had on others diminishes with time. But the legacy of Earl Lloyd should never be forgotten."

Lloyd was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the CIAA Hall of fame in 1998. In 2001, Alexandria celebrated Earl Lloyd Day and in 2007, the new basketball court at T.C. Williams High School was named in his

"I'm glad I was part of something that helped pave the way for others."

— Earl Lloyd, on breaking the NBA color barrier in 1950



Earl Lloyd made history as the first African American to play in the NBA when he took to the court for the Washington Capitols on Oct. 31, 1955, in Rochester, N.Y.

honor.

"Whoever said you can't go home?" Lloyd said at the T.C. dedication. "I don't know what the hell they were talking about. Whenever I feel I need to be loved, I come here to Alexandria."

Lloyd was predeceased by his parents and older brothers Theodore and Ernest. He is survived by his wife Charlita, sons, Kevin, Kenneth and David, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Earl Lloyd will be held Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. at Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church, 130 Towne Center Way, Crossville, Tenn.



Earl Lloyd, serving as the 2006 George Washington Birthday Parade grand marshal, talks with members of the T.C. Williams JROTC program before the start of the parade.



Charlita and Earl Lloyd in an undated photo.



Camren Ashby talks with basketball pioneer Earl Lloyd at a book signing Aug. 19, 2010 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.



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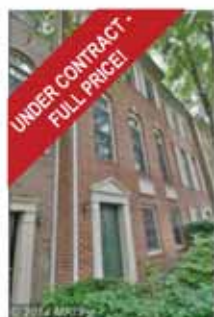
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Janet Eissenstat is passionate about finding a sustained plan that will close the achievement gap. As co-chair of the Stakeholder Committee, she is also interested in making sure ACPS students have a learning environment that is conducive to the work at hand.

"Our infrastructure is aging and we are losing valuable instruction time to maintenance and facility issues," said Eissenstat, a previous director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships and assistant chief of protocol for the United States.

"I have tremendous faith in ACPS. This district has all the reasons in the world to be extraordinary and all it takes is a little focus. My goal is to help the community prioritize what we want ACPS to be good at – what our core competencies are. No school district can excel at everything. We must focus on the things that matter most."

When Purvi Gandhi Irwin first heard about the Stakeholder Committee for the Strategic Plan, she did not have a child in any Alexandria City public school. She was instead a preservation architect who sat on the Parker-Gray Board of Architectural Review with an almost five-year old who was zoned to go to Jefferson-Houston School.

"I was involved in the design of the building, but I wanted more. I wanted to be involved in shaping the future of Alexandria City Public Schools as a whole for all our students," Irwin said.

After four months designing the future for ACPS, she has realized that her views are making a difference.

"It shouldn't matter which school a child attends. I want the quality of education and facilities to be the same level of excellence at every ACPS school."



"As a student, I'm trying to think of other students and their needs. It's important to accommodate the needs of all students and ensure that the Strategic Plan is not polarized." – **Denny Okudinani**, student at T.C. Williams High School

ACPS 2020

What should be the direction of Alexandria City Public Schools between now and the year 2020? Twenty-five local community members have weighed in on the ACPS Strategic Plan Stakeholder Committee. Now it's your turn.



"We need to increase access and better align preschool options across the city so that all our children enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed." – **Ellen Kennedy Folts**, Stakeholder Committee member and Executive Director, Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation

LaDonna Sanders is proud that she brings the ability to challenge the Stakeholder Committee. As an aunt to nine nephews and three nieces in a wide range of schools in ACPS, and as a social worker and President of the Alexandria Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), she has plenty of experience to offer.

"I have constantly reminded the committee of the continued need to engage the most vulnerable segments of the community who do not have a voice. I have brought to the meetings an ability to challenge how ACPS and families create equitable and sustaining partnerships," she said.

Sanders believes empowerment happens when people are met where they are. "I want everyone's voice to be heard."



THANK YOU to all of the members of the Strategic Plan Stakeholder Committee: Bill Campbell, Michael Carrasco, Amelia Castañeda, Trisha Christopher, Keenan Cooper, Alvin Crawley, Erin Davidson, Daria Dillard, McKenya Dilworth, Janet Eissenstat, Pilar Garcia, Bill Hendrickson, Purvi Gandhi Irwin, Justin Keating, Ellen Kennedy Folts, Ellen Klein, Michael Korff, John Lennon, Mari Lou Livingood, Charles Lyons, Tammy Mann, Terri Mozingo, Linda Odell, Denny Okudinani, Clinton Page, Joyce Rawlings, Marguerite Rippey, Tricia Rodgers, Nancy Runton, LaDonna Sanders, Cynthia Skinner, Jennifer Walker and Deborah Warren ■

ACPS 2020

Alexandria City Public Schools needs your opinion on its five-year strategic plan

Alexandria City Public Schools is fully focused on becoming a high-performing school division. We take pride in our schools and want to see every student succeed.

Our goal is to make sure that we have an engaging and collaborative climate that promotes ethical behavior and values diversity. We want to see our students become well-rounded critical thinkers with a real passion for learning.

To do this, ACPS is collaborating with 25 members of our community including business leaders, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and civic associations to develop a Strategic Plan to guide our schools over the next five years. In June, the School Board will adopt the plan and that will guide everything we do as a division and every dollar spent until the year 2020.

ACPS is a vital part of the fabric of Alexandria's community and we all want to see our school division reach its goals.

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"I am a taxpayer and my children go to the public schools. I want to see this plan meet the needs of the entire City of Alexandria."

– John Lennon, Stakeholder Committee co-chair

John Lennon, co-chair of the Stakeholder Committee, is a graduate of public schools and is a firm believer in public education. When he was approached to co-chair the committee, he was eager to take on the challenge.

"My wife and I have lived in Alexandria since 2002 and have one child who just graduated from T.C. Williams High School and another at Francis C. Hammond Middle School. For most of my career, I was either a journalist or in charge of journalists with the Voice of America. I spent a good deal of time planning ahead about what the Voice of America could or should be doing," Lennon said.

"What I want is a plan that builds on the one that existed, but that extends into the future and requires accountability. Five years from now, I want to ensure that this plan is still referred to as a matter of substance and works as a guide for how ACPS operates and communicates as a business organization."

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

On March 11 and 19, the Strategic Plan Committee is hosting two forums where the public can review the draft Strategic Plan and give feedback.

Strategic Plan Forums

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 7 p.m.

George Washington Middle School Media Center/Library

Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7 p.m.

Francis C. Hammond Middle School Media Center/Library

Give Feedback Online

You can also view a draft outline of the Strategic Plan and give feedback online at:

www.acps.k12.va.us

Presenting 5th Season of the Hammond Hammerheads

The Hammond Hammerheads joined blues artist and musician Curtis Blues for a musical assembly and concert on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25 at the middle school. Since last fall, the students have worked on building a four-string guitar out of a cigar box and a neck they constructed themselves. They used a traditional design that dates to the beginning of the 1900s in the rural South.

The project is a joint effort of Hammond Middle School and the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's (ASF) Middle School Math Program. Hammond Middle School technology teacher Matt Cupples and ASF Education Assistant Anthony Ness supervised the students. Blues artist and musician Curtis Blues was sponsored by ASF and instructed the students in two workshop sessions on how to play their new instruments and also give them the cultural context for this instrument in American music history. This is the fifth year that the students at Hammond have participated in the Hammerhead workshop collaboration.

Hayat Mahmoud and Newman Khan perform with the Hammond Hammerheads.



The Hammond Hammerheads is an afterschool workshop sponsored by the middle school and the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.



Baher Said with his four-string cigar box guitar.



Blues musician Curtis Blues leads the Hammond Hammerheads in a musical parade around the auditorium at the conclusion of the afternoon assembly. The audience sang out as their classmates played and marched "We are the Hammond Hammerheads and we sing these blues for you We built these guitars with our own hands, like Mr. Cupples taught us to."

Remodeled Home Tour Will Benefit Casa Chirilagua

A March 7 tour of recently remodeled Arlington home will benefit Casa Chirilagua.

BY JOHN BYRD

A tour of a recently remodeled Arlington home will benefit Casa Chirilagua, a four-year-old nonprofit that provides after-school classes, mentoring and leadership development to local children whose parents have re-located from El Salvador, Honduras and other Central American countries since the 1980s.

The tour and networking event will be held at the home of Steve and Louise Brooks on March 7, noon-4 p.m. Steve Brooks, who helped Casa Chirilagua improve staff retention rates, is a management consultant. Louise Brooks is the director of the Kids' Small Group at The Restoration Anglican Church in Arlington.

Casa Chirilagua is a faith-based non-profit (501c3) headquartered in Alexandria. The organization provides academic assistance and support to children in grades 1-5,

helping students achieve grade level performance and build confidence. "Chirilagua," a city on the Pacific Coast of El Salvador, is a nickname for the Arlandria section of Alexandria used by the local Central American immigrant community.

The nonprofit was founded by Dawnielle Miller who moved to Alexandria from Illinois in 2007. Within a year, Miller and several friends started a reading club for children in their apartment complex. Miller had been pursuing a career in international economic development and had worked in Ecuador, but saw the need for community outreach shortly after moving to Alexandria.

TODAY, CASA CHIRILAGUA has a staff of nine and more than 100 weekly volunteers who serve more than 80 children and their families. After-school classes are held in the Beverly Hills Community Methodist Church.



Casa Chirilagua founder Dawnielle Miller (right) with Louise and Steve Brooks. A March 7 tour of the Brooks' recently remodeled Arlington home will benefit Casa Chirilagua.

"We know Dawnielle from our church," said Louise Brooks. "She has been remarkably effective in building cultural bridges within the uniquely diverse community that is all around us. Steve and I want more of our neighbors to know what Dawnielle and her team are doing, and to see how they can get involved."

Miller said, "By finding the common ground that underlies the perceived ethnic and economic barriers, we've formed a commu-

nity that has been able to make a difference in the lives of local children and their families. Identifying local leaders who recognize that they have something to contribute has been critical."

Currently, 37 children receive daily reading support, homework help, and character-building activities through Casa Chirilagua's Kids Club. A mentoring program also matches each student with a caring adult.

Looking ahead, Dawnielle

Details

"Spring To Action" — the annual 24-hour, online giving campaign — is scheduled for April 22; donations are also accepted at www.casachirilagua.org

Sun Design Remodeling, in its 27th year of business, is headquartered in Burke and has a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

Miller, says the nonprofit has been steadily increasing the number of children in its mentoring program while enlarging its volunteer base. Classes aimed at improving parenting and family communication skills are currently being developed. Plans include adult classes focused on reading skills, language development and even financial literacy. The group has also begun a search for a facility of its own.

John Byrd (byrdmatx@comcast.net) has been writing about home improvement and related topics for 30 years.

WELLBEING

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Domenica M. Rubino, M.D., far right, pictured with Mougheh Yasai, PhD, clinical psychologist and Amy Allnutt, MS, ACSM/HFS, exercise physiologist. Rubino, director Washington Center for Weight Management & Research, Inc., recommends a research-based, comprehensive mind-body approach to weight loss and maintenance that includes medical, nutritional, behavioral and psychological factors and includes physicians, dietitians and psychotherapists



Shedding Pounds and Keeping Them Off Suggestions for maintaining a healthy weight.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

For Toni Williams, effective weight loss and maintenance have been a struggle her entire adult life. Her introduction to unhealthy food came in college.

"Instead of the 'freshman five,' I did the freshman 20," she said. "I ate cheeseburgers and fried chicken every day."

Williams, now 60, identified here by a pseudonym, counts herself among the estimated 97 million Americans who the National Institutes of Health identifies as overweight or obese and at risk for health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Approximately 90 percent of people who have lost weight, including Williams, have regained weight after a weight loss.

"There are a lot of different ways to lose weight, and I know how to lose weight," said Williams. "The problem is keeping it off."

Williams is a patient at the Washington Center for Weight Management & Research, Inc., in Arlington, and says that through her work at the center, she has discovered her own personal formula for losing weight.

"Weight is a constant work in progress," she said. "There is no one way to do it. What works for some people won't work for others. You have to figure out what works for you."

VIEWING OBESITY as a medical condition is the first step to solving it, said Dr. Domenica M. Rubino, director of the Washington Center.

"Obesity is a serious and complex disease that affects each individual differently," she said. "It is significantly influenced by risk factors including genetic, environmental, economic, psychological and social determinants, as with most chronic diseases."

Rubino recommends a research-based, comprehensive, mind-body approach to weight loss and maintenance that includes medical, nutritional, behavioral and psychological factors, and includes physicians, dietitians and psychotherapists.

"I try to help my patients explore the triggers [such as sadness, anger, and anxiety] that lead them to turn to food as a way to cope," said Mougheh Yasai, a clinical psychologist at the Washington Center. "Mindfulness can help patients become more attuned to their feeling states, and also how to deal with these feelings when they come up. Once triggers are iden-

tified, we explore various coping skills that can be helpful during times of distress. The emphasis on mindful observation of eating behaviors is to practice the skill of observing with a nonjudgmental stance."

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS at Weight Loss Services at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, also assist patients in a weight loss program that includes a variety of bariatric (or weight loss) surgeries, generally reserved for those with a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or more.

"We also might use pharmacological methods to jump start weight loss," said Carmen Spencer, a registered nurse. She is the clinical program coordinator at the clinic.

"Medical weight loss is pretty much open to anyone with a BMI of 27 or higher," she said. "We offer a 12-week program that uses meal replacements."

"Maintaining weight can be difficult for several reasons," said Yasai. "There are physiologic signals of appetite, satiety and hunger that increase after we lose weight. These are normal responses after weight loss."

Some strategies are helpful in increasing one's chances of keeping excess weight at bay. "The environment is filled with opportunities to eat high-calorie foods and not move much," said Yasai. "So in addition to continuing the lifestyle changes that helped you lose weight, it is important to have strengthened coping skills for managing stress as well as being mindful of potential emotional triggers to eating."

Setting unrealistic goals, losing too much weight at one time and following fad diets can lead to rapid weight regain or failure to lose weight in the first place.

"There is no magic, no special potion or diet," said Rubino. "In fact, no one person or thing holds the key for the treatment of obesity."

Maintaining a healthy weight takes work and dedication. Adherence to healthy eating and physical activity are two of the most important aspects of keeping weight off. Williams builds both into her daily routine.

"I go to the gym three times a week at 6 a.m.," said Williams. "If I don't do it then, something will come up later during the day. I use a trainer because I find that it's a luxury that I can't afford not to have. My trainer keeps me motivated and from making the gym my favorite charity."

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Chef Niko Papaloizou cuts a chicken in half, drizzles on olive oil, rubs salt and pepper through his fingers, spoons on minced garlic, adds wine from the family vineyard in Greece, and with a final garnish and vegetables added to the plate. His chicken lemonato at Taverna Cretekou is a favorite.

Meet the Chef: Niko Papaloizou at Taverna Cretekou

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Chef Niko Papaloizou sprinkles olive oil on the branzino, just flown in fresh from the Mediterranean. He rubs salt and pepper between his fingers, spoons minced garlic inside the fish, dribbles a little lemon juice with a flourish. Finally he pours from a bottle of 2012 cabernet sauvignon which has been imported from their own vineyard in Messinia in southern Greece.

IN THE KITCHEN a monthly series

"Nobody else has this same wine, just us," said Cristos Papaloizou, his father.

The fish will bake for 15-20 minutes. "This is my favorite," Niko Papaloizou said, "and also one of the two customer favorites. We make a chicken lemonato, a similar chicken recipe that I'm having for lunch today. The other favorite is the special of five different traditional Greek dishes like pastitsio and moussaka."

He points to his Assistant Chef Mateo Guevara, who is dishing up the Taverna Cretekou Special. "We have to make those early in the morning because this kind of Greek food needs three to four hours to settle. Otherwise when you cut it, the pieces get sloppy."

Niko Papaloizou generally arrives about 6 o'clock in the morning at the restaurant

on King Street to get everything set up. He has a kitchen crew for lunch and another for dinner. He says all of them have been with him for at least 15 years.

"Everyone has their part; we've been together so long." He says if he has to go do inventory or check the refrigerator, they all know how to back up each other.

At 3 p.m. he heads home to relax with a bottle of ouzo and to get ready for work at night. In the busy summer season this can mean 200-300 for dinner and 80-100 for lunch.

He dishes half a chicken onto a white plate.

"Here let me dress it up." Soon roasted potatoes line the edge of the plate and vegetables join the display. "The summer has some lighter menu items, a different sauce for the lamb and a nice Greek salad," he said.

The kitchen door swings open. "This is my sister Maria," he says with a big hug, "who joined the restaurant in 2005 when my father and mother bought it. She manages the front desk. I am in charge of the cooking and manage the kitchen. My parents own the business. We all work together as a family, but they run the show."

His mother Denise Papaloizou said, "they do a little bit of everything. If no one is in the door, they are upfront, if no one is wait-

ing on the customers, they help with that."

Niko Papaloizou said he started as a busboy, just like his father, then worked himself up to waiter, then his dad put him on salads, then an assistant cook.

"And now here I am."

He said his father and mother bought the restaurant in 2005, but his father had been working there for a number of years and Papaloizou had been working there since he was 15 years old. When the restaurant was closed on Mondays, his father brought in a Greek chef from Cyprus "to teach us the traditional Greek methods, like what kind of ingredients and the sauce has to be a certain way. And how to use a knife."

But it really started before that. "My grandmother was a great chef and had a restaurant. I was the little boy in her kitchen. I think she must have inspired me."

Niko Papaloizou says the up and down economy hasn't had too much of an impact because the restaurant has regular customers who have been coming since they opened, and some come two or three times a week. They have had the same basic menu since the restaurant opened with a new dish now and then.

"We have a sweet lady who comes every Thursday. My mom and dad always take care of her, and she says it feels like home. Some people have said we should open another restaurant but the customers who



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Assistant chef Mateo Guevara dishes up the special with a sampling of five Greek dishes, one of the most popular with customers at Taverna Cretekou.

come here like to see our face."

"You just have to try our traditional Sunday Greek brunch." It was one of five featured in the United States several years ago on the Travel Channel.

Papaloizou said it is different cooking for a small dinner party of friends and a restaurant where someone says your job is to cut 200 onions. But he never gets tired of making the same dishes.

"You've got to feel it when you're cooking."

CALENDAR

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

"Bessie's Blues." Through March 15 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria. "Bessie's Blues," features Bernardine Mitchell, Roz White, TC Carson and a cast of actors and musicians who will tell the story of Bessie Smith through a musical odyssey of the blues. William Knowles is music director. Performances are Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 3 and 7 p.m. \$55-60. Visit www.metrostage.org or call 800-494-8497.

"Front and Back." Through March 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; 10 a.m.-9

p.m. second Thursday of the month at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Artists' imagination plays with Items that are different front vs back; right vs left; top vs bottom; inside vs outside; right vs up vs up side down; positive space vs negative space. Anything that has two or more sides can be used to show two different visuals. Free admission. See www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

"Considering Harm." Through Saturday, March 21 at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Artist Pamela Flynn presents an exhibition titled "Considering Harm." This art project focuses on the issue of gun violence and bringing awareness to our community. Visit www.ourconvergence.org or www.pamelaflynnart.com for more.

"In and of the Land." Through Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. "In and of the Land" is a two person exhibition of recent work in paintings by Clive Pates and ceramics by Virginia Rood Pates. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/Gallery for more.

"Four." Through Sunday, March 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 319, at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory gallery presents "Four," featuring photographer Julie Patrick, mixed media artist Kara Hammond, painter Jill Finsen and painting/mixed media artist Barbara Muth. TAG will present a new show each month. Visit torpedofactory.org.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum

4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer Camps. Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-related craft and a favorite story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception for family and friends. Tiny Dancers is a program designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The Alexandria studio is located at 621 S.

Washington St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com for more.

Art League Spring Classes.

Registration is open for the Spring Term of fine art classes at The Art League School. The Spring Term begins the week of April 6, with more than 200 classes and 50 workshops to choose from. Classes are available for ages 5-adult for all skill levels. Browse course catalog and register at www.theartleague.org/school/search_browse.php.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. 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.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session

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THURSDAY/MARCH 5

Children's Concert. 7:30-8:45 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 5000 Dawes Ave., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Community College NOVA Alexandria Band, the John Adams Elementary School Orff Ensemble and the George Mason and Jefferson-Houston Elementary Schools Jazz Band will perform a variety of musical selections as part of the annual Children's Concert. The concert is free and open to the public. Parking is free in the Beauregard Street Garage. Call 703-845-6252 or email leckstein@nvcc.edu for more.

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum History Museum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players concert featuring eclectic music for Tuba-Euphonium Quartet. Concert subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

MARCH 5-APRIL 6

"Reconstructing the Landscape." Through April 6 at The Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. "Reconstructing the Landscape" features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia



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Tom Flatt plays John and Andy De plays Ian in Port City Playhouse's production of "Shining City."

'Shining' at Port City

"Shining City," a drama about complex personal relationships set in contemporary Ireland, continues its run at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane in Alexandria. Performances are Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 and 13-14, and Tuesday, March 10, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 7 and 14, at 2 p.m. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org for more.

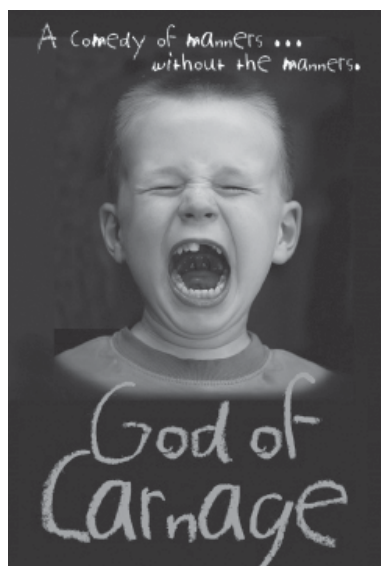
Cappelle. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

"Family Paint Night." 6-8 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Explore the arts with featured artist Teresa Brunson guiding participants through painting their own masterpiece. No experience needed. Art supplies, pizza and soda

provided. \$15 per adult, children under 12 years old are free and must be accompanied by one adult. For reservations, stop by the Durant Arts Center, call 706-746-5560, or email duurantcenter@alexandriava.gov.

Scottish Social and Tasting. 7-9 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. The City of Alexandria's Sister City Committee is holding a fundraiser to support educational and cultural exchanges.



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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 6-7

"Legally Blonde: The Musical."

Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. When sorority queen Elle is dumped by her boyfriend, she earns acceptance to Harvard Law School and follows him there to win him back. Once there, she discovers she has more legal savvy than she ever imagined, and she can use her newfound legal knowledge to help others. \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2950 for more.

MARCH 6-29

"DREAM ON!" Runs through Sunday, March 29 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Local area artists use any media to explore and express their dreams in the "DREAM ON!" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Using their imaginations, artists interpret their dreams—from weird to wonderful, scary to surreal. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Java Jolt Lecture. 10 a.m.-noon at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Friends of Alexandria is sponsoring a Java Jolt lecture with William "Jack" Hranicky, who will present an illustrated lecture on recently discovered Virginia artifacts and art forms, possibly dating to the paleoera. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Free. Email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

Bowling for Baldness. 2:30-4:30 p.m. at AMF Alexandria Lanes, 6228 N Kings Highway, Alexandria. The National Capital Area Alopecia Areata Support Group is hosting their 2nd Annual Bowling for Baldness to benefit the National Alopecia Areata Foundation. \$20, includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, drink and a donation to the NAAF. Register at <https://support.naaf.org/alexandria/events/2nd-annual-bowling-for-baldness/e42329>.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with a lesson at 6:30 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Focus presents folk singer/songwriter Peter Mayer, with guest Doug Alan Wilcox. \$18 general,

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 7-8

Thomas Lynch, Poet-Undertaker.

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m. at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Thomas Lynch, author and inspiration behind the HBO series "Six Feet Under" will speak at Aldersgate Church. There will be a question/answer session and book signing at Aldersgate on Sunday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. \$10 per person, pre-registration required at www.aldersgate.net/lynch.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 7-22

March 150. Through Sunday, March 22 in the Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. The exhibition will feature 200+ works of original art by local arts, all created on 10" square panels and sold for \$150 each, until the night of the Art Party on March 20, when all the work is discounted to \$100. Visit torpedofactory.org/event/march-150/ for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with Civil War Sundays. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

International Women's Day at Ten Thousand Villages.

Noon-6 p.m. at 915 King St., Alexandria. Shoppers can find the perfect fair trade gift for the women in their lives; that gift was most likely made by one of the thousands of female artisans working with Ten Thousand Villages; on March 8 the store will donate a portion of the day's sales to the City of Alexandria's programs combating domestic violence. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

Travel Presentation. 7 p.m. at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alexandria. Margaret Riccardelli traveled the world working for the American government. As a secretary to American ambassadors, she journeyed the world just like Marco Polo, to exotic and even hostile lands. Hear Margaret talk about her travels. Includes a "please touch" exhibit and photo display. Call 703-746-1751.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Grand Opening and Art Show. 7-9 p.m. at Cove, 805 King St., Alexandria. Cove will partner with ArtSee to open the doors of their Alexandria location for a reception featuring the work of Alexandria artist, Pete McCutchen. The work on display shares McCutchen's "Geometrics" series. The productive space will be hosting McCutchen's work through May 3, 2015, and welcomes the public to tour the space. Visit cove.is for more.

Illustrated Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. First Ladies of the Civil War, an illustrated lecture exploring the lives of Varina Howell Davis and Mary Todd Lincoln as First Ladies, wives, mothers, and widows, will be presented by Kelly R. Hancock, Manager of Education and Programs, The American Civil War Museum and White House of the Confederacy. Free. Call 703-746-4554.

MARCH 11-29

Blossom's Rainbow. Runs through



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Gold Mettle, NOVA United's 60-64 team, at the 2013 National Senior Games with a silver medal in the AA division. NOVA United is the premiere senior women's basketball association in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. Approximately 60 women between the ages of 50-75 come from Northern Virginia, Maryland, D.C. and West Virginia to practice every Friday night at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church.

Film Screening

Join the Alexandria Film Festival at a screening of "Coming Back to the Hoop," winner of the 2014 Audience Award. The film chronicles an Alexandria woman as she returns to play competitive Basketball after a 40-year hiatus. Q&A with film star and director, Jane Pittman after the screening. See "Coming Back to the Hoop," Wednesday, March 11, 6-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit <http://alexandriafilm.org/> for more.

Sunday, March 29. 10:30 am. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays. In the show, a painter's brush sets a young cherry blossom's world into motion. Infused with whimsical dance, vibrant colors, and dynamic live music, join Blossom on her journey from the red mountains down to the indigo city in this new piece that celebrates Japanese culture. Best for children ages 2-5 and their families. Arts on the Horizon is a theatre company that produces original work exclusively for children ages 0-6 and their families in Northern Virginia and the DC metro area. \$8, tickets online or at the door on the day of the performance. Box office: 703-967-0437. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. "Reconstructing the Landscape" features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia Cappelle. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Using Native Plants. 7-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. The Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will host a talk on painting and preserving native American plants as well as medicinal uses. Eileen Malone-Brown is author and illustrator of "American Botanical Paintings: Native Plants of the Mid Atlantic." Free. Call 703-642-5173.

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum History Museum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Concert will perform, featuring an Irish Celebration with Celtic Aire. Free. Call The United States Air Force

Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the 'Aqua Challenge' floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Admission, \$4 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/c/10280 for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 13-14

"Legally Blonde: The Musical."

7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. When sorority queen Elle is dumped by her boyfriend, she earns acceptance to Harvard Law School and follows him there to win him back. Once there, she discovers she has more legal savvy than she ever imagined, and she can use her newfound legal knowledge to help others. \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2950 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 13-15

"Bye Bye Birdie." Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Rock and roll heart throb Conrad Birdie comes to Sweet Apple, Ohio, to bestow his #1 fan with a goodbye kiss before entering the Army. \$12. Purchase tickets at www.mvccct.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Spring Modern Dance Concert. 7 p.m. at BalletNova's Fredgren Studio

Theatre, 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church. The Choreographers Collaboration Project, a modern dance company based in Alexandria, presents their Spring Modern Dance Concert. This concert will feature CCP dancers and CCP's youth dancers performing new work and repertory. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 12-17 and under 12 free. Visit www.ccpdance.org, email cpdance@gmail.com or call 703-683-2070.

Pajama Party. 7-10 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. A fun-filled evening to celebrate the "DREAM ON" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans; with raffles and prizes. Free to those who wear pajamas; \$5 each for those who don't. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

Saxophone Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Washington Saxophone Quartet performs music of Bach, Debussy, Duke Ellington and more. \$10-\$20. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342.

Concert and Gala. 8 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. In celebration of their 45th season, the Alexandria Choral Society presents Joseph Haydn's "The Creation," with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra, and featuring Samantha Anthony, soprano; Brian Thorsett, tenor; and Justin Wilson, baritone. Followed by a gala and silent auction. \$25/adult; \$20/senior and military; \$15/student; free for 13 and younger. \$5 more at the door. Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Persian New Year Celebration. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. The fourth annual Nowruz Festival celebrating the Persian New Year will include entertainment from musicians, dancers, artists, costumed characters, and traditional players. About 55 street vendors will be offering traditional and exotic foods, as well as jewelry, crafts, and other traditional Persian products. Visit www.nowruzfestival.org for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 17

"MAPS." Through April 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 18 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The artists' imagination plays with physical features such as cities, roads, rivers, mountains, geographical borders, etc. that are represented by diagramming on maps of land and sea. Whether for self or gifts, jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. Free admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberarts.gallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Museum Lesson. 12:45 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn how museums store, care for and treat an object in order to preserve it for generations to come. Call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

History and Genealogy. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Learn about military, land, and Congressional records related to the War of 1812 in the National Archives. Jonathan Webb Deiss presents a talk entitled "The War of 1812, Bounty Land, and Your Ancestors." The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society sponsors this free event. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.



Often found on the embankment of the little pond, this Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) is among the special avian attractions at Brenman Park.



This male Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) is surely the star of the bird show at Brenman Park. Look for him in the big and little ponds, and also on the path between the ponds. He is very tame, so be careful not to scare him.



PHOTOS BY DONALD SWEIG

Among the migratory wintering waterfowl on the big pond at Brenman Park are the somewhat similar male Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*) on the left, and the male Redhead (*Aythya Americana*) on the right. Notice the difference in the bills and the color of the back to know what you are looking at. There are also females of both species on the pond this winter.

Exploring Brenman Park's Winter Charms

Ponds attract wintering waterfowl.

BY DONALD SWEIG

Even, or especially, in the winter, Ben Brenman Park in Alexandria's West End has a special charm all its own. In addition to year-round walking and jogging trails, picnic benches, athletic fields, a dog park, a summer Sunday farmer's market, and other attractions, the park features a fairly large man-made lake in the center, and a little much smaller pond on the west side.

In the winter these ponds serve as an attraction to a variety of migratory wintering

waterfowl. Additionally, in contrast to looking or photographing such waterfowl in the Potomac River, where they are often far away, in the ponds at Ben Brenman, the birds are usually close enough for easy viewing and good photography.

The park was built on land that was formally part of the old Cameron Station Army base and was opened in June 1998. It was named for Col. Ben Brenman, a retired Army officer who lived nearby and was very active in Alexandria civic affairs. Long-time Alexandria resident Jack Sullivan, who was on the committee that helped to negotiate the transference of the land for the park from the Army to the City of Alexandria, says that the park could hardly have been named for anyone else.

In addition to the variety of wintering waterfowl in the ponds at the park, there are often a large number of Canada Geese there as well. Sullivan relates an amusing story that in the days when the land still belonged to the Army, and an excess of such geese tended to congregate there, that the Army would capture them, put them into large cages, and fly them in cargo planes for release in Louisiana.

No matter, the geese are now back in significant numbers, along with their wintering waterfowl friends in the Ben Brenman Ponds. So, if one is looking for an interesting and pleasant adventure, drive on over to Ben Brenman Park, with a pair of binoculars if you have them, and take a walk around the ponds and see what you see.

Among the wintering ducks there last week were Redhead, Canvasbacks, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked, Hooded Merganser, Mallards and, the star of the show, the gloriously colorful and beautiful, male Wood Duck. There was also an adult Black-crowned Night-Heron and a Great Blue Heron over by the small pond. In the summer, Green Herons often nest in the trees by the small pond. Of course, ducks come and go all the time and most of the wintering species will be gone by the end of March.

Ben Brenman Park is accessible from the east bound lane of Duke Street, via Somerville Street and a dedicated entrance just a bit east, and westbound over the Rich Leibach bridge. Stop on by and have a winter adventure.

In the Library for the Study of George Washington

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local teachers in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland for teachers' weekends to explore history and social studies here at our library.

Q. As you know our Alexandria paper, one of the Connection Newspapers' 15 affiliate papers, has been continuously in existence since George Washington's time. How do you feel about that historic connection?

A. It is a unique and special experience. George Washington was known to have the Alexandria paper delivered to his home in order to keep up to date on local and national issues, and now I am reading it and being interviewed by the same paper.

Q. You have mentioned earlier that the library is focusing on presenting the life of George Washington using advanced information system techniques as part of your strategy to sustain and increase the interest of history teachers and scholars in the life of George Washington and early American history. Do you have additional comments to make?

A. We have received over a million hits on our digital encyclopedia site so far and

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Gazette Packet co-publisher Jerry Vernon examines the first President's personal library collection with Archivist Mark Santangelo. During the tour of the National Library for the Study of George Washington, Vernon met with Santangelo and founding director Douglas Bradburn to discuss if the library has an interest in preserving for the archives of the Alexandria Gazette's editions dating back to the 1800s.

we believe it will grow. Over the past year we had 800,000 first time visits. Right now it is the most used digital early American history program in existence. It is this kind of commitment to using digital platforms that we believe will keep us on the cutting edge of information dissemination for present and future generations of scholars, researchers, and other users. The effect of this is to expand our reputation as a center of excellence for research on George Wash-

ington and American history.

Q. In an earlier interview at the time of the opening of the library with a member of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, the spokesman at that time said that regional and local community organizations would not be included in the universe of eligible participants in using the meeting facilities of the library. Is this still

true?

A. Our policy is for the library to be open to use by community organizations. When a calendar vacancy exists and the justification for the use is made and approved by the library we will welcome use of the facility by local and regional community organizations. We are totally committed to serving community groups locally.

Q. What additional thoughts would you like to share?

A. We are living at an exciting time right now. Because of technological advances, new educational concepts and emerging programs can be quickly accessed by everyone interested all over the world. I believe we have had a good beginning in making this Presidential library a preeminent one. But make no mistake, there are challenges ahead.

We are going to do our best to do our part in meeting the research and development needs of our increasingly complex 21st century society and beyond.

George Washington, I hope, would be pleased by what we have accomplished in this early phase of our development and what we plan on accomplishing in the foreseeable future.

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Residential Taxes To Rise with Unchanged Tax Rate

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 Alexandria's tax revenue. Jinks noted that office vacancies remained high in Alexandria at 16.5 percent, but not as high as neighboring Crystal City, which makes attracting employers to those office spaces difficult with a more desperate neighbor to the north willing to undersell any agreement. Jinks said the low income job increase and the continuing high office vacancy is particularly damaging with ongoing federal cutbacks.

Jinks says his office closed the anticipated \$31 million budget gap when he took the job two months ago largely by changing revenue sources and resizing capital projects.

One resized capital projects would have involved reconfiguring the intersection of Quaker Lane and Braddock Road, originally a project with an expected price tag between \$7 and \$8 million. Instead, the city plans to change the signalization at the intersection to clarify the traffic flow, a \$2 million project.

The city is also altering its relationship with contractors. Whereas the city had formerly hired contractors for smaller roadwork and worked in-house for all larger repairs, the current plan is to change that so that the city works the smaller, more frequent projects and contracts our work on larger road work projects. Additionally, Jinks said the city will save funding by having the upcoming development of the storm sewer basin also done "in-house."

These are little changes to the budget system, changes that Jinks says the city cannot continue to rely on to help them through the budget processes in the future.

"It's becoming harder and harder each year to find savings and reduce spending," said Jinks, but noted that, "this budget funds core services reasonably without raising tax rates."

The primary source of the city's funding is the real property tax — tax revenue from single family houses, apartments, or townhouses. The real property value increased from \$369.7 million in FY 2015 to \$382.1 million in FY 2016.

The average single family homeowner in Alexandria can expect a \$21.5 monthly increase in his property tax, while the average increase across all homes in Alexandria is nearly \$17 per month.

One of the more contentious aspects of the budget is the funding to Alexandria's public schools. Jinks' proposed budget includes a transfer of \$197.8 million to Alexandria City Public Schools, a \$6 million or 3.1 percent increase over current funding, but it's \$3 million shy of the \$201 million budget approved by the Alexandria City School Board.

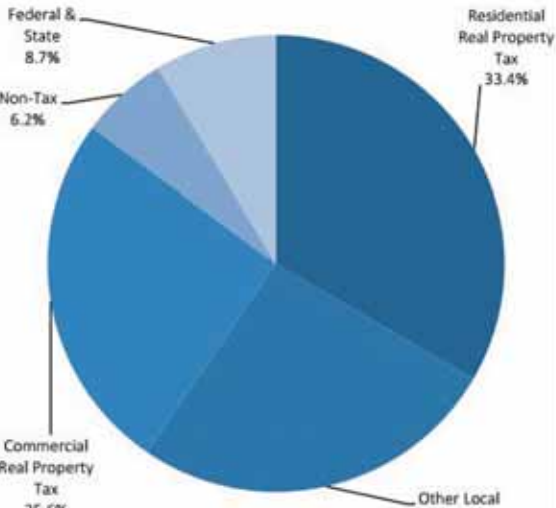
Expenditures by Classification	General Fund				All Funds	
	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Approved	FY 2016 Proposed	% of Total	FY 2016 Proposed	% of Total
Personnel	202,340,513	207,744,557	213,979,511	33.0%	284,131,841	26.1%
Non-Personnel	93,014,738	87,419,376	97,307,764	15.0%	125,694,870	11.5%
Capital Outlays	97,771	99,469	102,469	0.0%	5,589,399	0.5%
Interfund Transfers	36,228,404	44,013,134	33,247,131	5.1%	63,237,950	5.8%
Cash Capital	23,456,396	21,234,009	16,385,541	2.5%	26,221,313	2.4%
Debt Service*	57,311,723	64,441,506	66,006,081	10.2%	66,006,081	6.1%
Total City Government	412,449,545	424,952,051	427,028,497	65.9%	570,881,454	52.5%
ACPS	185,611,472	191,811,472	197,811,472	30.5%	449,649,998	41.3%
Transit	20,353,380	20,006,378	23,016,923	3.6%	67,796,773	6.2%
Total Expenditures	618,414,397	636,769,901	647,856,892	100.0%	1,088,328,225	100.0%
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* FY 2014 excludes bond refunding debt service of \$18,531,679

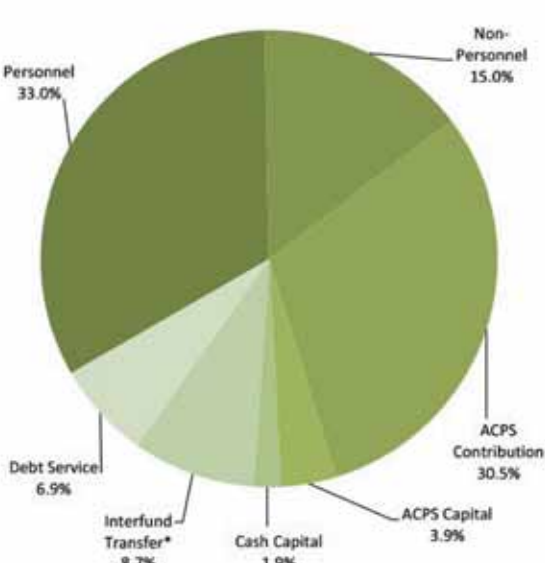
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*Includes transfer to DASH; Library; DCHS Transfer to Special Revenue Fund; and other miscellaneous transfers

"Funding less than the requested amount would impact our ability to have a highly effective teacher in every classroom, provide necessary specialized instruction and support the needs of diverse learners," said Alexandria Superintendent Alvin Crawley in a Feb. 26 press release.

The transfer represents 55 percent of all new General Fund revenue and 41.3 percent of the of the total budget. In Jinks' proposed budget, Alexandria schools receive more percent of the budget than neighboring Arlington schools at 39 percent, but less than the 52.8 percent Fairfax County designates to its schools.

Programs like Alexandria's "Healthy and Thriving Residents" are already seeing a nearly \$2 million cut to cover the School Board's funding gap.

"The School Board's approved budget re-

quest from the city maintained essentially the same per student funding that City Council provided last year," said School Board Vice Chair Christopher Lewis. "A \$3.2 million gap would also endanger our ability to compete for high quality teachers and support staff."

Lewis also expressed disapproval of the City Manager Office's very different view of how school CIP funding should evolve. From 2016 to 2020, the ACPS CIP is \$88.2 million above the city's proposed CIP. From 2021 to 2025, the city's proposed CIP is \$73.7 million above the ACPS budget. Essentially, the ACPS wants to utilize most of the CIP funding within the first the first four years while the city is hoping to spread the project funding out over the next 10 years, with an emphasis on the last three.

The city's budgeted obligatory contribu-

tion to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) came under scrutiny from City Council.

"WMATA, their decisions and choices are creeping in to what we want to do locally," said City Councilman John Chapman. "We need to have discussions on that, moving forward."

Current WMATA plans include making sure every train on the metro has eight cars. The proposed budget included WMATA's over \$4 million funding request, bringing the proposed total to \$35 million.

"If we're going to pay for this, we should have more trains, more often," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, noting the long delays and packed trains common on Alexandria's blue metro line. "It's unbelievable in the morning and evenings."

While the School Board may be unhappy about lack of full funding, other departments won what they have been fighting to get for years. Alexandria Police will receive a 4.5 percent pay increase for all sworn officers. The budget includes a 5 percent pay increase for police officer and lieutenant positions, as well as funding for career ladder programs for employees to grow within the departments, a reflection of concerns by the City Council that many recruits join the Alexandria Police Department for training and then leave for other, higher paying departments. The career ladder programs and pay increase are coupled with a 9 percent increase in police officer entry pay, so the new police recruits drawn to Alexandria will find advancement opportunities within the department.

"It's pennywise and pound foolish to hire people who aren't just staying with us, and we lose all that money in training," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "I think that particular situation is addressed and we will all be better for it."

"The days of blanket, across the board pay increases are a structure of the past," said Jinks. "Our challenge is to create pay scales that move us towards being in the average of our five comparative districts. For general employees, that's where we are. For police we were at the bottom of the region."

Speaking specifically on the budget's increase in the ambulance fee to reflect Fairfax's rate, Jinks said that several years ago Alexandria had established a set emergency services rate with Fairfax and Arlington to make the costs uniform across the region. However, since that time, both Fairfax and Arlington had independently raised their rates. The Basic Life Support rate is increased from \$400 to \$500. Advanced Life Support is increased from \$500 to \$650, and \$675 to \$800 for more intense

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Jinks Presents Budget Proposal to Council

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cases. Jinks also noted that the payment of ambulance services was worked out after the fact, possibly to prevent the medical emergency from being compounded by a heart attack at the ambulance cost.

Debra Collins, deputy city manager, also noted that the city's funding to Alexandria's nonprofits in its human services fund remained untouched from previous years, a development Councilman Tim Lovain praised.

One of the developments of the County Manager's budget Jinks personally lamented was the funding cut to Alexandria's Law Library, from \$116,808 down to an unsustainable \$54,346. According to the budget, this reflects the end of the city's General Fund contribution to the library's operations. In the short-term, this forces the library to reduce the facility's operating hours and access to its collections. If the budget is passed, the Law Library Board will have to determine a new operating structure.



**Acting City Manager
Mark Jinks**

The next major development for the proposed budget is a work session on March 12, followed by a public hearing on March 16 at 4 p.m. at City Council chambers.

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9 a.m.-noon; Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at 2525 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The City of Alexandria is offering free tax preparation to qualifying residents. Taxpayers are eligible if their income is below approximately \$35,000 for individuals and \$53,000 for families. Volunteers from Community Tax Aid, Inc. will ensure that taxpayers apply for all applicable credits and deductions. People will be seen on a first come, first served basis. Contact Esperita Bullard at 703-746-6070.

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- ❖ Ellen Coolidge Burke Library - Thursday, March 12, 6-8 p.m.
- ❖ Chinquapin Recreation Center - Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.-noon
- ❖ James Duncan Library - Wednesday, March 18, 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY/MARCH 5

Work Etiquette and Effective Communication.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Francis C. Hammond Middle School - Library, 4646 Seminary Road. This workshop will provide an introduction to business etiquette and tips for: effective communication, creating a positive image, and presenting oneself with confidence in interviews and professional settings. A light dinner, childcare and interpreter services provided free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

City Budget Presentation. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Samuel Tucker Elementary School Cafeteria, 435

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Some Victories in This Legislative Session

BY ROB KRUPICKA
STATE DELEGATE (D-45)



This past week, the Virginia General Assembly adjourned “Sine Die.” Over the past six weeks, the House of Delegates and Senate looked at over 2,500 pieces of legislation. I’ve written over the past five weeks about the legislation I’ve worked on this year. I was proud to pass bills to give military members tax relief on their vehicles; to ensure tenants are able to have mold quickly and safely removed from their homes; to protect our seniors looking for quality home care services; and to make sure our school accreditation system accurately reflects progress made by schools. Now, I’d like to give you an update on some of the other issues that we worked on this session in the General Assembly:

The Budget: This past week the General Assembly voted on and approved the state budget. I was happy to see that many of the original cuts to Pre-K funding were removed from the final budget. It also includes raises for teachers, no cuts to K-12 schools, and increases to funding to some of our social safety net programs. This is all

good progress, but the budget does not go nearly far enough. Education is still drastically underfunded, and while it does fund some major

components of health care services, like dental coverage for pregnant women and FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan) for children of low-income state employees, it still does not close the coverage gap and continues to send out federal tax dollars to other states who have expanded Medicaid.

Ethics: Ethics reform remains a big issue in the General Assembly. This session, the legislature passed a bill to strengthen the anemic ethics reform passed last year. The bill takes some small steps in the right direction, but still does not go nearly far enough. Among the stronger reforms I would like to see implemented, I believe it is important to support the Governor’s call for an independent body to investigate and review ethics issues.

TNCs: Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft have had

a dramatic impact on the ride service industry. Legislation was passed this year to ensure these companies can continue to operate, while protecting consumers and also making sure there is a level playing field for all ride service companies. The bill requires TNC drivers to meet certain licensing and insurance credentials established by the DMV, and also requires TNCs to run thorough background checks on all drivers.

Child Care: Many of you may have read the Washington Post article this past December discussing the nine children that died in unregulated day care homes in Virginia in 2014. In an effort to prevent anymore tragic losses, legislation passed this year that seeks to help parents identify quality day care services for their children and ensure they are not misled by organizations or individuals misrepresenting their services. The bill lowers the number of children being cared for before an operator must be licensed by the Department of Social Services and adds in background checks for providers.

Sexual Assault: The General Assembly passed legislation this year to enforce prevention and appropriate response to sexual

assaults at our colleges and universities while ensuring the privacy and wishes of the victim are protected. The bill requires colleges to ensure victims are aware of, and have access to, support services. It requires school employees to report any sexual assaults they become aware of to their school’s Title IX coordinator. The bill also establishes a review team to examine cases brought to the coordinator, and based on those proceedings, to determine whether to release information about the victim and begin a law enforcement investigation.

Gun Safety: The Governor proposed a number of ideas for commonsense gun-safety at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, the legislature voted against these measures and instead, took a step in the wrong direction by passing a dangerous bill that makes it legal for individuals to carry a loaded shotgun in their vehicle.

Animals: Two bills were passed this year to protect animals. One prohibits the roadside sale of animals and the other requires businesses labeled as animal shelters to work to find permanent adoptive homes and facilitate other lifesaving outcomes for animals before the animal can be euthanized.

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profusely about their respective family relatives having been subjected to dementia, which in effect was a “red herring” — not the real issue to be voted upon. Pure and simple, it was a zoning issue.

Despite the fact that this bunch continues to ignore the will of the people, they will say that they are champions for neighborhood rights in their respective campaigns for re-election. This is almost laughable, since the good citizens in the West End, Cameron Station, Potomac Greens, Old Town, Rosemont, Northeast, Seminary and other neighborhoods have all been told the same thing, but the record speaks for itself. The citizens in those neighborhoods have been trampled to death by developers, or subjected to strong-arming by others. This “build it and they will come” approach started under the leadership of Kerry Donley and David Speck in 1996, and it has not slowed down one iota. This model must change, because it has put us a half billion dollars in debt, and it has mortgaged our future. To what end, and for whom?

So, if any of the six council members have the temerity to say during their respective campaigns that they are first and foremost behind you and your neighborhood association because they are “neighborhood guys” and dedicated to protecting your turf, reply by telling them to go find a new line of work, and help them to do it by voting them out of office.

Better still, perhaps it is time for the City Council “at large” representation to end, to be replaced by a ward system. To date, “at large” has only meant “I am accountable to no one.” What we have in Alexandria is taxation without representation, which has got to stop. Even if all of the “terrible six”

(minus Allison Silberberg) are re-elected, under a ward system, they would be accountable to at least some of the people.

Townsend A. “Van” Van Fleet
Alexandria

Alternatives To Demolition?

To the Editor:

The Historic Alexandria Foundation, established in 1954, undertakes to help protect the historic and architectural character of the city’s historic buildings, streetscapes and districts. HAF understands and appreciates that the ARHA mission to provide affordable housing is in the public interest. But this proposal does not even acknowledge the public interest in historic preservation that is reflected in the fact that Ramsey Homes has been designated a contributing resource to the Uptown/Parker-Gray National Register Historic District and is located in the City’s Parker-Gray Historic District, which was established in 1984.

Under the city’s preservation ordinance there is a presumption against demolition of historic structures, but this proposal takes demolition as a given. There is no indication that alternatives to demolition have been considered, or any attempt to minimize or mitigate the potential demolition.

The National Register Nomination for the Parker Gray District states: The Ramsey Homes public housing is very different in style and character from the [Samuel Madden and James Bland] units just north of it. The units were constructed with 3-4 units clustered together back-to-back so that they form four-unit symmetrical and cubic

buildings with hipped roofs. They have stuccoed walls and are detailed to resemble Prairie-style houses.

Constructed in 1942, to provide housing for African American workers in the war effort, they were the first public housing constructed in the Uptown/Parker Gray neighborhood area.

It is quite disappointing, therefore, to find that the staff report states (p.5): that Ramsey Homes does not contribute to the integrity of the Uptown/Parker Gray NRHD, when in fact, they provide a significant contribution to the integrity both historically and as a unique example of architectural design of public housing in the district.

The staff report also states that the Ramsey Homes do not have individual architectural merit that distinguishes them through uncommon design, material or craftsmanship. This is in direct opposition to the point made in the NR nomination: that this complex is detailed to resemble Prairie-style houses. The use of precast-concrete for the floors, walls, and roof was also unusual and an innovation.

To address, then, the six criteria to be considered for a permit to demolish we find that the Ramsey Homes meet four of the criteria, and therefore alternatives should be sought to demolition.

#1 – The buildings are of architectural and historical interest, as an example of the use of the Prairie style in public housing, I am not aware of any other examples in Alexandria; furthermore, they are representative of the Federal Government’s effort to provide housing for African-American war workers.

#4 – Retention of the buildings would preserve and protect an historic area of interest in the city. These buildings are unique,

their open space and setting provide value to their residents, and to the community

#5 – While ARHA has a goal of “tearing down obsolete housing,” who is to say that if these buildings were renovated, they would not maintain and increase real estate values, so close to Metro. They certainly stand to educate citizens about American culture and heritage, and make the city a more attractive and desirable place to live. Consider what has happened with James Bland, where now Old Town Commons, already an eyesore, will be obsolete and undesirable real estate within 20 years or so.

#6 – There is no question that retention of the buildings would help maintain the scale and character of the neighborhood.

In summary: the BAR should ask for an exploration of the alternatives to demolition.

If the buildings were renovated, how many units could be provided?

Is there a way to put a compatibly designed addition to any of the buildings? For instance, the three-unit building, could be filled in, and possibly a third story could be added to the filled in area.

Turning to the applicant’s development proposal, there are two other significant issues: the height of this proposed complex and the significant loss of open space.

The Braddock Road East Plan states: (e) That the Ramsey Homes site should be rehabilitated as part of the overall redevelopment program for the area, with some potential for infill. It states further, that if redeveloped, it should be redeveloped with townhouse scale buildings. As can be seen by the photographs and modeling, the surrounding area consists of two story buildings, so therefore the new proposal is a real

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General Assembly Adjourns Sine Die

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



The 2015 session of the General Assembly has officially adjourned. Bills I introduced that now await Governor McAuliffe's signature include legislation on issues from job placement and hospital patients' rights to tax refunds and ethics reform. I believe that this legislation will improve the lives of Virginians.

Jobs: Last year, Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. This legislation provides more funding, technical resources, and flexibility for creativity and innovation to the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) throughout the country in order to better train and provide job placement assistance to unemployed workers for the jobs of the future. Essential job training programs for an unemployed worker can cost up to \$3,700; however, if we are not able to help them find a position to match their new skills, then that money is not well spent.

That is why I put forward SB1002, which gives local WIBs the flexibility to negotiate pay-for-performance standards directly with job placement agencies. The more we do to empower WIBs across the state and incentivize their partnering organizations, the sooner we will get our neighbors back to work with good-paying jobs and the

faster we will grow the Virginia economy.

Hospital Patients' Rights: As it stands today in Virginia, if you are receiving care in a hospital and your status is changed from "in-patient" to "observation,"

there is no requirement for the hospital administration to notify you. A status change can have serious financial ramifications in terms of how Medicare or your private health insurance provider covers the cost of your care.

That is why I introduced and passed SB857 along with Senators George Barker and Dick Black, so that hospital patients will receive explicit notifications of a status change.

Tax Refunds: Another bill I passed with Senator Barker is SB1005, which restores the option for taxpayers to receive their state refunds in the form of a paper check. In 2012, Virginia changed the system of delivering tax refunds so that the only two options for payment would be in the form of direct deposit or a plastic debit card.

This was done under the guise of saving the state money from the printing and postage of the checks. Instead, the change outsourced a core function of the Virginia Department of Taxation to a private, for-profit company that resulted in taxpayers

receiving plastic debit cards and being charged fees for using the cards at ATMs, businesses and even for inquiring about their balance too often. A 2013 study by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) shows that 6.5 percent of Virginia's citizens do not have a bank account for direct deposit, a 1.7 percent increase since 2009. Using fee-ridden debit cards hurts those who can least afford it.

Our legislation will allow taxpayers once again to have the option of choosing a paper check or direct deposit for their tax refund.

Ethics: Virginians need and deserve to have confidence in their elected officials — but the McDonnell scandal gave citizens every reason to doubt. From the outset, I have called for strong, decisive action to fix our laws and restore Virginians' trust. I introduced reform bills in both 2014 and 2015, and I have offered amendments to strengthen my colleagues' legislation. I am pleased to see that the final bill incorporates several of the ideas I have fought for.

The legislation we passed moves us in the right direction, but it leaves much work undone. The bill imposes a \$100 gift cap on officials, strengthens the Ethics Advisory Council and ensures that disclosure forms will be publicly available online. It will also prohibit gifts of travel unrelated to a legislator's official duties — like trips to golf tournaments on corporate jets. Still, it also

leaves gaping loopholes in place. There is no limit on the cumulative value of gifts, and the Ethics Council lacks crucial investigative authority. Many other issues — like the ability for legislators to attend secret meetings on the taxpayer's dime — go totally unaddressed.

We still need to restore Virginians' trust — and until we have done that, I will keep working for stronger and more substantive reforms.

There are still many pressing issues that were not addressed this session. Unfortunately, my legislation to address topics such as codifying workplace protections for LGBT employees, reforming our failed drug policies, and enacting smarter regulations to prevent gun violence, all failed to advance. I also co-sponsored bills to raise the minimum wage, make it easier to vote, and create an independent redistricting commission that were also defeated by the Republican majority. It is my hope that the progress that we have made this year will serve as a foundation to build upon in 2016 when next year's General Assembly convenes.

You can email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov. I am also active on Twitter @AdamEbbin and Facebook at www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign.

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

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anomaly (except for OTC).

Second, the BREP emphasizes: (f) the importance of appropriate scale and massing. It specifically states that the character of development on the site should be "compatible with the scale and height of the adjacent townhomes." This proposal is not compatible. We also need to point out that what is tragically happening in all these development projects is the significant loss of open space. The staff report notes that one of the site features is "the unusually generous amount of open space, more typical of garden apartment complexes constructed during and after WWII." It would be more than "unfortunate" to quote the staff, if such open space is lost. Staff states that this amount of open space is an anomaly and atypical of development of the historic district over time... That is not an argument for removing the open space.

We note that the open space calculations have not been provided.

Finally, we think it is premature to consider any demolition without a thorough historic structure report and consideration of alternatives. We also request clarification of the role of federal funding or oversight of this project to determine whether consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act should be initiated.

Morgan D. Delaney, M.D.
President, Historic Alexandria Foundation
For the Board of Trustees

Why Not Set Priorities?

To the Editor:

Following the many articles in the Gazette this past month can be an eye-opening exercise. The City of Alexandria budget has a \$16.M +/- budget deficit, and the future projections for revenue growth are ominous, for as we all know, money doesn't simply grow on trees, it must be carefully plucked from the citizens pockets and, in many cases, from their future retirements savings. Yet, the City Council continues to spend as if there were secret pots of money hidden around the city.

This constant borrowing against the future, counting on optimistic revenue growth projections, will land Alexandria in the same state of financial affairs as other cities around the country, too much debt service and not enough money for needed basic services and needs of the city and its citizens. If you look at the future needs of the city (renovations and new schools, fire stations, basic infrastructure, sewer system upgrades, to name a few) the growing debt service, currently at 64 M/year, will prove to be our undoing.

How long can this continue? Responsible financial oversight and budget controls over city agencies and departments and ACPS would be a good start. Should we be gold-plating all of our buildings and facilities: T.C. Williams High School, the new Police Headquarters, Jefferson Houston Elemen-

tary, to name a few obvious examples.

We should spend money on the most needed priorities, not overspending and focusing on secondary priorities. ACPS provides vivid examples of misplaced priorities. They have major needs for educational programs and initiatives, for renovation of elementary schools, for new schools if their growth projections are correct. Instead they make poor choices that are contrary to their primary responsibility, educating all the children of Alexandria. Case in point is T.C. Williams. After senior officials at T.C. Williams publicly stated that they did not need lights for their new tennis courts, the decision was made to add them to an already budget-busting budget. A \$600,000 budget ended up at about \$1.6 M, hardly prudent decision-making and focusing on their primary job, educating all the children of Alexandria. The lighting of the football field at TC is another good example. ACPS is ignoring all of the problems that this decision entails in their eagerness for a football stadium: breaking a 45-year-old promise to the Woods Avenue neighborhood, changing the DSUP for the new high school, an expensive lawsuit(s), the cost for the improvements that are in the \$4-5 M range, (and is potentially 10-20 percent of the cost to renovate or build a new elementary school). What is important to this School Board? Actually, it seems it is lighting tennis courts and a football stadium — the benefits don't match up with the needs and priorities on which ACPS should focus.

Can the city government find that kind

of money? When the ACPS was begged to consider fixing the playground at Maury School, its answer was to tell the parents of a public elementary school to raise the money themselves. But, the School Board did put \$1.2M into this year's budget to begin putting in the infrastructure for lighting the football field at TC where only a few high school students will actually benefit. And when the opportunity has come for an all city stadium to benefit all students for under \$1M, does the city and the School Board grab the chance? Not so far.

The City Council has seemed for so many city issues such as Woodbine, the T.C. Williams football field and tennis courts, the Harris Teeter hours, the Waterfront issue, The Woods Avenue neighborhood, to only consider the commercial enterprise and not take into account the citizens who actually live in these areas.

Is the City Council out of touch with the very people who elect them? Their disregard for the DSUP's that allowed these projects to be placed in residential areas in the first place, and the City Council's willingness to allow these changes will only hurt the citizens. Do you live near a field or an open piece of land? Beware. If the City Council or the ACPS finds it, they will soon have it converted to a commercial enterprise with loud noise, big lights and traffic. And what about the things they are supposed to be taking care of like the schools? Let the parents and citizens do that.

Kathy Harkness
Alexandria

SPORTS

TC Girls' Basketball Falls at Regionals

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team lost to Chantilly 60-45 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, ending its season on Feb. 27 at Chantilly High School. The Titans entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed from Conference 7 after losing to South County in the conference semifinals. Chantilly was the No. 2 seed from Conference 5 and reached the region semifinals, where the Chargers lost to Madison on Tuesday.

T.C. Williams senior guard Rejoice Spivey earned first-team all-region honors from the Northern Virginia Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Alexandria Volleyball Players Win Gold in Maryland Tournament

The Alexandria Titans Volleyball Club's "Titans 13" won the club championship at a Maryland Juniors girls' volleyball tournament held in Jessup on Saturday, Feb. 28.

After 10 hours of tournament play, the Titans 13 players faced two No. 1 seeds in the championship round and went undefeated to secure their first tournament championship of the travel volleyball season.



T.C. Williams senior guard Rejoice Spivey was named first-team all-region by the NVWBCA.



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Members of Titans 13 volleyball team include (front row, from left) Kate Bernstein, Alexandria Berman, Eva Joia, (back row) Shannon Murphy, Lauryn Mineta, Madeleine Harvey and Charlotte Loesch. Erika Harwood was not available for the photo. Titans 13 are coached by Stephanie Murphy and Ripley Forbes.



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The top-seed NoVa Ice Dogs U12-A girls' ice hockey team defeated the Montgomery (MD) Blue Devils 4-3 to win the Chesapeake Bay Hockey League U12 girls' championship on Feb. 22 in Frederick, Md. The Ice Dogs, coached by Mike Donovan of Falls Church, are composed of 19 11-year-olds from around Northern Virginia. The roster includes: Katherine Donovan, Sarah Ettinger, Kaia Jefferson, Jillian Kendrick, and Bryana Nace of Falls Church City; Kelly DeMatties and Mira Majure of Falls Church Fairfax County; Alexandra Friedman and Ana Evans of Alexandria; Rachel Clarke and Emily Rotter of Arlington; Gwenyth Holloway and Braylee Weets of Springfield; Lexi Lewis of Nokesville; Elizabeth Mueller of Fairfax Station; Caley Duchak of Vienna; Mia Boris and Macie McGraw of Washington, D.C.; and Sara ten Broecke of Columbia, Md. Tryouts for next year's girls teams will be held April 30-May 7 in Alexandria. Please contact Peter Townsend at peterwtownsend@comcast.net for more information.

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Ferdinand Day Drive. Acting City Manager Mark B. Jinks invites the public to a presentation of his proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. Live and archived video will be available at www.alexandriava.gov. Following his presentation, Jinks will answer questions from in-person attendees and online viewers. Proposed budget documents will be available at www.alexandriava.gov on March 3, at 5 p.m. City Council will review the proposed budget and conduct a series of work sessions and public hearings culminating with adoption on May 7.

Alexandria Community Services Board. 6:30 p.m. at Community Services Board, 720 N. St. Asaph St. Contact Danielle Marshall, danielle.marshall@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-3523.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. 7 p.m. at City Hall,

Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Mildrilyn Davis, 703-746-4990.

MONDAY/MARCH 9

Commission on Aging - Advocacy Committee. 5:30 p.m. at Human Services Building, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Debbie Ludington, 703-746-5692.

Commission on Information Technology. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Room 3008, 301 King St. Contact Johnny King, 703-746-3028.

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Lance Mallamo, 703-746-4554.

Human Rights Commission - Executive Committee. 7 p.m. at La Madeleine, 500 King St. Contact Jean Kelleher, 703-746-3140.

Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia. 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Regional

Commission, 3060 Williams Drive Call 703-573-3100.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

Alexandria Commission on Employment. 8 a.m. at JobLink, 1900 Beauregard St. Contact Dennis McKinney, 703-746-5990.

Trademark Basics. 9-11 a.m. at SBDC/AEDP Boardroom, 625 N. Washington St., Suite 400, Alexandria. Craig Morris, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, US PTO, presents "Trademark Basics: What Every Small Business Should Know Now, Not Later." Free. Call 703-778-1292, email GFlanagan@AlexandriaSBDC.org or visit www.alexandriasbdc.org.

Alexandria Renew Enterprises Board of Directors. 6 p.m. at Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 1500 Eisenhower Ave. Contact Lorna Huff, 703-549-3381, ext. 2260.

City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. at City

Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Call 703-746-4500.

Family Reading Night. 6:30-8 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School - Cafeteria, 5651 Rayburn Ave. Enjoy a fun-filled night of reading activities, listen to stories, participate in a Ulysses the Squirrel based activity and receive tips on reading at home with children. The first 100 children whose families register will receive a Kate DiCamillo book. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us.

How to Keep Your Kids Strong. 6-7:30 p.m. at ARHA FACE Center, at Ladrey High-Rise, 300 Wythe St. This workshop for families will focus on the importance of maintaining optimal mental health, reducing stigma related to mental health, and self-care. A light dinner, childcare and interpreter services provided free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-824-6865 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

Budget & Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Room 3008, 301 King St. Contact Alex Braden, 703-746-3740.

Alexandria Commission for Women. 7 p.m. at City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King St. Contact Lisa Baker, 703-746-5030.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission. 8 a.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Contact Lance Mallamo, 703-746-4554.

Modifying A Home. 9:30 a.m.-noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Get comprehensive advice, tips, and checklists from a panel of experts on modifying a home. Free. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested. See more at <http://states.aarp.org/march11>.

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Mary H. Nash ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA



Mary Frances Hendrix Nash died peacefully on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Goodwin House Alexandria, Alexandria, Virginia. Born in Idabel, Oklahoma on August 13, 1920, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hendrix, she brought joy to life and was loved as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, teacher and volunteer. She graduated from Oklahoma College for Women with honors and immediately supported our country during WWII in an aviation plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Affectionately known as "Muff", her reputation of love for others, willingness to always help anyone in need, and offer generosity to all preceded her.

She is survived by her husband of seventy years, Captain Norman C. Nash, USN (Ret), two sons Captain Donald Nash, USN (Ret) and Major General Gordon Nash, USMC (Ret), and their wives Donna Lamberth Nash and Susan Fimian Nash. She will be missed by her five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Emilie Fulton of Sugar Land, Texas. She was preceded in death by her sisters Eloise Poston and Louise Mott.

Muff and Norm began their romance in Chickasha, Oklahoma where she was a student at Oklahoma College for Women and Norm's father Dr. M.A. Nash was the President. She immediately became a devoted Navy wife and moved many times in support of Norm's career. Muff enjoyed serving as a substitute school teacher and as a Cub Scout leader. She is remembered for her award winning Garden Club memberships and devoted service to Trinity United Methodist Church where she was head of the Trinity Flower Committee for forty years.

During tours in Hawaii, California, Maryland, Rhode Island, Japan, and Virginia, Muff could be found leading clubs and organizations in support of others. A most gracious and generous host Muff was always prepared to feed and provide lodging for her many friends and family. For over thirty years Muff enjoyed weekends at the beach in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where she took an active role in support of meetings and the local Methodist Church.

Muff will always be remembered for her love and support of her husband, sons, grandchildren, and great grandchildren as well as so many others. Each grandchild received personal attention and memories from their "GRAMMY!"

The family wishes to give special thanks to the staff at Goodwin House Alexandria who lovingly cared for her.

A celebration of Muff's life will be held on March 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Goodwin House Alexandria, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Her remains will be interred at the Columbarium at the U.S. Naval Academy at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Rd, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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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.

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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide an online professional development management system.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-02-11 Electronic Professional Development Management System will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, March 16, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financialservices/purchasing/bids.php> ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all offers and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 15-02-09

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Translation & Interpretation Services.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-02-09 Translation & Interpretation Services will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, March 26, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8182, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services, Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions must be submitted before 1:00 p.m., March 18, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

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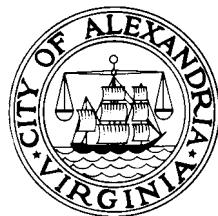
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On March 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., the Alexandria City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 King Street, to consider an ordinance to make two precinct changes effective with the June 9, 2015 Primary Election. The first change would establish Charles Houston Recreation Center (905 Wythe St.) as a new precinct and polling place and the second change would replace the St. James Church (5000 Echols Avenue) polling place with the Hermitage (5000 Fairbanks Ave).

A copy of the full text of the ordinance and a map with the proposed changes is on file with the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, Room 2300, City Hall, 301 King Street. This notice is advertised pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 24-2.306.

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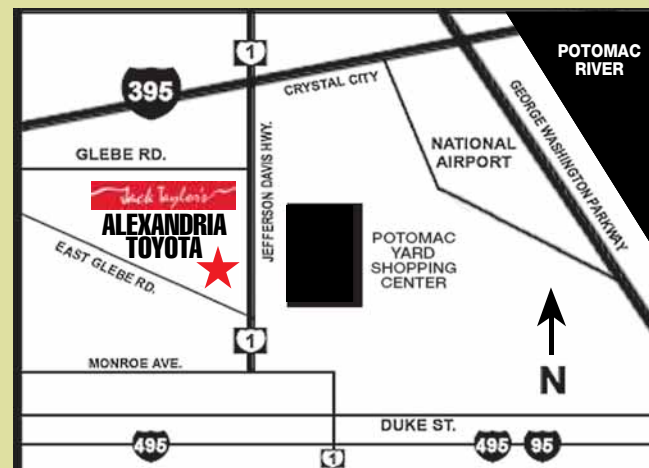
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