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PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Officers confront a virtual scenario where a fictional woman becomes involved in a bar-beating.

More Mindful, Less Lethal

New decision-making training meant to alter how police officers approach use of force.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Making decisions can be instinctual. It can also be practical and informed, coming to the best judgment considering all variables. For police officers responding to calls where there might be a threat of violence to civilians and or themselves, their decision whether to use force and which type to neutralize the situation quickly must be a hybrid.

In Fairfax County, Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler, Jr. has begun implementing a policy change in use of force decision-making that mandates officers "use time as leverage" and attempt to slow their reaction to a situation in order to engage a supervisor and better consider the subjects with whom they're dealing.

A recent example Roessler gave is the March 2

barricade incident where 19-year-old Sayed Robbie Javid of Alexandria came out of his home carrying what police said appeared to be pistol but was later found to be a starter revolver. After he initially refused commands to surrender, officers used "less-lethal force" including firing a 40mm rubber bullet and bean bag shotgun, as well as the K9 unit to apprehend him.

"Deployment of deadly force would've been legal three times in my opinion," Roessler said at a media event held at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly on March 29. But in this case, Roessler said officers successfully followed the new policy by calling in a supervisor, taking a deep breath, assessing the scene and slowing it down.

"Preserving the sanctity of human life" is the end goal, he said, which the officers accomplished.

Roessler said this "re-engineered" concept for

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Chief of Police Edwin C.
Roessler, Jr.

Sex Trafficking Young Victims

Federal funds for
gang task force
expire April 1.

The first article in an occasional series
on human sexual trafficking in Northern
Virginia.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

Detective William Woolf remembers the day he first realized there might be sex trafficking of young girls going on right in front of him.

He was a gang detective in Northern Virginia where he was responsible for investigating gang crime, compiling intelligence on gang activity and spreading information throughout the D.C. area. Despite all of his past training he didn't know about sex trafficking. "I thought it was something that happened in third world countries," he said.

It was back in 2009 and he was working a gang case for M-13 and they had inserted an informant into the gang. The informant came back and reported he thought the gang was making money from prostitution. "It didn't register. I thought they would be consensually engaging in sex and sharing the money," Woolf said. Then one night the informant reported he was uncomfortable with the girl they had that night — she looked young. "That's how we recovered a 16-year-old girl."

Woolf said there was no one working this area of human trafficking in Northern Virginia, so he started to do research by combing through



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE GAZETTE

Detective William Woolf is currently with the Fairfax County Police Community Resources Division investigating human trafficking in Fairfax County but will soon be transferred to the Child Exploitation Unit. He said, "I never realized it is happening right in front of us in Northern Virginia—trafficking young victims in malls, all of our Fairfax County high schools and on the Internet."

police reports, conducting interviews. He thought the girls were consenting prostitutes and that the

vice unit could deal with it. But he kept looking. He went to some informants and asked if sex trafficking was widespread and got a resounding yes. It was in 2010 and he had an a-ha moment and realized human trafficking was going on right here. "I needed to better understand it. And I needed to do something about it."

— Detective
William Woolf

Since then Woolf says he has become passionate about the issue. He has

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Eating Smart

Profile: Jean Janssen, force behind area's Smart Markets.

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE GAZETTE

Food shoppers should take their collective hats off to Jean Janssen. She is the motivating spirit behind the area's Smart Markets, a collection of farmers' markets that showcase locally grown and raised produce and meats, plus a few temptations, such as hand-made sausages, popcorn, and baked goods (as in divine French pastries).

But once you know that Janssen has been in the food world since childhood, you can understand why these privately run markets are such a smashing success. A native Virginian, Janssen grew up in a family that purchased most of its goods from local farmers or from her grandfather's large garden plot. Also her parents were great cooks, a basic food influence for a youngster.

As an adult, Janssen worked as a caterer in the metro area for 20 years, during which time she often purchased goods from the now-defunct farmers' market in Vienna's Nottoway Park. "When I decided to retire from catering," said Janssen, "the Nottoway market was needing a new market manager. It was a volunteer position, but it sounded like it would keep me involved in the food world." Not only did she take that position, she was later asked to open a new market for Fairfax County on Braddock Road at Wakefield Park, and she ended up managing both markets.

In 2008, however, Janssen decided that the local producers needed better showcasing to improve sales, and that hosting local farmers' markets could be a great community resource. So with the support and en-

couragement of vendors, she decided to open Smart Markets. "The first market was down street from our present Oakton market," she said, "and I was led there by Nottaway Park shopper who encouraged me to talk to someone at her church. After that, others have come to me and asked me to do a market."

As in any enterprise, there are ups and downs, and as Janssen has found not every location is a good fit, and in one instance, an office property was sold out from under them. "I must deal with that," she said, "because we are on the bottom of the totem pole," since a market sets up usually only once a week. But when an agency or community residents see that a Smart Market helps them, a business may step in and offer space.

Because she does not pay to advertise, word-of-mouth attracts vendors, who then approach Janssen about setting up their stall at one of her locations. Once they start and sell successfully, she urges them to attend more than one market to enhance visibility and sales. "Our vendors do well compared with others," she said, "and we work with them to help them succeed." Janssen notes that her rules are strict, too, and insists that vendors must arrive early to set up, and must be the owners of the farm or other business to interact with customers.

And, not surprisingly, Janssen has found



Arno's Pastries at the Chantilly Smart Markets.

Smart Markets Locations

WEDNESDAY

Reston Station, 1900 Reston Station Blvd.,
Reston, VA 20190
♦ 3-7 p.m.
♦ Open April 2016

THURSDAY

Chantilly, St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460
Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 22051
♦ 3:30-6:30 p.m.
♦ Open Spring 2016
Huntington, new Location to be determined
Alexandria, VA 22003
♦ 3-7 p.m.
♦ Open Spring 2016

that fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables are the biggest sellers. She has also concluded that farmers reap bigger profits from farmers' markets sales than from selling their goods to wholesale merchants. "Small farm-

Recipe

Jean Janssen's Fettuccine with Mixed Vegetables

Serves 4 to 6 as a main course

This is my very favorite pasta sauce and it can easily be converted to a vegetarian dish with a few substitutions and/or omissions. You can vary the quantity of the individual vegetables as I have done here while adapting from a recipe in the September 1974 Gourmet. You can also adapt it to a winter recipe with good results using canned tomatoes. It's still a great vegetable medley to serve over pasta.

In a large sauté pan, cook two slices of bacon till nearly done but not crisp. Remove bacon, drain, and add 1/4 cup good olive oil to the pan. Add one small onion, two small carrots, two garlic cloves, two radishes, all finely minced, and 1 to 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil. Simmer, covered, for 12 to 15 minutes. Add three cups thinly shredded cabbage, 1/2 pound each of diced zucchini and tomatoes, 2 small green peppers, seeded and diced, and 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable stock. Season with one teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Simmer for another 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook one pound of fresh spinach noodles or packaged fettuccine in a large pot of boiling water with 2 tablespoons salt till done. Drain the noodles and toss them with up to 6 tablespoons butter, 1/2 cup each of Parmesan cheese and the chopped bacon. You may also add some finely chopped prosciutto at this point. Add the vegetable mixture and serve with additional grated Parmesan.

SATURDAY

Oakton, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA
22124
♦ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Open Year-Round
Springfield, Springfield Town Center, 6699
Spring Mall Drive, Springfield, VA 22150
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Open Spring 2016

SUNDAY

Bristow, Piney Branch Elementary School, 8301
Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136
♦ 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Open Year-Round
Tysons, 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22012,
(NADA Building)
♦ 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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ers, to exist," she said, "must sell directly to consumers."

Note: For the list of Smart Markets locations, visit the website: <http://smartmarkets.org>.

Good Shepherd Housing To Honor Jackson

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services will honor Alphonso Jackson, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with its inaugural Public Service Award at the annual Transforming Lives Gala on Saturday, April 9. The award honors public officials for outstanding and impactful public service actions that have furthered the mission of Good Shepherd Housing in combating homelessness and improving the lives of people in need.

After serving as director of the U.S. Department of Public and Assisted Housing for Washington, D.C. and president and CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of Dallas, Jackson joined HUD as its deputy secretary and chief operating of-

ficer in 2001. He served as the secretary of HUD between 2004 and 2008. During his tenure, HUD reported an 11.5 percent reduction in the number of persons reported as chronically homeless in its annual one-day count of homeless persons nationwide. As a result of his leadership, the US Government Accountability Office removed HUD from the government's "high-risk" list for the first time in 13 years.

At the Transforming Lives Gala, GSH will also honor the Meyer Foundation and Phil Rosenthal with its annual Philanthropy Awards. The Meyer Foundation is a family foundation supporting multiple human services and housing providers in the Greater Washington, D.C. area. Established in 1944 by Eugene Meyer, the publisher of the Washington Post, the Meyer Foundation

has focused on several initiatives to bolster the capacity of local nonprofits, help to alleviate poverty, and improve the delivery of human services to those most in need. Over the years, the Meyer Foundation has partnered with GSH to extend the organization's services, mission and reach into the Greater Mount Vernon community.

Phil Rosenthal, the president of Nationwide Credit Corporation in Alexandria, has not only been a long-time donor for GSH, but has also served on its board of directors, as well as Resource Development and Gala Committees. In recognition of his many contributions to the Northern Virginia community, Rosenthal will also be recognized with the Fairfax County Citizen of the



Year Citation of Merit from the Fairfax Federation in Merrifield on April 3.

Former GSH Board President Rosemary Murray will also be recognized with the

Joseph T. Adinaro Humanitarian Award. Murray has been a supporter of GSH for over a decade. Murray was actively engaged in the formation of and the recruitment of members for GSH's Community Leadership Council (CLC), an advisory board that brings together members of the business community, faith community and local government.

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CRIME

Detectives Investigate Homicide

William G. Martines-Palma, 29, of Alexandria died after sustaining what Fairfax County Police said appeared to be a stabbing wound to his leg.

Officers responded to the 5100 block of Celtic Drive in Alexandria after receiving a call around 8 p.m. on March 25 from a citizen reporting an unresponsive man lying

on the ground. Police identified the man as Martines-Palma and said he lived on that block.

Martines-Palma was first taken to Inova Springfield Healthplex, then Inova Fairfax Hospital. He died late that night, police said.

— TIM PETERSON

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

BURGLARY: 3700 block of Mary Evelyn Way, March 28, 5 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

WEAPONS BRANDISHING: 8400 block of Richmond Hwy, March 27, 2:08 a.m. A subject at a local bar was asked to leave and became agitated. He went to his vehicle and retrieved what appeared to be a pistol. He then pointed it at another patron of the bar. The suspect left the scene and was detained shortly thereafter. A BB gun that resembled a pistol was found, along with fictitious identifications, and narcotics. A 31-year-old man from Falls Church was charged with brandishing a firearm, possession of fictitious identification, and possession with the intent to distribute a schedule I/II narcotic.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY / RESISTING ARREST / PUBLIC INTOXICATION, Ladson Lane / Richmond Hwy, March 23, 1:28 a.m. Police officers responded to the area for an unknown situation complaint where two individuals were fighting and a description was provided. A patrol officer observed an individual

who appeared to be intoxicated and matched the description. The subject fled on foot and as officers attempted to detain him, he resisted. After placing the suspect under arrest, he then damaged a police cruiser. A 34-year-old Maryland man was charged with felony destruction of property, resisting arrest, and public intoxication.

BURGLARY, 7900 block of Central Park Circle, March 21. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

MARCH 29

LARCENIES

2000 block of Huntington Avenue, property from business
6500 block of Potomac Avenue, items from vehicle
6000 block of Richmond Highway, phone from residence

MARCH 25-27

LARCENIES

8400 block of Frye Road, snacks from business
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CRIME

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residence
5800 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from residence
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
6800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
8000 block of Richmond Highway, snacks from business
3700 block of Trigger Court, phone from residence

STOLEN VEHICLES

2600 block of Arlington Drive, Ford

F150
7500 block of Grey Goose Way, 2011 Toyota Sienna
5800 block of North Kings Highway, 2016 Toyota Corolla
6700 block of Richmond Highway, 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe

MARCH 25

LARCENIES

1600 block of Belle View Blvd. Property stolen from a business.
8400 block of Frye Rd. Property stolen from a business.

MARCH 24

LARCENIES

5700 block of Indian Court, bicycles

from residence
7900 block of Richmond Highway, snacks from business

MARCH 23

LARCENIES

6800 block of Richmond Highway, 6300 block of South Kings Highway, merchandise from business

MARCH 22

LARCENIES

7900 block of Fort Hunt Road, liquor from business
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6300 block of South Kings Highway, liquor from business

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Police Undergo New Decision-Making Training

FROM PAGE 1

critical use of force decision-making has been in development since he took charge of the department in July 2013. He sought input from the Washington, D.C.-based policy organization Police Executive Research Forum, visited Police Scotland and worked with the vendor Polis Solutions to craft a plan for the Fairfax County force.

In June 2015, PERF Executive Director Chuck Wexler presented the organization's 71 recommendations at a meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, including changing critical decision-making policy. Many of PERF's suggestions were folded into the 142 recommendations the commission would eventually make to the Board of Supervisors. Those were broken down into categories including use of force, communications and mental health.

"This is a department that wanted to get better," Wexler said at the March 29 meeting. "They embraced the ideas, which are not risk-free."

One reporter asked whether the new model that calls for more factors to be considered before taking forceful action, as well as bringing in a supervising officer, creates a safety concern for officers who otherwise might have been more decisive in less time.

"That's not the reality here," Roessler answered, saying that officers were involved in customizing the training program and that care was taken to ensure the new policy wouldn't be unsafe.

Lieutenant Matt Owens of the Sully Dis-

trict station said he and other officers have been coming into the new training with open minds and "don't feel less safe at all." Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova applauded the "drastic and impressive" development in mindset and thought process of how officers respond to critical situations. "I was very impressed at the speed at which we've been able to implement a culture change," she said.

Supervisor and Public Safety Committee Chair John Cook (R-Braddock) said that while the training is making the role of the police officer more complicated — asking them to be social workers and sociologists, among others — he's excited for the county to be on the "cutting edge" of 21st-century policing.

"In Fairfax County," he said, "we strive to be the best."

Media representatives observed two training modules for officers that were supposed to reflect the policy change. One was a room with a projection on the wall showing a potential scene officers might encounter in the field, such as a suspicious man walking around a suburban neighborhood or a bar fight.

The officers were able to interact with pre-recorded video clips to work through each scenario and decide whether or which type of



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Officers ended up deciding to deploy pepper spray in a virtual scenario where a man posed a threat to himself and others by wielding a chainsaw.

force would be necessary, be it pepper spray, baton, taser or firearm. Practicing communication, before using force, with subjects in context was a key part of the exercise.

Afterward an instructor would review the crucial factors that led to the use of force decision, asking the officers to justify their actions.

Owens called the virtual training "invaluable" for helping keep officers' verbal compliance skills sharp. "It's as close to real life as it gets."

The second module involved officers entering the home of a man who was potentially an "emotionally disturbed person." In the scenario, the man's sister had called police reporting that her brother was suicidal. Upon entering the home, officers saw that the man was sitting on a couch with a large knife close by on an end table.

Officers then practiced moving the knife away and talking the man through his options for evaluation and treatment at the Merrifield health center (or Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board). Instructor Master Police Officer Peter Davila said the exercise was an extension of Crisis Intervention Team training. The goal, he said, is to "mitigate any potential for force, focus on communication, de-escalation and talk to the individual as a human being."

Sex Trafficking Young Victims

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conducted more than 300 interviews with recovered victims: "These are real people. People have no idea sex trafficking takes a physical and psychological toll, and the victims are never the same afterwards. We should be standing up to fight for them."

As he started working the cases he began collaborating with state representatives Tim Hugo and (now U.S. Rep.) Barbara Comstock to increase penalties for sex trafficking in Virginia. "Detective Bill Woolf has been a guardian angel for our children and young adults for many years here in Fairfax County," Comstock said. "His tireless work of exposing the dark, inhumane crime of human trafficking in our community has made our children safer. Detective Woolf has also been relentless in hunting down those who prey on the young and vulnerable in our community."

In addition, Woolf helped create educational materials for schools and the community to increase awareness and provided training for law enforcement. Woolf says after every one of these sessions an officer says to him he thinks he has seen sex trafficking and just didn't

recognize it at the time.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center 2015 statistics report for Virginia show human trafficking reports up from 126 in 2013 (70 of those sex trafficking) to 145 in 2015 (103 of those sex trafficking).

In Northern Virginia there is one detective assigned to human trafficking. "It takes so much time to work one of these cases and it hasn't been a priority," he said. They can be hard to prove "and law enforcement can't arrest and interdict everyone. We're doing a good job with what we have but so much goes undetected."

Sex traffickers pick up teenagers as young as 12 years old at malls, by infiltrating local high schools or recruiting online, Woolf said. The process of scouting and manipulation is gradual and often the victims don't know what is happening until they are trapped.

For his efforts Woolf was named 2012 Gang Investigator of the Year by the Virginia Gang Investigations Association and received the Virginia Attorney General's Award for Excellence.

Former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf worked with Woolf on gang issues when Wolf was chairman of the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce-

State Justice. "Detective Woolf took on very tough issues head on and really made a difference," Wolf said. "His passion, drive and courage have been on display every day." Woolf's human trafficking work had been funded by a two-year Department of Justice Federal grant to establish a task force on human trafficking. The grant had been extended from Sept. 30 but expires April 1 and the Federal funds run out. The police department has agreed to absorb and fund the position. Woolf will be transferred to child exploitation and the county will approve a full-time position to replace the task force that will be filled with a different detective.

Taking over Human Trafficking investigative duties will be Detective John Spata, said Ed O'Carroll, director of FCPD Public Affairs Bureau. "Detectives Woolf and Spata are working together on the upcoming transition to ensure that the change is seamless," O'Carroll said.

If community members have something to report suspected concerning human trafficking, they should call 703-691-2131. The responding police officers can forward a case to Spata, who can be reached at 703-246-7800.

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ONGOING

The Mount Vernon Estate has released "The Winter Patriots," a video presentation about George Washington crossing the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776. Buy the film for \$4.99 or rent for \$2.99 at mountvernon.org/winterpatriots.

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?" Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

Band musicians are invited to join the Mount Vernon Community Band. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mvbands.com.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

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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.

SUPPORT GROUP

Family Support Group. 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nga Nguyen at 703-799-2726, TTY 711.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

NEXUS 2016 Conference. 1-9 p.m. at Fairfax County Schools, Virginia Hills Center, 6500 Diana Lane, Alexandria. NEXUS 2016 Conference: Succeeding Together and Celebrating Partnerships is sponsored by the Advisory Board of the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health Center whose mission focuses on the mental health of children, youth and their families. The conference brings together the community with professionals to focus on coordinated systems of mental health care and court services available for children and youth, and includes a NIH/NIDA speaker describing the impact of drugs on the adolescent brain. Free and open to the public. Includes a complimentary Roy Rogers sandwich/salad dinner. Contact lainge.bailey@earthlink.net to review the full program and register.

Joint Networking Event. 5:30-7:30 at Embassy Suites, 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Join Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and NexCo Kingstowne for a spring networking event. Bring plenty of business cards. Free for members of the three organizations, \$10 for guests. Contact Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce 703-360-6925 or visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 1-2

Children's Consignment Sale. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Make some extra cash by selling children's outgrown (but in good condition) clothes, equipment/toys, and maternity wear while helping other parents outfit their growing children. Sellers receive 60 percent of the sales price (seller determined) and the UMW receives 40 percent to support local and national charities. Donations also welcome. Call 703-329-9327 or email CUMC.UMW.CCS@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Richmond Legislative Wrap-Up. 2-4 p.m. at Virginia International University, Conference Room VD-102, 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor a Richmond Legislative Wrap-Up hosted by the Virginia International University. Northern Virginia legislators will discuss safety net issues. Hear from state legislators what happened regarding the successes and challenges of the 2016 General Assembly. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. Visit www.S-A-L-T.org or contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or Dr. Klara Bilgin

at kbilgin@viu.edu.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Meet a Police Officer. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. A Fairfax County Police officer will speak at the MOMS Club of Alexandria South monthly meeting. Children of all ages are welcome at the meeting. MOMS Club of Alexandria South serves at-home parents as well as parents who work part-time or have home-based businesses and who reside in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307. Free. Email southalexmomms@yahoo.com or visit southalexandriamomsclub.wes.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

Marketing in a Hyper-Digital World. 8:30-10 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway. Learn to enhance a business' online and social media presence. Emily Paterson is a successful entrepreneur who specializes in search engine optimization and content creation for small businesses. The event will kick off with the "One Degree Ice Breaker," a speed-networking session. Sponsored by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. Call 703-360-5008, email info@sfdc.org or visit www.sfdc.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Car "Boot" Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. St. Luke's is hosting a British style car boot sale. It is similar to a yard sale but items are sold from the trunk or "boot" of the car. Sellers: \$20 to rent a parking spot. Free to attend, open to the public. Contact Dawn McMillin at mcmillin23@cox.net pr 703-780-9418.

TUESDAY/APRIL 12

Chamber Open House. 8-9 a.m. at Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Office, 6821 Richmond Highway. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house for local businesses. Meet Chamber officers and hear how the Chamber benefits businesses and the community. Call 703-360-6925.

THURSDAY/APRIL 14

Economic Outlook 2016. 8-11:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Current information on trends in the local economy will be presented by experts in economics, real estate, and local development. Economic Outlook 2016 is a joint event of the Chamber and Southeast Fairfax Development Corp. \$35 per person until March 31, \$45 after. Buffet breakfast and Exhibit Hall at 8 a.m., program runs from 9-11:30 a.m. Visit mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Potomac Watershed Cleanup. 9 a.m. Join in the annual regional watershed cleanup with more than 500 sites across the watershed. For details on cleanup sites, visit www.fergusonfoundation.org.

MONDAY/MAY 2

Scholarship Application Deadline. Midnight. Applications are now available for the 2016 Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Scholarships. Graduating seniors planning to pursue further education in a business related field are encouraged to apply for a \$2,000

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OPINION

Money to Treat Addiction, Mental Health Issues

Affordable Care Act could pay for help, better health for 100,000 uninsured people in Virginia with mental illness or addiction issues.

Poor people without health insurance in Virginia are being unnecessarily tortured, in some cases to death, by a General Assembly that refuses to expand Medicaid. They deny healthcare to as many as 400,00 Virginians despite the fact that for the first three years, there would be no additional cost to the Commonwealth, and after that Feds would pay at least 90 percent of the cost.

A new report released on Monday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services points to an area beyond preventative medicine and primary care. According to the report, in Virginia, 102,000 uninsured people with a mental illness or substance use disorder could qualify for coverage if Medicaid were expanded under the Affordable Care Act. The report estimates that more than a third of low income people in Virginia without health insurance have "behavioral health" needs.

As Virginia and the rest of the nation wrestles with huge growth in heroin and opioid addiction, expanding Medicaid would allow for expanding treatment programs. One of the big

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obstacles to helping people who are fighting addiction is the availability of treatment when it is most needed. People die as a result. In Northern Virginia, heroin-related deaths increased 164 percent between 2011 and 2013. In Fairfax County, in just one year – from 2013 to 2014 – the number of deaths from heroin overdose doubled. Virginia is one of 14 states identified in a recent Centers for Disease Control reports with significant increases in overdose deaths in the last few years. Nationally, heroin overdose death rates increased by 26 percent from 2013 to 2014 and have more than tripled since 2010, according to the CDC. A mind boggling statistic: In 2014, there were approximately one-and-a-half times more drug overdose deaths in the United States than deaths from motor vehicle crashes.

Turning away resources to treat this eviscerating epidemic ensures that some people who need treatment but cannot access it will die. Turning away this money makes no more sense than sending back federal funding for building rail to Dulles.

Depression and other mental health disorders result in significant economic cost as well. This week's HHS report estimates that if Virginia expanded Medicaid, 16,000 fewer individuals would experience symptoms of depression, which would make them far more likely to be able to work.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states have the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage to individuals with family incomes at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

Get Involved, Budget

Next week, Fairfax County residents will have three opportunities to weigh in on what has so far been a fairly contentious budget season.

Sign up to attend a public hearing at the Fairfax County Government Center on the proposed FY 2017 Budget:

- ❖ April 5, beginning at 4 p.m.
- ❖ April 6, beginning at 1 p.m.
- ❖ April 7, beginning at 1 p.m.

Email your feedback and comments to dmbinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov through mid-April, be sure to copy the Connection to have your comments be considered as a letter to the editor, editors@connectionnewspapers.com,

More information on the budget, and a link to sign up to speak can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/many-ways-to-provide-your-input-on-the-fy-2017-budget/>.

Proffer and Firearms Reforms

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

In the past two weeks, I reviewed action on my legislation and the state budget. This column covers some of the major bills to pass the state legislature.

We passed legislation to reform

the proffer process for residential rezoning. Many localities have abused the process by requiring builders to make flat cash payments as high as \$40,000 per home instead of improvements linked to increase infrastructure demands created by a specific rezoning. This practice abuses the intent underlying the proffer process, drives up the cost of housing and lacks any meaningful accountability in Virginia's courts.

Going forward, for rezonings, proffers must be tied to an infrastructure impact specifically caused by the proposed development. Additionally, the law completely excludes commercial rezonings and at the request of Fairfax County, excludes rezonings in tax districts servicing Metro stations and land zoned for higher densities adjacent to transit facilities — e.g. most of Route 1. These changes will incentivize local governments to zone future development as mixed-use, higher-density, "smart growth" instead of more sprawl.

We also passed the first significant firearm legislation in a decade. First, Virginia will give universal reciprocity to out-of-state, concealed weapon permits, unfortunately, even if you are legally prohibited from obtaining such a permit in Virginia. We also passed legislation requiring people subject to protective orders to turn in their weapons within 24 hours and to require a State Police presence at all gun shows to conduct voluntary background checks upon request.

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We passed legislation requiring execution by electric chair if lethal injection drugs are unavailable with little transparency or accountability on the drug procurement process. The last two state supreme courts to review this method, Georgia and Nebraska, found that the electric chair is unconstitutional torture and it has been repealed by 85 percent of states formerly allowing it. I am urging Governor McAuliffe to veto the bill.

We passed the first legal framework in the United States to regulate fantasy sports. We also approved significant tolling reforms so that no tolls can be imposed on Virginia roads without legislative approval and private toll road operators cannot sue first-time offenders for more than \$2,100. We passed a framework to start the widening of Interstate 66.

Finally, a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Virginia created a major conflict. The General Assembly refused to elect former

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Snapshot

The Glean girls on Easter Sunday: Lydia, 12; Elizabeth, 10; Sarah Jane, 7; and Hannah Marie, 4.

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The Veto Update

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



Rejoice! The season of Governor's vetoes are upon us. With the Democrats picking up enough seats to sustain Gov. Terry McAuliffe's vetoes, we are finally able to prevent some poorly-considered legislation from becoming law.

Last week, the Governor rejected legislation that would prohibit localities from making their own decisions to improve wage and benefit conditions. A number of localities have wage policies that allow the employees of contractors performing services for those localities to generate enough income to allow them to live and raise a family in the area.

I agree with the Governor that companies not inclined to participate at these wage levels need not contract with the localities. House Bill 1371 would undermine these laudable policies to no apparent advantage.

This legislation attempts to restrict wage growth and impedes future labor agreements. I will vote to uphold the Governor's veto because Virginia's efforts should be focused on increasing wages, which will improve the lives of our families and aid our efforts to build a new Virginia economy, rather than placing artificial restrictions on their future growth.

The Governor also vetoed a bill requiring voter registrars to reject registration applications submitted by qualified Virginians.

The Voting Rights Act expressly prohibits denying applications for omissions that are not material to determining voter eligibility. Under 52 U.S.C. § 10101(a)(2)(B), "[n]o person acting under color of law shall deny the right of any individual to vote in any election because of an error or omission on any record or paper relating to any application, registration, or other act requisite to voting, if such error or omission is not

material to determining whether such individual is qualified under State law to vote in such election."

House Bill 9 would require the automatic denial of certain eligible Virginians and all applicants who fail to check a box indicating that she or he will be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election. The checkbox is not material to determining whether the applicant meets the age requirements to register to vote because the applicant is already required to provide his or her date of birth.

Government works best when as many citizens have a voice in our democracy as possible. We should be seeking ways to make it easier for qualified Virginians to participate in elections, not disenfranchising them over technicalities.

Finally, I fully support the Governor's critically important veto of House Bill 1090, that would prevent equal access to health care for women through defunding Planned Parenthood, which provides critical health care services, including access to contraception and screening and treating sexually transmitted infections.

I intend to stand with the Governor in all his vetoes of these bad bills.

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Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Jane Roush to a full-term. This is the first time in 115 years and 33 recess vacancies that the legislature has refused to elect a gubernatorial appointee. While the newly-elected justice, Stephen McCullough, is qualified, I am deeply concerned that the legislature's action will

discourage future qualified judges from accepting recess appointments. Also, it has unduly politicized the judiciary.

We will reconvene in two weeks to consider the Governor's amendments to or vetoes of our legislation. It is an honor to serve as your state senator. Please email your feedback at scott@scottsuovell.org.

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local scholarship. Students may apply online at www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html or call 703-360-6925 to request an application.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Love boating and have interest in giving back to the community? Learn more about the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, the civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard. The Auxiliary is built on four cornerstones: Member Services, Recreational Boating Safety, Operations, Marine Safety, and Fellowship. The Auxiliary will begin training staff for the upcoming 2016 boating season. All ages are welcome. Email Flotilla2508@gmail.com.

The **Advisory Board of the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center** for mental health is looking for volunteers. The board meets the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Gartlan Center 8119 Holland Road.

United Community Ministries seeks volunteers to act as food pantry assistants, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office admin/data entry, community outreach, ESL teachers and co-teachers, and teacher aides. Visit www.ucmagency.org/volunteer-at-ucm.html.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a volunteer to maintain a fish aquarium upkeep and instructors for the following classes: Basic Guitar, Italian, Pottery and Ballroom Dance. Call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** in Alexandria needs a licensed beautician, a social companion and a Spanish-speaking social companion. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions under "Get Involved."

Mount Vernon At Home is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers

are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores, home technology and more. No minimum number of volunteer hours required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or email info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.

Coast Guard Auxiliary, the civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard, focuses on member services, recreational boating safety, operations, marine safety, and fellowship. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 17 years of age to join the USCG Auxiliary. All ages are welcome. Visit <http://www.uscgaux.info/?unit=054-25-08>.

Volunteer Advocates for Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residents needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/, or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5861.

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All City High School Visual Art Exhibition. Through April 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Convergence presents the “Alexandria City High School Art Exhibit,” a joint effort between Bishop Ireton High School, Episcopal High School, St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, and T.C. Williams High School. In an effort to recognize and encourage the creative pursuits of visual art students from across the city, art teachers from each of the four schools have collaborated in what they hope will be an annual event. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

Art Exhibit: “Art into Fashion/ Fashion into Art.” Through April 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fiber artists explore art inspired by fashion designers and fashionable wearables inspired by artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Georgia Nassikas: “Oils and Encaustics.” Through April 24, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 12-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. In her wax and oil paintings, artist Nassikas explores the intersection of the abstract and the representational. She focuses on the elemental lines, shapes, and colors at the core of nature. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Art Exhibit: “It’s Black and White!” Through April 24, Gallery hours at The Associates Gallery (TAG), 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery will feature two member artists in “It’s Black and White!” in a complementary scheme of black and white rendered in two-dimensional and three-dimensional work. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through April 24, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. Ethiopian artist Daniel Taye will display his art. Taye is known for landscape, abstract and figurative work. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

DASH for the STASH. Through May 15. Learn about investing with DASH for the STASH, an investor education contest hosted by the Alexandria Library. Read four game posters at any Alexandria Library location, get a quiz question related to each, and submit your answers to have a chance at winning a \$1,000 retirement investment. Game posters are on display at all Alexandria Library locations. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Art Exhibit: “Partnerships.” Through May 15, business hours at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. All artwork is available for purchase through Del Ray Artisans. Artists are donating 20 percent of the purchase price of sold pieces in an equal split between Del Ray Artisans and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital’s charity of choice, Veterans Moving Forward. Free. Call 703-751-2022 for more.

“Who The Wounded Are.” Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. “Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital” is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria

and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, “Mercy Street.” Tickets are \$2-12. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/forward.

Alexandria’s Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen’s Cemetery. Through March, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen’s Cemetery, its rediscovery and how



Above: “Night Glow,” Fritz Desroches, left: “Laughing Queen,” oil on canvas with artist made frame, Teresa Oaxaca.

‘Misfits’ Follows ‘Caribbean – How Beautiful’

Haitian American artist Fritz Desroches uses acrylic paintings to show vibrant examples of both daily activities and traditional elements of Haitian art. His solo exhibit, “The Caribbean – How Beautiful,” will be featured in The Art League Gallery through April 3. On April 6, Teresa Oaxaca’s solo exhibit “Misfits” will open. The modern master poses 21st Century individuals in Victorian and Baroque costumes, paired with dolls, bones, teacups, fresh flowers, and masks. The exhibit will hang through May 1. Both exhibits are free. Visit www.thehartleague.org for more.

the new Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W.

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

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame-USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered will the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

ENTERTAINMENT



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Fort Ward Presents 'Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier'

Learn about surgical procedures and medical care of the Civil War period at a special living history program at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site on Saturday, April 23. The event is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is free. The program will be presented by Civil War medical historian and living history interpreter Von Barron, who will portray a regimental surgeon in a field hospital setting that features a variety of medical tools and equipment of the era. Visitors can also meet Civil War African American nurse Susie King Taylor, who will be portrayed by Heather Butts, author of the book "African-American Medicine in Washington, D.C.: Healing the Capital during the Civil War Era." Visit www.forward.org for more.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monacoalexandria.com for more.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Starting April 7. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Admission: one-way \$20; round-trip \$25 Monday-Thursday; round-trip \$28 Friday-Sunday. Visit www.baseballboat.com for more.

Historic Alexandria Attics and Alleys Tours. Saturdays, May-October, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attics and Alleys is a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers 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.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

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 and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray

Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

"Celebrating Poetry in Alexandria." 7 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. To kick-off National Poetry Month and to acknowledge Tori Lane Kovarik's contributions to the Alexandria community, Kovarik will read a selection of her works and works of others. This will be her last official reading as Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria and before leaving the Alexandria area. Free. Call 703-746-5565 for more.

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary invites the community to a concert. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

First Friday: "Fools' Day Merriment." 6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Guests are invited to dress in silly clothes, listen to music and jokes and more. Advance per person reservations: \$5 residents; \$10 nonresidents. At door: \$10 residents; \$15 nonresidents. To pay online (455205.01): www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac.

Reception: All City High School Visual Art Exhibition. 7-9 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Convergence presents the "Alexandria City High School Art Exhibit," a joint effort between Bishop Ireton High School, Episcopal High School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and T.C. Williams High School. In an effort to recognize and encourage the creative pursuits of visual art students from across the

city, art teachers from the four schools have collaborated. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-2

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Buy or sell children's clothes. Free to attend. Call 703-329-9327.

APRIL 1-27

Broadway Gallery April Artist Showcase. Gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Featured will be the pastel and mixed media paintings of local artist, Lynn Goldstein. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

APRIL 1-MAY 1

Exhibit: "Creatures from the Sea." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans interpret real and imagined "Creatures from the Sea." Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

RecExpo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lee Center Complex, 1108 Jefferson St. Wish you could test out a program before registering? Take part in free demos and clinics, meet instructors and center staff to get any questions answered, and register for programs and camps on-site. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/C/12530.

Fort Hunt Preschool Touch a Truck. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Children are invited to get up close and personal with buses, trucks, and fire engines. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com.

Circles & Pastels: Draw Like Kadinsky. 1-2:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Parent and children are invited to learn simple art techniques inspired by Master artist Wassily Kadinsky. The workshop fee is \$30 for a parent and child. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Children's Cherry Blossom Festival.

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Visitors can hear a story, try their hand at origami and chopsticks, paint a Japanese style lantern, and seek out beautiful cherry trees on a cherry tree hunt. Admission is free, craft tickets are \$10 each. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

UCM Spring Gala. 6 p.m. at the United States Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. United Community Ministries will host a "Viva Las Vegas" themed benefit. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

Joe Crookston. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Singer-songwriter Joe Crookston performs. Tickets are \$18, \$15 in advance and for members. Call 703-380-3151 for more.

Magi-Whirl 2016. 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. This five-act magic show will benefit the Bishop Ireton Theatre Department. Tickets are \$17, \$15 for students 14 and under and seniors 65 and over, \$55 for a family pack of four, and free for military in uniform. Visit www.familymagicshow.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 2-3

Lushness & Lyrical. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Jenny Oaks Baker headlines a program of classics telling tales of fancy, fairies and fantasy. Tickets are \$20-80, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth. Visit www.alexssym.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Bagels and Bach. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Enjoy classical music while your children learn how to appreciate it. Light brunch provided. Tickets are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents, and free for children under five. To register online, visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac and use 455208-01 code to register.

Eyewitness to Space. 1 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Resident artist James Dean (Studio 306) leads a free public conversation on how he began the NASA Art Program. Free, but RSVP is required. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

APRIL 3-30

Art Exhibit: "The Shape of Water." Gallery hours at Sonoma Cellar, 207 King St. "The Shape of Water" features paintings by Oenone Hammersley. Free. Visit www.oenonehammersley.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 5

Creative Exploration Open Studio. 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Children and parents are invited to learn simple art techniques together. Each workshop is \$30 for parent/caregiver and child. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Reel Paddling Film Festival. 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Northern Forest Canoe Trail is hosting Rapid Media's Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour on April 6 at The Lyceum in Alexandria. The award-winning films tell stories about canoeing and kayaking. Tickets are \$15, \$12 in advance and for students. Visit www.reelpaddlingfilmfestival.com.

APRIL 6-MAY 1

Art Exhibit: "Misfits." Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Teresa Oaxaca's latest paintings blend together portraiture and still life in elaborate, tightly cropped compositions. The modern master poses 21st Century individuals in Victorian and Baroque costumes, paired with dolls, bones, teacups, fresh flowers, and masks. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

First Thursday: Hats Along the Ave. 6-9 p.m. along Mount Vernon Ave. The April 7 First Thursday features music from Mars Rodeo (at the Farmers Market Lot), a hat parade, photo booth by Meghan LaPrairie, discounts for showing off hats at select local businesses, and more. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

Opening Reception: "The Shape of Water." 6-7:30 p.m. at Sonoma Cellar, 207 King St. "The Shape of Water" features paintings by Oenone Hammersley. Find a wine tasting and an appetizer. Free. Visit www.oenonehammersley.com.

Materialized Magic. 6-9 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery hosts Ericka Cleveland and Stacy Cantrell's CRAVE-sponsored "Materialized Magic" community art project. The meet-up provides free lessons in crocheting, knitting, and felting. Participants help create a magical Yarn Bomb habitat and also have a chance to be featured with the key artists in a culminating display. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Opening Reception: "Misfits." 6:30-8 p.m. at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Celebrate artist Teresa Oaxaca. Free. Visit

www.theartleague.org for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 8

An Evening in the French Quarter. 7 p.m. at Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. The annual Fostering the Future Gala benefits the Fund for Alexandria's Children. Tickets are \$75, adults only. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/TheFundForAlexChild.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 8-9

Spring Garden Market. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. members meeting Friday, 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday at American Horticultural Society's headquarters at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. This year's Spring Garden Market at River Farm in Alexandria will feature a variety of plant and garden-related vendors, demonstrations, kids activities, and more. More than 30 vendors from across the Mid-Atlantic region will offer a large selection of edible and flowering plants, as well as garden art, tools, and other accessories. Parking is \$5, admission is free. Visit www.ahs.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Alexandria's African American Civil War History. 10-11 a.m. at Alexandria Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, 1001 S. Washington St. Join City Archaeologist Fran Bromberg and Alexandria Black History Museum Director Audrey Davis as you learn about the history of contrabands (escaped slaves) buried in the cemetery, the fascinating archaeology behind its rediscovery, and how the site became a memorial. Free. Call 703-746-4399 or 703-746-4356 to make a reservation.

Braddock Day. 12-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Learn more about the French and Indian War. Meet "General Braddock" and meet costumed interpreters. Tickets are free, \$1 suggested donation. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Lecture: "What a Photograph Tells Us." 2-3 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Learn how Charles Joyce traced the history of Francis Snow's historical photograph of United States Colored Troops (USCT) at L'Ouverture Hospital in Alexandria. Images of USCT soldiers are uncommon, and remarkably, each man is identified on the back of this albumen photograph. These names provide an unusual opportunity to determine what happened to the men after the Civil War. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for reservations.

Transforming Lives Gala. 6-11 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400

Courthouse Square. Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services holds its annual fundraiser featuring silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and more. Tickets are \$200. Visit www.goodhousing.org for more.

12th Annual Rum Punch Challenge. 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy different rum punch creations from local distilleries, restaurants and caterers and vote for your favorite. Also find period and modern food. Tickets are \$50, VIP tickets are \$100. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

The Walkers. 10:45 a.m. at Church of God of Prophecy, 6409 Telegraph Road. The Walkers is a southern gospel trio with more than 20 years of experience in performing and ministering Their music combines country, southern gospel, and contemporary. Free. Visit www.tatemusicgroup.com/epk/artist/12491 for more.

Madame Butterfly Program. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Attend a Japanese-themed tea at the Madame Butterfly program built around the short story that influenced Puccini's opera of the same name. Discover the prevailing attitudes that brought these characters together in Japan and the "temporary wives" who became real-life "Butterflies." Tickets are \$42, \$12 for the program alone. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Spring Forward. 5-8 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. program includes Philadelphia international recording artist The Intruders, live auction (bid for a stay in a country home outside of Paris, a Cancun villa that sleeps 8 and more) to benefit Community Lodgings. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, \$40 for guests under 40. Visit www.communitylodgings.org.

Art + Architecture Panel Discussion. 6-8 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. For Virginia Architecture Week the Torpedo Factory Art Center will co-host a special reception and panel discussion with the American Institute of Architects Northern Virginia. The program focuses on the relationships between art and architecture. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Pohick Church Coffeehouse. 6-8 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Pohick Church Episcopal Youth Community will present an evening of entertainment, snacks, coffee and hot chocolate. Performers will include youth, adults and local musicians. The event is free, but

donations are accepted. Proceeds go toward the Senior High Summer Mission Trip. Contact Rusty Booth at 703-339-6572 or rusty@pohick.org.

APRIL 10-16

Exhibit: "Intersection of Art and Architecture." Gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. For National Architecture Week, the American Institute of Architects will have a display in the main hall featuring architectural designs created by institute members. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 12

Creative Exploration Open Studio. 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Children and parents are invited to learn simple art techniques together. Each workshop is \$30 for parent/caregiver and child. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/.

Workshop on Planting and Using Herbs. 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Participants will learn the elements of an herb garden, tips for successful planting and how to use herbs they've grown. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 14

Gardening with Wildlife in Mind. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find out about habitat gardening, and how it incorporates the birds, bees, pollinators and so many others — all of course with native plants. Free. Visit www.vnps.org/potowmack/events for more.

The Church. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Church will perform two full sets. The first will feature The Church's classic second album — "The Blurred Crusade." The second set will consist of selections from the band's new album "Further/Deeper" along with other classic tracks. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 14-16

Save Our Ship Tours. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every 30 minutes. Special behind-the-scenes tours are being offered of our 18th-century ship, before it is moved to a conservation facility. Reservations required, \$10 suggested donation. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov/SelectEvent.aspx.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 15-16

"Guys and Dolls." 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old

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ENTERTAINMENT



Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Pictured here: Charles Butler's "Faster." The exhibit will hang May 6-29. The opening reception will be held on May 6 at 7 p.m. Del Ray Artists is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theatre students perform the musical "Guys and Dolls." Tickets are \$7 for students, \$8 for seniors, military, and Mount Vernon High staff, and \$10 for everyone else. Visit www.mvhschooltheatrearts.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Fashion Show Luncheon. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Event begins with shopping and silent auction followed by buffet, fashion shows, and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.aldersgate.net for more.

Huntley Farm Day. 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Find baby animals from Frying Pan Park, homemade ice cream, story-telling, and re-enactors. This prominent farming family owned Historic Huntley from 1868-1946. Tour the house, and stop by the various information stations highlighting local farming history, such as the Woodlawn Agricultural Society and Green Spring Gardens. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Call 703-768-2525 for more.

APRIL 16-MAY 29

Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now." Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Kellner's site-responsive Paintings in Space use the room as a canvas. She creates organic, ethereal forms from silk. Viewers experience the intimacy of being absorbed with a room-sized painting. This is the first exhibition as part of the Target Gallery's New Media Invitational and is funded, in part, by March150 participants. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 19

Creative Exploration Open Studio. 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Children and parents are invited to learn simple art techniques together. Each workshop is \$30 for parent/caregiver and child. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/.

Genealogy and Maps. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Tracking five generations of a family as it migrates across the country, genealogist Sharon Cook MacInnes, Ph.D., talks about using maps to locate ancestors, track migrations, reveal family relationships, and uncover historical context. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 20

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. All Wheel Jive will provide the music. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 22

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chiquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

"Phantom of the Opera." 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. Watch the restored 1929 silent horror masterpiece "The Phantom of the Opera" with live improvisation by acclaimed organist Dorothy Papadokos. Not for children younger than 10. Free. Visit www.vts.edu for more.

Concertos by Mozart. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. The Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra will be joined by hornist Tim Huizenga, clarinetist Parker Gaimas and pianist John McCrary. Each will perform a concerto by Mozart. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-998-6100 Ext: 103.

SATURDAY/APRIL 23

Carlyle House Herb & Craft Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Stock up on herbs and other plants grown in

Mount Vernon greenhouses. Check out the selection of items offered by local artisans and crafters. Browse through gently used coffee-table, children's and audio books. Enjoy performances by local musicians. This event is free, however admission to the Carlyle House museum is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

83rd Annual Alexandria Historic Homes & Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria. Celebrating the 83rd anniversary of Historic Garden Week in Virginia, this tour features privately owned Old Town homes and gardens plus historic properties like the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park and George Washington's Mount Vernon. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 day of, \$25 for single-site tours. Visit www.vagardenweek.org for more.

Civil War Medicine Living History. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will sponsor a Civil War medical living history program presented by Civil War medical historian and interpreter Von Barron, who portrays U.S. Army Regimental Surgeon Captain Turner Kitt in a field hospital setting that features a variety of medical tools and equipment of the era. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

Screening: "An American in Paris." 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch 1951 Gene Kelly musical. Free. Visit www.alexsym.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 24

Annual George Washington Parkway Classic. 8 a.m. at Old Town Alexandria, starting places vary. This course, with lush scenery and river views, takes runners down the George Washington Parkway and through the iconic brick buildings lining the streets of Alexandria. Registration is \$10-80. Visit www.RunPacers.com/race/parkway-classic.

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Bank Day students meet Burke & Herbert Bank Chairman & CEO E. Hunt Burke. From left are Micala Gimenez (Osborn Park HS, Manassas); CaiLynn Birts (Mt. Vernon HS); Nisan Shretha (Hayfield HS); Mr. Burke; Olivia Ireland (West Potomac HS); Jordan Randle (St. Agnes/St. Stephens School, Alexandria); Yasmin Azam (Robinson Secondary); Melisa Dag (Lake Braddock Secondary); and Doriana Lichter (W.T. Woodson HS).

Students Participate in Bank Day

Virginia high school seniors from eight schools across the area spent March 16 at Burke & Herbert Bank as part of Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the Virginia Bankers Association Leadership Division. The purpose of the day is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, financial services and the vital role a bank plays in its community.

From their experience, participating students will write an essay for the chance to win a scholarship. Six regional scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded, and from those six winners an overall statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide winner

will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship and receive \$7,500 in total. There will also be six honorable mention scholarships of \$1,000 each. In all, 12 students will receive scholarships totaling \$26,000.

During their visit, the students visited with lenders to learn about the loan process, the importance of good credit, and the profile of a qualified borrower. They toured a branch and learned about the daily functions of a branch manager. They learned about Burke & Herbert Bank's involvement in the community and the importance of a bank in the vitality of its local community. Chairman & Chief Executive Officer E. Hunt Burke shared his experience and a few stories with the students from the Bank's 163-year local history.



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From left are Gordon and Anita Murchie; Sharon Timmons; Ellen McMichael; Bonnie Christ; Aaron Volbrecht, general manager of MTVAC; Melissa Huffman; Lori Powell, regional manager of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation; and Maggie Carragher, Foundation Development Officer with Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; and Deb Oelschlager

MTVAC Presents Check to Inova

Mount Vernon Athletic Club (MTVAC), Alexandria area fitness and tennis club, donated the money that was raised during its 10th Annual "Swing for Pink" tennis charity event held every October during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since 2006, the club has been hosting this event and has raised over \$124,000 for the cause. The funds raised by Swing for Pink are used in the local community; specifically at the Breast Care Institute at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center. Funds go directly to families who are fighting the disease and are seeking care.

The charity event was open to the public and included a tennis round robin, a silent auction, dinner, wine tasting, and more. In addition to event sponsor, Joan Van Metre, and host sponsor, Kihomac,

Inc., major sponsors included: The Carol Farquhar Family, Blue Chip Tennis Academy, Rex Reiley of Re-Max Allegiance Group, and Dr. Brian Bodnar of Bodnar Chiropractic.

MTVC gave special appreciation to Gordon and Anita Murchie and the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association (aswawines.org) for all their support over the past 10 years. They provide the wines and personally oversee the wine tasting portion of the evening and to member Stephanie Melvin of Wisteria who provided flowers/arrangements for the evening event.

MTVAC, which provides tennis programs, also offers a fitness facility, exercise classes, personal training and an onsite Wellness Spa. Mount Vernon Athletic Club is located at 7950 Audubon Avenue in southern Alexandria. See www.mtvac.net.

Clearing English Ivy

Thirteen volunteers, including five teenagers, cut English ivy from the large oak trees in McCutcheon Park on March 19. They worked to stop the ivy from climbing, which is when it produces seeds.

Trees are not prepared to deal with moisture retained on bark by the ivy. The moisture makes trees vulnerable to fungal disease. If the ivy overtakes the tree, it prevents it from getting sunlight.

Lee District Tree Commissioner Jessica Bowser and Mt. Vernon District Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley are partnering with Fairfax County's Urban Forest Management Division to increase the urban forest canopy in the Route 1 corridor. They hope to collaborate with the Embark Study Group and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corpora-



Lee District Tree Commissioner Jessica Bowser (left) and Mt. Vernon District Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley during the ivy trimming project.

tion to plan tree-lined streets, pocket parks, and open spaces that attract people and promote business.



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"What would you do with \$100?" When asked this question at his Belle View Elementary School, 7-year-old Steve Guch of Alexandria said he would "give all of the money to charity." His father was so impressed by his answer that he gave his son \$100 and offered to match the donation. Steve decided to give the money to United Community Ministries (UCM) for families and children in need. Dropping off their donations at UCM on March 4 are (from left) Ian Guch with son Steve, and Herb Lea, UCM director of Business Operations.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Kelsey Noggle graduated from The University of Findlay (Findlay, Ohio) in December 2015.

Noggle received a degree of doctor of physical therapy.

John Mulberger, of Alexandria, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus (Madison, N.J.) has been named to the honors list for the fall 2015 semester.

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SPORTS

West Potomac Baseball Struggling at the Plate

Wolverines drop four of their first six games.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Following the West Potomac baseball team's fourth loss in its first six games, head coach Jim Sullivan touched on an area in which the Wolverines have struggled.

"We're just not hitting yet," he said. "Anybody who can throw strikes and throw more than just a fastball for a strike is giving us trouble right now."

On Monday night, it was Washington-Lee sophomore Ryan Edelstein's turn to give West Potomac a hard time.

Edelstein, the Generals' No. 3 starting pitcher, allowed seven hits over six innings and Washington-Lee defeated West Potomac 5-4 on March 28 in Alexandria.

Edelstein held the Wolverines to one run in five innings before running into trouble in the sixth, when West Potomac tied the score at 4 with a three-run frame.

The Generals scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the top of the seventh, and W-L senior Noah Winslow closed out the game with a scoreless inning of relief.

Edelstein earned the win, allowing four earned runs in six innings. He walked two and struck out three.

"Ryan Edelstein did a good job, I thought," W-L head coach Doug Grove said. "He throws slow, and slower, and then his fastball jumps on them. ... He throws a lot of strikes. He's about 75 percent strikes ... so far and he can throw three pitches for strikes: his fastball, change and curve ball."

What was Edelstein's approach? "I was just trying to go at them," he said. "My curve ball was pretty good today and I was able to get it over for strikes. ... I had pretty good fastball command today. I



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Brandon Floyd pitched two innings for West Potomac on Monday and went 2-for-3 at the plate with a home run and three RBIs.

was running a two-seamer on the [corner] and that worked pretty well."

Edelstein allowed just three hits in the first five innings, one of which was a solo home run by West Potomac pitcher/third baseman Brandon Floyd in the second inning.

The Wolverines produced four hits in the sixth inning, including an RBI single by left fielder Patrick Aitken and a two-run single by Floyd, but it wasn't enough.

Floyd said the Wolverines' approach at the plate was flawed.

"I think a lot of us were too eager to hit [Edelstein's pitches] because of how slow [they were] — no disrespect to him; he was throwing really good," Floyd said. "But we were too eager to try to hit the long ball or try to hit it hard somewhere instead of [taking] the (patient) approach and wait on his slow curveball and his fastball."

Winslow (Lynchburg) picked up the save for W-L, allowing one hit in a scoreless seventh inning.

Washington-Lee took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second with RBI singles from center fielder Chris Brady and left fielder Foster Gray.

The Generals led 2-1 entering the sixth inning before extending their lead to three runs with RBI doubles by shortstop Andy Collins and third baseman Will Stengle.

Collins and Stengle each had

two hits for W-L.

The loss dropped West Potomac's record to 2-4. The Wolverines' four losses were by a combined seven runs.

"So far, it's a very depressing season because I expect a lot more out of this team," Sullivan said. "We've got to hit. If we can't hit, I don't care how good our pitching is because our defense isn't perfect."

While West Potomac is off to a slow start, the Wolverines have the talent to turn things around.

Floyd, who will play at Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania, had a big night at the plate against W-L, going 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. He also pitched the first two innings for West Potomac, allowing two runs on four hits.

"We expected good things out of him, but so far he's been a real bright spot," Sullivan said. "He's hit two home runs in the last two games and pitched real strong. ... He's really looking good so far. I hope he can keep it up."

Senior pitcher/infielder/outfielder Jamie Sara can hit for power and will play at William & Mary.

"I think his expectations of himself are even higher than our expectations are of him," Sullivan said. "He's a hell of an athlete."

Junior shortstop/pitcher Luke Belanger batted leadoff on Monday and played solid defense.

"We count on Luke for an awful lot," Sullivan said. "Unfortunately, he can't play shortstop and pitch at the same time. It seems like every time he's pitching, there's a ball hit to shortstop. ... He's a superstar player, great kid; he might be pressing a little bit right now, trying to do everything on his own. We're expecting a lot out of him."

West Potomac faced T.C. Williams on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. The Wolverines will travel to face Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1 and will host Lake Braddock at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5.



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Boys' Lacrosse

Junior attackman Sammy Entabi and the West Potomac boys' lacrosse team lost to T.C. Williams 15-11 on Tuesday night at Minnie Howard. The Wolverines (2-1) will host Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 1.



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At Polar Bear Regatta

The Mount Vernon women's first four started their season off with a third-place finish at the Polar Bear Regatta on Saturday, March 26. Pictured from left: Abby Huffman, Rebecca Deville, Faby Velasquez (coxswain), Olivia Roper and Barbara Smith.

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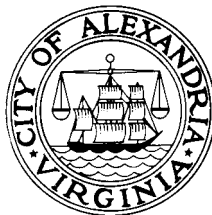
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ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY

A public hearing on the 2017 ATC Transit Development Program and budget will be held on April 13, 2016, at 5:30 P. M., in Room 2410, City Council Workroom, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Proposed changes under consideration are:

1. No increase in the DASH base fare; the price of the monthly DASH Pass will remain at \$40.00.
2. Proposed service changes to DASH routes to take effect in July 2016, include:
 - (a) AT1 – Improved peak period service frequency to every 15 minutes from every 30 minutes.
 - (b) AT4, AT5, and AT8 – Route realignments in North Old Town between King Street Metro and Braddock Metro to improve service efficiencies and coverage.
 - (c) AT7 – Route realignment between King Street Metro and Lee Center to improve schedule reliability, eliminate one-way loop, and restore bidirectional service in the Southwest Quadrant.
 - (d) Extend Saturday AT9 service from Bradlee Shopping Center to Mark Center to maintain same routing as weekday service and provide Saturday service to Park Center and NVCC.

Paul Abramson, Chairman

For a copy of the 2017 Transit Development Program (TDP), please contact Marlene Stevens, ATC Secretary, at 703-746-5637 or email marlene.stevens@alexandriava.gov. The TDP will also be posted on the DASH website at www.dashbus.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Request for Proposals No. 00000605, Architectural & Engineering Service for the Warwick Pool Facilities Replacement

Closing Date and Time: April 22, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference on April 5, 2016, 9:00 AM prevailing local time, 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Purchasing Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Michael F. Hauer, CPPO, CPPB, Deputy Purchasing Agent at 703.746.4295.

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

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OBITUARY



Marie Elizabeth (Koed) Kenney, 91, passed away Monday, March 14, 2016, in her home in Alexandria, Virginia. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, John F.C.Kenney, Jr. (U.S. Army Colonel, Retired), by less than a month. Marie is survived by her daughters, Catherine Marie Hale and Mary Elizabeth Brenner; her sons-in-law, Richard Hale and Matthew Brenner; and her grandchildren, Colleen, Ethan and Zachary Brenner.

Marie was born on June 15, 1924, to Walter and Gertrude Koed. She grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she knew her future husband John as one of brother Gene's best friends. It was when he returned from World War II service that they fell in love and became engaged. The wedding had to wait until John graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point); they were married the next morning, June 4, 1952.

For the next 30 years, Marie served as an Army Wife through a dozen moves, raising their daughters and lending her time and talents to the community, volunteering in the hospitals where they were stationed, and leading a Girl Scout Troop in her Waynewood neighborhood. She became a guide at historic Woodlawn Plantation for many years, and helped found the in-house catering group for the Teas and weddings held at the house. Marie also partnered with John as small business owners after his retirement from the Army, and enjoyed the many new friends they made as well as the traveling they did.

Marie will be buried with John at Arlington National Cemetery on June 7, with the service at 10:45 a.m. at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer, and burial immediately after. There will also be a visitation the evening before (Monday, June 6) from 5:30 to 7:30, at Demaine Funeral Home in Old Town Alexandria.

OBITUARY



Lee Ann Crowe was born on April 5, 1929 in Frostburg MD, the eldest of four children born to James Leroy Crowe and Ann Germaine Crowe (nee Creggan). After raising four children, she enjoyed many years working as a receptionist at the Barton House in Arlington.

She is survived by Dona Sherrill (Gary), Gary Patterson (Eileen), Paula Rodney (Eric), and Amy Poeppelman (Kevin) and four grandchildren Kristen Jaffee, Justin Sherrill, Emma Patterson, and Lauren Rodney and seven great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother, James Crowe (Carolyn) of Frostburg, MD.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph Patterson (1920-1997) and second husband Mark Boerner (1934-2013), her parents, one sister (Elizabeth Homer), and one brother (Raymond Crowe).

A funeral mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on April 5, 2016.

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Katherine Duncan Andres of Warrenton, Virginia passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Monday, March 21, 2016 in her home. On the Sunday preceding her death she celebrated the Holy Mass with family and close friends surrounding her bedside. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Dr. Francis (Bud) Andres; her brothers James Reece Duncan, Jr. (Reston) and Thomas Duncan (Monterey, Virginia) and sister, Martha Duncan (Fairfax). Preceding her in death was her sister, Anne Duncan of Alexandria. She was the loving mother of five children: Kimberly (David) Livaudais of Herndon; Kristin (Nik) Brisbin of Manassas; Kara (Kevin) Carroll of Charlotte, North Carolina; Andy (Sharon) Andres of Atlanta, Georgia; and Christopher (Kimberly) Andres of Richmond. Her 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren will miss her joy, warmth, charisma, and smile!

Katherine was born in Washington, DC on January 14, 1937, the daughter of the late Judge James Reece Duncan and Katharine Braunstein Duncan. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy Grade School and High School in Alexandria and Marymount Junior College in Arlington in 1957. After graduation, Kathie was employed at Georgetown Medical School in Washington, DC, where she met her husband whom she married in 1959. She is especially remembered for her love of family and service to others. While raising their five children, Kathie supported her husband's private medical practice; organized a religious education program for preschool children at St. Michael Catholic Church in Annandale; served as Co-Chairman of the Catholic Charities Ball; and participated in countless other fundraising and philanthropic efforts for the Arlington Diocese and the Medical Auxiliary of Northern Virginia.

In recent years, Kathie and Bud were active and beloved members of St. John Catholic Church in Warrenton, and loved spending time with family and visiting friends at Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington. She modeled the importance of gathering together and celebrating life, embracing others wherever she went. She was dedicated to all of her grandchildren, and frequently travelled to attend games, graduations, sacraments, and recitals. Kathie loved shopping and had a beautiful sense of style; she filled her home with flowers and lovingly did the arrangements for her oldest granddaughter's wedding; and, she organized countless vacations at the Outer Banks of North Carolina that provided so many with joyful memories.

Relatives and friends called at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 South Washington Street, Alexandria on Monday, March 28 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church, 310 South Royal St., Alexandria at 10:30 am Tuesday, March 29. Interment followed immediately at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorial donations in Katherine's honor may be made to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington by visiting www.ccca.net or calling (703) 841-3835.

OBITUARY

Michael A. Conner, Sr. Deputy Fire Chief – Alexandria, VA

On March 23, 2016 Michael A. Conner, Sr. answered his "final alarm" after a long and courageous battle with the many ailments he suffered from due to his exposure to Agent Orange when he became a decorated combat Veteran of the United States Coast Guard serving in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970. He was a 100% Disabled Veteran.

As many of us were taught from the Book 2 Timothy, Chapter 4 Verse 7: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Mr. Conner is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Linda; four children, Michael Allen Jr. of No. Virginia, Margaret Christine of Marietta, TX, Michael Scott of Prince William County and Suzanne Marie of San Antonio, TX; seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Conner, born March 27, 1947 was a lifelong resident of Alexandria, VA. He was the last remaining sibling of James R. Conner, Jr. and Joyce Baggott. He was the last remaining child of James R. and Florrie A. Conner, also of Alexandria, VA. Mr. Conner was raised in the Rosemont section of Alexandria where he attended public schools and graduated from the George Washington High School in 1966.

While still in high school, Mr. Conner expressed his desire to become a Firefighter. He first joined the Alexandria Fire Department as a Volunteer in 1965. Later that same year, he became the first paid cadet firefighter when he joined the City's School Board's Industrial Cooperative Training program where he attended school in the morning and worked at the Fire Department in the afternoon.

That program became the precursor to his highly successful 40 year career in the fire service with a National reputation among his peers as a highly skilled professional after serving in nearly every facet of the fire service including; firefighting, rescue, fire prevention, communications, maintenance, investigations, and administration.

While serving in the United States Coast Guard from 1966-1970, Mr. Conner continued honing his skills of being a Firefighter as he was responsible for shipboard firefighting as a Damage Control Petty Officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton, the first 378 foot cutter owned by the Coast Guard which was built in New Orleans, LA., home ported in Boston, MA. His initial training was held at the U.S. Naval Shipboard Firefighting School in Newport, RI.

Mr. Conner's Military Awards include the National Defense Ribbon, the Vietnam Service medal with a Bronze Star, a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, a Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, the Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, the U.S. Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon, and a Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Conner took his entrance exam to return to the City of Alexandria Fire Department while returning from Vietnam and traveling through the Panama Canal while returning to Boston where he was honorably discharged in July 1970. Mr. Conner returned to the Alexandria Fire Department in September 1970 where he watched the Department grow from six stations to ten, and from two medic units to more than double that number due to the density in population and the growth of the City through annexation.

He rose through the ranks and became the Chief Fire Marshal in 1983. Mr. Conner was the first appointed by Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder to serve on the Virginia State Building Code's Technical Review Board. He was subsequently reappointed by Governor's Allen, Gilmore, and Warner where he served for thirteen years as the Board's Chairman.

Mr. Conner always enjoyed reciting his work ethic mantra to his children and his co-workers; "Once a job hath begun; leave it not until it is done. Be the labor big or small; do it right or not at all." Conner often quipped that "his children knew how to recite that before they knew their address." He had another belief for which he was well known: "If he thought he was right; you could expect a fight."

During his tenure in the Fire Department Mr. Conner



was awarded "Fireman of the Year" in 1973 for his successful attempt at reviving a victim of Cardiac Arrest with the newly developed Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) technique. He was a Facilitator in the City's "Investment in Excellence" Program, and in 1973 he was awarded the Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) award by the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge of Alexandria, VA.

While serving as Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, and upon the occasion of his first retirement in 1998 he received

congratulatory letters from Mr. Alfred K. Whitehead, President of the International Association of Firefighters, Inc. and United States President William J. Clinton who thanked him for "for a job well done."

Mr. Conner returned to a service in a few months later in the Alexandria Fire Department. He was again hired as the City's Chief Fire Marshal for the second time under City Manager Vola Lawson where he led the Fire Marshal's Office and the Property Maintenance Division of the then, Code Enforcement Bureau of the Fire Department.

Mr. Conner always felt those were challenging times as the City's population and several small sections of the City had become so densely and diversely populated.

Under City Manager Lawson's strong leadership coupled with the staunch support of the City Council, Mr. Conner with his participatory management style was able to accomplish the mission of bringing people together for a common goal and fulfilled his purpose of protection of the citizens of Alexandria from the ravages of fire. He also served as a citizen media advisor on FOX Television's program: "For Kid's Sake."

Mr. Conner was one of the first responders to the Pentagon on 9/11/2001, where he helped establish some of the command operations and sectors that would remain in place for several days while the incident was being mitigated. Mr. Conner, when speaking of 9/11 always said that he had not seen such carnage since he served in Vietnam. "The tragic life loss here combined with the losses in New York and Pennsylvania was overwhelmingly sad and a needless loss" Conner said.

During his second retirement in 2005, Mr. Conner returned to school and graduated as a Licensed Private Investigator and became a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the areas of Fire Investigation and Fire Administration. In this capacity, he traveled throughout the United States investigating fires and other crimes, and civil cases while assisting large and small cities with the proper and modern-day evaluation and administration of their Fire Departments.

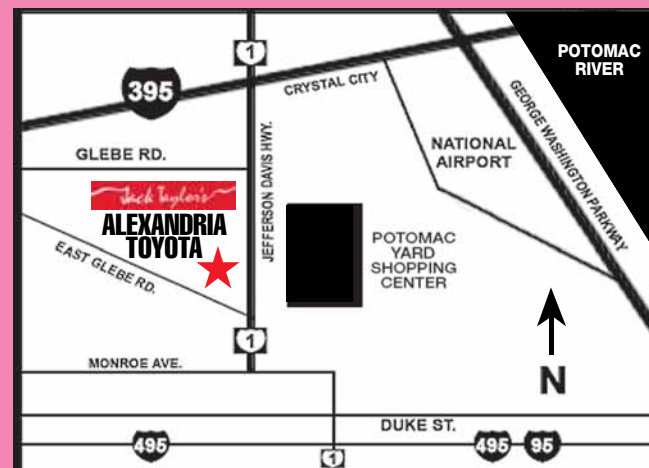
In March 2010, Mr. Conner became a thankful kidney transplant recipient after having to suffer through dialysis treatments three times per week for four years. Despite the fact that the donor was never known, Mr. Conner always looked upon that experience as another of life's challenges and always tried to live life to the fullest following his transplant.

Mr. Conner was a Charter Member and Past President of Local 2141 of the International Association of Fire Fighters in Alexandria. His other affiliations included: The United States Fire Administration where he worked as a Consultant, the National Fire Protection Association where he helped develop nationally recognized training and testing standards for Fire Inspectors, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association where he served as President, Emeritus, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hendry Knox Field Masonic Lodge #349, AF&AM where he was a life member, the Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies, the U.S. Coast Guard Combat Veteran's Association, and the Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff's Association.

Mr. Conner's family will receive friends on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 2-4 & 6-9 p.m. at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA, where a funeral service will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. Mr. Conner's interment will follow in the Ivy Hill Cemetery, Circle of Honor; which his Firefighter Recruit Class first dedicated during the National Fire Prevention Week celebration on Wednesday October 7, 1970 in Alexandria, VA. Mr. Conner saw to it that the ceremony continued each year in memoriam to Alexandria Firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens of Alexandria. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mr. Conner's name to Rolling Thunder, Chapter2 Ohio, P.O. Box 485, Lake More, OH 44250. Additional information may be found at www.everlywheatley.com.

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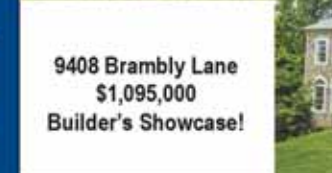
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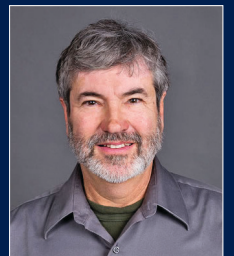
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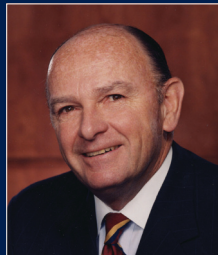
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