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Members of the Shea Clan walk in the 36th annual Ballyshaners St. Patrick's Day Parade March 4 in Old Town.

Luck of The Irish

Ballyshaners host 36th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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The City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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GAZETTE PACKET



Ballyshaners Chairman Emeritus and Living Legend of Alexandria Pat Troy watches the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 4 in Old Town, an event he founded 36 years ago.

School's Out

City schools close after teachers take day off.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

After 300 teacher requests for leave on March 8 flooded in, Alexandria City Public Schools decided to close school on Wednesday. The mass protest of Alexandria teachers coincides with International Women's Day and a call from the organizer's of the Women's March earlier this year for "A Day Without Women." The

strike aims to highlight inequalities women face in the workplace, from wage disparity to sexual harassment.

According to Helen Lloyd, director of communications at Alexandria City Public Schools, the schools were made aware of the potential protest late last week. Lloyd said principals and administrators at each of the schools were contacted and told ACPS they had concerns about the school's ability to safely monitor students with 300 teachers missing and not enough substitutes to compensate.

Lloyd said that the schools do not have to grant annual leave, but that the school has a policy of al

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Gala Raises \$117,000 Against Child Abuse

"Hats Off" to Sengel and ACT.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Center for Alexandria's Children marked its 10th anniversary with a gala that honored founding community leaders and raised more than \$117,000 for the mission of elimi-

nating child abuse and neglect.

With a theme of "Hats Off!" more than 270 people attended the event held Feb. 24 at the Hilton Old Town Alexandria. Former Commonwealth Attorney S. Randy Sengel was presented the Cham

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Champion for Children Award recipient and former Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengel and Deborah Warren at the Feb. 24 gala.

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Dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing perform during the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 4 in Old Town.



Performers from the Boyle School of Irish Dance entertain the crowds during the 36th annual Ballyshaners St. Patrick's Day Parade March 4 in Old Town.



Girl Scouts from Troop 53017 walk in the parade.
PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE/GAZETTE PACKET

Luck of the Irish

The word Ballyshaners may mean “Olde Towners” in Gaelic, but to Alexandrians the word is synonymous with the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which celebrated its 36th year March 4 in Old Town.

“I am so proud to sit on the reviewing stand and see the flags of Ireland and the United States flying together,” said Pat Troy, Ballyshaners’ chairman emeritus and founder of the parade. “John Fitzgerald and others were from Ireland and are a significant part of this city’s history. Those flags are flying in their memory and for a legacy that should not be forgotten.”

Prior to the start of the parade, the 25th Classic Car Show took place on N. Pitt Street and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria held a Fun Dog Show in Market Square.

“I never thought 36 years ago that all



Dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing perform along the parade route.

these great things would be happening,” Troy said. “It’s beautiful to see the streets lined with Irish flags throughout the month of March and to know our heritage continues to be celebrated.”

— JEANNE THEISMANN



Thousands turned out for the Ballyshaners St. Patrick's Day parade March 4 in Old Town.



Mayor Allison Silberberg, right, joins parade Grand Marshals and Port City Brewery founders Karen and Bill Butcher on the reviewing stand.



A two and four-legged member of the Potomac Valley Samoyed Club.



Dancers from Fraternidad Folkloria Cultural Ruphay perform in the parade.



Madison Kennedy enjoys the parade atop the Hard Times horse.



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U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) waves to the crowd.



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Visitors from Côte d'Ivoire met with Mayor Allison Silberberg on March 1.

A Mile in Mayoral Shoes

A day in the life of Allison Silberberg.

BY DAN BREDEL
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg's marathon first day of March provides a glimpse into the day-to-day work of city governance.

Her duties ran the gamut from citizen engagement to de facto international diplomacy and touched on a range of issues — with hustled transit and administrative tasks in between.

PRISONER REENTRY – The day began around 8 a.m. with Offender Aid and Restoration's ninth annual Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast. OAR helps released prisoners reintegrate into their families and communities in Alexandria, Arlington County, and Falls Church. "We are in the human asset recovery business," says their pamphlet. Partnering with more than 120 community institutions, OAR served 2,241 people in FY2016 and achieved an 89 percent non-recidivism rate through its Intensive Reentry Program. Silberberg joined other public officials, including Gov. Terry McAuliffe, in showing support.

AFRICAN DIGNITARIES – Around 10:15 a.m., Silberberg received a congresswoman and a mixed entourage from the West African nation of Côte d'Ivoire. Aka Veronique represents her nation's Moronou region. Veronique met with numerous groups during her trip, aiming mainly to lay groundwork for new trans-Atlantic business relationships. Silberberg, speaking some French, welcomed the envoy.

They spoke of shared interests, and also of the unique contribution of women in government. Eby Aka, a 13-year Alexandria resident who hails from Côte d'Ivoire, organized the meeting. He founded Global

Caravan for Education and Cultural Exchange, an Alexandria-based charity. He "thought [that the] exchange of ideas, partnership and cooperation" would be mutually beneficial for both his "native region" and his "current home," he said in an email. Veronique plans to invite Silberberg to Côte d'Ivoire.

GUN REFORM LOBBYISTS – At about 11:15 a.m., Silberberg met privately with representatives from Every Town for Gun Safety, a group that advocates for "common-sense" gun laws. In a March 3 press release, Every Town praised the defeat of recent state legislation that would have allowed the carrying of concealed firearms without a permit. They simultaneously criticized recently introduced federal legislation that would "[force] states to recognize concealed carry permits from every other state, many with significantly lower standards."

Joining more than 1,000 mayors nationwide, Silberberg has signed Every Town's statement, "Mayors Against Illegal Guns." She invited state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), who was in City Hall at the time, into the meeting.

WMATA SURGE – Shortly after 1 p.m. Silberberg joined WMATA General Manager Paul Wiedefeld at the Huntington Metro station for a press conference about Metro's 13th SafeTrack Surge. This surge, in effect until April 9, "will particularly impact Alexandria travelers," says the city's web site. In her statement, Silberberg emphasized the city's various transportation alternatives.

HOUSING POLICY – At 3:15 p.m., after eating a late lunch at her desk, she met privately with ARHA Commissioners Selena Zellers and Daniel Bauman. They mainly discussed miscommunication between ARHA and city staff regarding "modernizing" Resolution 830, a move currently under discussion.

Resolution 830, adopted by City Council

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PEOPLE

Plumbing Adjusts to the Times

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Workmen's trucks jam the driveway, and a "Be Aware of the Dog" sign is tacked beside the front door frame. Pat Cronin, Rough End Manager for Kesterson Plumbing & Heating, says there is no real dog; I guess it's just a warning." Cronin has been working for about two weeks along with his crew on the plumbing in a large house addition on W. Braddock.

Cronin carries his ladder inside and walks up the newly constructed stairs. "Those red and blue

pipes dangling on the wall are the pipes for the sink in the woman's closet. There is also a sink in the woman's bathroom and in the man's bathroom." He explains that every water line in this house is a home run. "This means there are no joints so we can isolate any fixture from the manifold (a maze of 12 hot water pipes and 16 cold water pipes) to repair it without shutting off the water in the whole house." The pipes in the house addition are pex piping or heavy rubber instead of the copper pipes in the attached original house. Cronin says they are less expensive and a little more flexible in cold weather. In the older part of the house someone shut off the copper pipes without draining them "so we repaired a lot of busted pipes."

Cronin walks downstairs to the main floor and points through the room framing. "This is going to be the kitchen area. There is a fireplace over there. It's going to be real nice." The house is full of activity as his workers share the space with carpenters measuring in the basement and electricians working on the main floor. He estimates the job will be in "rough in" stage in another week and ready for the dry wall and tile. "Then we'll come back and set all of the fixtures, trim out all of the showers and tubs."

On the top floor he walks through what will become the master bedroom. "It is this whole room and over there is the master bath," where he imagines the step down sunken shower with a trough-style drain that blends right in with the tile. "It's a new thing." Cronin says there are a number of changes since he started working for Kesterson 15 years ago. "There is always new stuff coming out. Sometimes we take classes, and we do a lot of research on the internet. It used to be just a regular tub or shower. Now," he says, "there are shower heads coming out of the ceiling, a lot of exposed fixtures, steam units." And he says materials have changed for sure with PVC piping, "although we still deal with a lot of galvanized piping."

Cronin says the energy factor has become significant in the last five years for electric and plumbing with the water heater now "tankless." He says the tankless water heater is just a box on the



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Pat Cronin says all the pipes in the addition on W. Braddock Street are home run, which means there are no joints. This means they can isolate any fixture from the manifold (shown here) and can repair a leak without turning off all of the water in the house.

wall with a coil running around inside it. Water conservation is also important with low flush toilets going from 2.5 gallons to 1.6 and now 1.2. A loud noise reverberates through the floor. "That is one of my technicians downstairs strapping up the pipes with an impact drill."

Cronin says this was his first job that he "fell into" when he was good friends with the owner's stepson and they hired him as a helper. "I did odds and ends, clean up, various things as an apprentice." Now Cronin says he is working on about ten jobs at a time, mostly residential in Alexandria and north Arlington but including the Alexandria waterfront boat-house. It is a juggling act. The challenge is to get things to run smoothly. "I set up a schedule a week in advance with the contractors to coordinate so that we aren't in each other's way." He says he is on the phone constantly. "It is my biggest challenge trying to make everyone happy."

One of the most difficult tasks is remodeling the older homes in Old Town. "There are only so many options because of the space, and 'you can't tell until you open them up a lot of times.' The walls are plaster and harder to repair to make them look nice and preserve the historic elements. But Cronin takes pride in starting from scratch and seeing a job through to the finish. "It's really cool."

People at Work is a weekly column focusing on the people in the community doing their jobs. Send suggestions to slrbc@aol.com.



Pat Cronin, Rough End Manager for Kesterson Plumbing & Heating on Mt. Vernon Avenue, says the biggest challenge he faces is coordinating the schedule on 10 jobs so that everything runs smoothly.



Pat Cronin has seen a lot of changes in his 15 years since he started working at Kesterson. He says due to interest in the energy factor, the "tankless" water heater has become popular.

Reflecting on Politics

A Progressive Vermonter in Old Town.

BY EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET

Chester Kasnowski is what they call in U.S. government parlance a "trailing spouse." His wife has a job as an analyst in program management and gets relocated fairly often. Her current gig with the USG brought her to Washington, D.C. and Kasnowski came along to see if the area had changed much since he was last here about 30 years ago. It had.

Kasnowski, a 50-ish painter with a neat beard and a sketchbook under his arm, is pleased to arrive at the Uptowner Cafe, a local sandwich shop on King Street with good coffee, warmth, and community atmosphere. "Nice place," he said. "Good to know about."

He has lived in Alexandria three years. He returns to Vermont mid-summer and stays a few months, then returns, refreshed. He was chair of the Vermont Progressive Party in his town of Weston, Vermont, which is also the home of the Vermont Country Store. The current lieutenant governor, David Zuckerman, is a Progressive, he notes. Weston has been his home town for the past 30 years. He used to be a Democrat, but he became disillusioned with the "elitism" of the Democratic Party. He says that was about the same time Bill Clinton got elected. The Vermont Progressive Party originated when Bernie Sanders ran for Mayor of Burlington. Sanders never officially associated himself with the Progressive Party, although the Progressives were among his biggest supporters, and Kasnowski decided to work with the new party.

Kasnowski was initially involved in the campaign to elect Hillary Clinton, because although he liked Bernie Sanders, he didn't think Bernie could make it all the way to the White House. He wasn't very enthusiastic, however, about "business as usual" in the Democratic campaign. It was hard to muster enthusiasm, and Kasnowski



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Chester Kasnowski in front of the Uptowner Cafe on King Street.

was busy painting. He has done a show at the Workhouse in Lorton where he also teaches art, has students at the Smithsonian, and can often be found painting boats at the marina on Daingerfield Island. He loves painting boats, and sometimes, the owner comes along and sees the painting and wants to buy it.

When President Trump was elected, Kasnowski said to himself, "Well, you're in Washington, D.C. and there is an inauguration. Why not go? When else would we ever do this?" He called U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy's office, and was told he could get tickets from the senator's office.

So how was it? "There we were in a sea of red hats. We got within a few hundred yards of the podium, on the side. But then every time someone was announced who wasn't a Republican, the crowd started booing and cursing. I mean, really bad language and very aggressive," Kasnowski said. He and his wife left early, before the new president made his speech.

Kasnowski grew up in New York City and Vermont. He can hardly wait to get back to Vermont when the time comes, but he really likes Alexandria. "In Vermont," he says, "you have to drive 20 minutes to get to a restaurant and it's not very good; you might get a burger. Here, they have a strange custom: you can get carry out pizza." And French restaurants. Kasnowski

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OPINION

Workshop To Support Caregivers

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
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SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) receives calls regularly from family members who are struggling to care for their loved ones. Finding local resources that can help and knowing where to start is stressful. SSA works to connect individuals to the support they need for the people they are caring for and for themselves. The good news is that there are many local resources for caregivers and for those who need extra help. Making that first call is hard, but understanding that it is OK to get assistance is a huge first step in the journey of being a caregiver.

According to a report from the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, more support

is needed for those serving as caregivers. The profile of the average family caregiver is a 49-year-old woman taking care of a relative. Today's caregivers are as diverse as the American population. Caregiving creates not only emotional strain but financial strain.

"As previous AARP research has shown, we're facing a caregiving cliff," said Dr. Susan Reinhard, senior vice president and director, AARP Public Policy Institute & Chief Strategist, Center to Champion Nursing in America. "We need to provide support for existing caregivers who are underserved by the current long-term services and support systems." *

Senior Services of Alexandria's March 18 Speaker Series, "Caregivers: Find Support," will feature local experts talking about the various programs and services available in the City of Alexandria for caregivers and those who are receiving care. There will be speakers from AARP, talking about its "Prepare to Care" pro-

gram; Capital Caring Hospice; and the City of Alexandria's Division of Aging and Adult Services, explaining their support systems including the Adult Day Center program. There will also be a representative from BCAT, an organization that provides testing designed to improve cognitive skills and protect memory for patients and provide support for their families. This includes using Memory Exercise Books to help people with dementia reconnect with past memories.

The event takes place on Saturday, March 18 at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road in Alexandria from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. To register online go to seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 110.

* *Caregiving in the United States 2015; National Alliance for Caregiving, Public Policy Institute, June 4, 2015.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Budget in Council's Hands

To the Editor:

On Feb. 21, I presented City Council and the public with proposed city operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and a proposed capital improvement program (CIP) for the next decade. I share City Council's commitment to partner with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to ensure high-quality public education for Alexandria's students. A full 30 percent of the proposed city operating budget is a direct transfer to ACPS.

My proposed operating budget included 99 percent of the funding requested by the superintendent and School Board, which is an increase of \$7.5 million over the current year.

This would be a 3.6 percent increase, which is a much higher rate of new spending for schools than the 1 percent increase I proposed for city government services. Under state law, neither I nor City Council can direct how school funds are to be spent or not spent once transferred to ACPS. It is up to the School Board to determine the most appropriate combination of funding for instructional needs, staff compensation, supplies, maintenance, and other operating expenses.

ACPS also asked the city to nearly triple the city's planned school capital funding between the current 10-year CIP and the coming year's update — from \$229 million to \$611 million — to build, replace, or modernize a third of all ACPS schools within just 10 years. While these are important projects, it would be unprecedented for the city to suddenly provide

such a large increase in funding to take on such an ambitious capital effort. Still, my proposed CIP would increase school capital funding by \$144 million or 63 percent over the current CIP, to \$373 million. This is the largest dollar increase ever proposed for ACPS capital needs by any city manager.

In many states, school boards have the authority to levy property taxes to independently fund their operating and capital needs. However, Virginia law and Alexandria's charter require the city manager to propose and City Council to adopt tax rates, fees, and spending plans that balance school needs with other core responsibilities like public safety, human services, and infrastructure investments. Simply put, there was not enough money at the tax rate I recommended to fund all needs on either the school or municipal side.

At this stage in the process, the budget is in City Council's hands. The public is invited to provide input to City Council at a special hearing on March 13. More information about the budget and associated public meetings is available at www.alexandriava.gov/Budget.

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager

Prioritize Minnie Howard

To the Editor:

We write on behalf of the Capacity Committee of the T.C. Williams High School Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). The ILT is composed of administrators, department chairs and program leaders at T.C. Williams. The Capacity Committee supports the rebuilding of Minnie Howard as proposed in the School Board's adopted 2018-2027 Capital Improvement Program Budget (CIP).

A senior Alexandria official asked recently, "What, in one paragraph, is the case for a new secondary school?" The case can be expressed in three sentences: the current and projected near-term enrollment numbers at T.C. Williams, Minnie Howard and the middle schools

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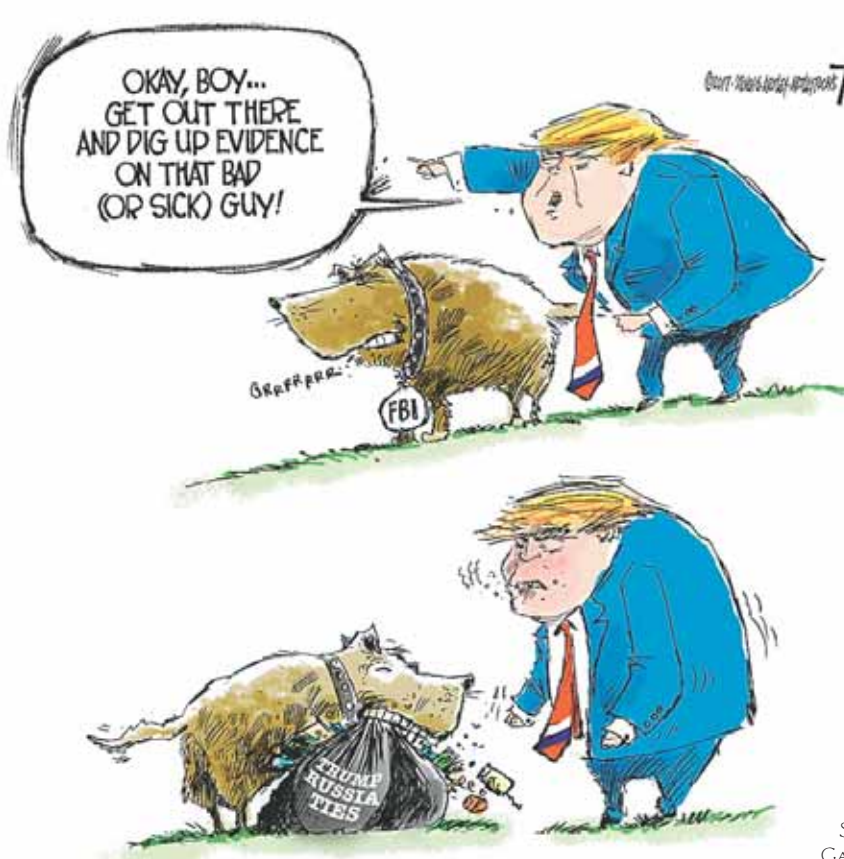
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Living Legends Celebrates 10 Years Donley, Euille among 2017 honorees.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Former Alexandria mayors Kerry Donley and Bill Euille are among the Class of 2017 Living Legends of Alexandria who will be honored at the organization's 10th anniversary Meet the Legends reception March 16 at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

"Living Legends aspires to identify, honor and chronicle the lives of individuals who have done great things to improve the quality of life in Alexandria," said Living Legends board president Jennifer Ayers. "They are the reason why — why the organization is here and why we have a program for that."

Also among this year's honorees are recently retired DASH general manager Sandy Modell and long-time Del Ray community supporter Jen Walker. Carter Flemming, Gwen Mullen, Ethel Underwood and Mary Anne Weber have also been named 2017 Living Legends of Alexandria.

The reception will also celebrate Living Legends of previous years and acknowledge the 20 Legends who have died since the inception of the program.

"There have been about 120 individuals selected as Living Legends of Alexandria since its inception in 2007," Ayers said.

"They have given of time, talent and resources and have created, inspired and motivated others to lead. By telling their stories and honoring their achievements, Living Legends of Alexandria hopes to share the story of how something came to being and encourage others to engage in improving life in our great city."

The profiles of this year's honorees, along with all previous Living Legends, are available on the Living Legends website. The nomination period for next year's Living Legends program is now open. For more information or to purchase tickets to the March 16 Meet the Legends reception, visit www.alexandrialegends.org.

KERRY DONLEY

Whether as the mayor of Alexandria or a council member, a banker or a coach, Kerry Donley has dedicated his life to serving his community. From bringing the Patent and Trademark Office to Alexandria to the construction of Beatley Library, he's worked to improve the city he calls home.



BILL EUILLE

Former Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille has made civic engagement integral to his life experience. Helping the City and community of Alexandria



thrive and prosper has been and remains his life blood and his life's work.

CARTER FLEMMING

Carter Flemming takes volunteering and activism to new heights through a lifetime of intense and devoted involvement in the Alexandria community. Flemming has organized her life and prioritized goals to positively impact over 20 Alexandria organizations and untold numbers of lives.



SANDY MODELL

Alexandria's transportation network owes a debt of gratitude to groundbreaker Sandy Modell. Through the development of the DASH bus system, Modell connected Alexandria's citizens with shops, parks and employment opportunities and created a workplace filled with dedicated employees while developing new opportunities for women in transportation.



GWEN MULLEN

When Gwen Mullen arrived in Alexandria in 1970, she passionately began serving her community. She influenced many lives, particularly those of children and youth, in a multitude of ways, including tutoring and increasing scholarship funding for students.



ETHEL UNDERWOOD

Ethel Underwood was the first African American woman to achieve the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. After retirement, Underwood served for 12 years on Alexandria's Commission on Aging and was a volunteer leader with the Women in Voluntary Service to America Memorial, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Hopkins House, the Executive Committee of the NAACP, the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage and the Alexandria Black History Museum.



JEN WALKER

Jen Walker has served the Del Ray community through sponsorships, serving on boards and volunteering. Her signature contribution is Cinema Del Ray, a free outdoor movie theater that brings people of all ages and stations together for summer evenings of enjoyment. It exemplifies Walker's long commitment to making positivity the life blood of her community.



MARY ANNE WEBER

Retired Gazette Packet editor Mary Anne Weber served on the Alexandria Community Services Board for 10 years, four as chair. She helped organize both citywide health fairs. In 2007, Weber was part of the founding Living Legends of Alexandria Committee and continued to serve on its board as recording secretary until June 2016.



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Faith Community Sees Underbelly of Housing Shortage

Another church adds testimony to City Council.

BY DAN BRENDL
GAZETTE PACKET

Another church has written to City Council about the human need stemming from the city's lack of affordable housing.

Last week the Gazette Packet reported that 11 local churches and faith-based nonprofits gave away over \$1 million in emergency financial assistance to Alexandria residents in 2016. "Almost all of the assistance was provided for rent, utilities, and medical needs with the majority going towards rent," said Melanie Gray, their convener, in a letter to City Council.

For some rough perspective, "\$1,062,885 is the amount of rent relief and financial stabilization services (security deposits and needs related to housing stability) provided to 3,120 Alexandrians in FY16 through the Office of Community Services," said Jennifer Cohen-Cordero in an email. She is the communication manager for the city's Department of Community & Human Services. "[Q]uantifying this is quite complex. In the

City [government], there are a number of other programs that spend money on keeping our residents housed. For example, there are multiple programs dedicated to utility assistance in Public Benefits. Money used to support families in staying housed is used in Child Welfare, permanent supportive housing programs are in Adult Behavioral Health, to name some examples. The number I have given ... is only OCS."

Nine churches and 19 nonprofits, both faith-based and secular, have written or signed letters about affordable housing to City Council since the end of January. The latest, from the Rev. Dr. Scott Maurer of West City Fellowship, does not specify the same political objectives. But its observations — that "families" and "hard working people" are burdened — resonate with previous letters.

Maurer wrote: "One of the most pressing social issues the city has identified is a lack of affordable housing. As a church, we have seen how this problem affects many of our parishioners. Among the problems we see are:

- ❖ Inflexible landlords who are often quite merciless with late fees, even when their tenants (our parishioners) have demonstrated a pattern of paying their rent;

- ❖ Unreasonably high credit requirements and rental deposits that make it virtually impossible for families that have

faced challenging circumstances to get back on their feet;

- ❖ Rental prices that leave hard working people with no options other than to apply for subsidized housing, which is virtually unavailable and which most people would prefer to avoid.

"This is a complicated problem and we are in no position to demand that you pursue specific policies. Nevertheless, we ask you to consider several ways that you can make a positive impact:

- ❖ Help churches thrive in their service

to the city. The easier it is for churches to exist and minister to people in the city, the fewer resources the city will have to find to meet increasing social needs. Our church alone has given more than \$12,000 over three years to help people needing financial help, in addition to several other free services we offer to the community.

- ❖ Use your influence to encourage landlords to be merciful and generous. Many churches would be happy to publicly acknowledge landlords who demonstrate such ethical character."

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School's Out

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ways granting personal leave. "This is unprecedented," said Lloyd, "we've never had so many staff out. We don't have a policy to deny them leave. This for us indicates that we might have to look at that."

Lloyd said the school day will function as a teacher work day. Staff must either show up or take leave for the day. No makeup days for the strike will be required.

Former council member Frank Fannon issued the following statement on March 7: "The selfish actions of 300 teachers and staff has caused the lives of thousands of Alexandrians to be disrupted on Wednesday. Working parents will be scrambling for childcare and will suffer lost wages for missing work, many of these women living paycheck to paycheck. These same teachers, who will be paid for skipping work, will be at City Hall next week asking for more of our tax dollars in the city budget to fund the most expensive per pupil school system in the region where a obviously lack of leadership and fiscal responsibility exists."

As the schools shut down, recreation centers across the city scrambled to open. Six of the city's recreation departments were

opened to receive students between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. For parents not previously registered for the recreation centers, the walk-in fee is \$15.

Jim Spangler, director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, said the recreation centers will only be able to handle a maximum of 1,400 elementary school-aged students.

"We only have room for 200 more kids than we already take after school," said Spangler. "We had to scramble because we didn't know in advance. It's going to be first come, first serve."

Spangler said the department wasn't anticipating a major problem, the recreation centers are not typically overcrowded on other teacher work days, but Spangler also noted that the suddenness of the announcement could mean more parents desperate to find an alternative solution.

Prince George's County Public Schools announced March 7 that it would also close. Fairfax and Arlington schools remained open.

"I understand their concerns, but other jurisdictions are figuring it out," said Mayor Allison Silberberg. "I respect the boundaries between the city and the schools, but as a citizen I'm very concerned about this. I want those children in school."



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News



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Mayor Allison Silberberg gave a private tour of the Council Chamber to youths who participate in Casa Chirilagua, a faith-based nonprofit that offers a variety of programs to the largely Latino immigrant community of Arlandria. The children's mothers, Alexis' adult mentor Dorian Belz, and two Casa Chirilagua staffers accompanied the youths.

A Mile in Mayoral Shoes

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in 1981, mandates a one-for-one replacement of demolished public housing. ARHA has historically focused on serving the poorest households — those making between zero percent and 30 percent of the area median income. But with HUD funding drying up, Bauman says ARHA must build some higher priced housing in order to generate sufficient cash flow to support the lowest priced units. Yet the city staff seems to want ARHA to continue serving only the lowest incomes, without fully appreciating ARHA's fiscal constraints, Zellers and Bauman say. As changes to Resolution 830 are considered, they want to ensure that ARHA retains sufficient flexibility to rebuild mixed income developments as necessary in order to stay solvent.

IMMIGRANT YOUTH & FAMILIES – At 4 p.m. Silberberg gave a private tour of the Council Chamber to second grader Alexis Gonzalez and two other children. The youths participate in Casa Chirilagua, a faith-based nonprofit that offers a variety of programs to the largely Latino immigrant community of Arlandria. The children's mothers, Alexis' adult mentor Dorian Belz, and two Casa Chirilagua staffers accompanied the youths. Their visit followed from the Jan. 28 City Council meeting, where Alexis and Belz spoke.

"Alexis' story is not unlike many other young children that our participating in our organization's programs in the Alexandria community," said Belz to the council. "He grew up with extended family in Guatemala and has only been in the United States for just over two years. In the short time he has been here, he has rapidly picked up the English language and is already attended age appropriate classes at George Mason Elementary."

BUDGET WORK SESSION – Then, from about 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Silberberg joined other council members and city staff to discuss the proposed 10-year Capital Improvement Program. The CIP is a \$2 billion investment — a 20 percent increase over last year — in infrastructure through FY2027.

"This increase is largely driven by ... Sanitary Sewer combined sewers projects, ... WMATA capital contributions, ... public school capacity projects, and ... the government facilities 'state of good repair' program," according to the CIP proposal.

This confluence is "a bit of a perfect storm," Silberberg said earlier in the day. Some of these needs "have been brewing for years, even decades, and have now come home to roost."

During the session, Vice Mayor Justin Wilson said, "I want the CIP to be based in firm reality," summing up "the theme we've been talking about the whole night." As-of-yet unsecured funding sources — what Wilson called "unicorns" — include, for example, a dedicated \$80 million for WMATA and developer contributions for slated building projects.

Much discussion also focused on improving cross-communication between the city and the school system, with respect to expanding schools.

Councilman Tim Lovain suggested that a "construction management czar within ACPS, a direct report to the superintendent," rather than "one person [in charge] per project," might streamline the relationship.

Lovain also inquired about increasing short-term borrowing in order to realize some of the CIP's \$325 million in unfunded "supplemental" options. These include, for example, additional funds for affordable housing and a new public swimming pool. "I think we also need to look to the schools for assistance," said Lovain.

PEOPLE

A Progressive Vermonter in Old Town Reflects on Politics

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says in Vermont, the closest French restaurant is 90 miles away in Albany. In Old Town, they are everywhere. But in Vermont, he says, it's quiet and very green. His favorite thing to do when he gets home is to just walk out in back of his house and sit by the woods, watching the beauty of the place.

What does he think about the new government and things like the EPA changes?

A Vermonter would care about climate change. "Well," says Kasnowski, "New York is cleaner than it was 30 years ago, Washington, D.C. is cleaner than it was 30 years ago, the Chesapeake Bay is cleaner than it was 30 years ago, but we have had government in and out of office who cared more or less about the environment. So, changes in government ... I don't think they really make that much of a difference overall. And anyway, since when did we expect govern-

ment to solve all our problems?" Up in Vermont, he says, they have their own little "Republican Convention" at the gas station every morning. He goes there for coffee or the paper or gas, and there is a group of locals, plumbers, painters, farmers, and others who go there to have a cup of coffee and talk about the situation in the country. He's in the minority but it doesn't matter. The discourse is civil.

For Kasnowski, what's important now, he

says, is: "How do we keep this progressive excitement going?" He is pleased at the activism he is seeing among young and old, trying to get out the vote and change how the Democrats approach the next election. Finally, people are beginning to use the word progressive, and that makes Kasnowski happy.

Kasnowski is on twitter @artbykas and at www.artbykas.com.



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The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that applications are now open for our 2017 40 Under 40 Awards!

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Our 2016 honorees represent a diverse group of individuals, all contributing to the thriving business and civic community in Alexandria. We look forward to celebrating the significant impact of another class of young professionals at the top of their respective fields in 2017.

All submissions and supporting documentation must be received in full by 5:00pm on Friday, March 10, 2017. Our chosen 2017 Honorees will be honored at our 40 Under 40 Awards on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

For more information on the eligibility requirements, and to access the links to apply or nominate an individual, please visit www.alexchamber.com.

Questions, please contact Shari Simmans at sholoudi@alexchamber.com



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ONGOING

UCM Raffle Tickets. Ongoing, the United Community Ministries is raffling off a trip to Cancun at the 'Give From the Heart' Gala on May 6 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulane St. \$175 admission, \$25 raffle ticket. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

Convergence Arts Initiative.

Through March 4, Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Highlights the artwork of students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School, T.C. Williams, and St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. Artists reception: Saturday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m. Email danabh@ourconvergence.org or call 703-998-6260 for more.

Mixed Media Exhibit. Through March 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred St. Inspirational approaches in mixed media inhabit this art exhibit. Call 703-299-9495 or visit www.StGeorgeofEthiopia.com for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery.

Through March 19 at Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. Cosmic Sights and Sounds, comes as the winter night sky's grand collection of brilliant stars begins to give way to the vernal equinox. This show will also highlight the work of featured artists Carol Bodin, Mickey Kunkle, and Lynda Prioleau. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

The Hand Print Workshop. Through April 2, various times at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dennis O'Neil's Hand Print Workshop exhibit features a wide representation of the prints created by these artists in his Alexandria studio, including some by William Christenberry and Renee Stout, as well as works by O'Neil himself. Opening Reception, Sunday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

The Mercy Walk Tour. Saturdays and Sundays through April 16, 2:30 p.m. Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Mercy Walk tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. \$13 adults; \$7 children; \$12 seniors Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexcolonialtours.com/themeracywalk for more.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

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.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 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/fortward for more

Alexandria's Nurses and 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.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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 Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10



'Soaked in Blue'

Heidi Nam's "Soaked in Blue" collage is part of her mixed media and collage works art show 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org

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.leeendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

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 fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

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 p.m. 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.

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.

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.monaco-alexandria.com for more

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurispotts@gmail.com

CAMPS, CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

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.

THURSDAY/MARCH 9

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. at Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Heidi Nam's "Netted: Morphological State of Our Urban Space," a mixed media and collage works art show, March 8-April 2. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780 for more.

Forty+ Movement and Theatre. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The program of works combines to a collective whole to traverse relationship, the inventiveness of situation, and the progression of life. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035 for more.

President In The Kitchen. 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Director of Lincoln's Cottage puts an apron just as Lincoln did when he helped Mary in their Springfield, Ill., kitchen. \$10. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994 for more.

Tree Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The George Washington Memorial Parkway All-taxa Biodiversity Inventory: Finding New Species near the Nation's Capital — A Talk by Brent Steury. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 10

2017 Women's Leadership Forum. 7:30-10 a.m. at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. A morning of inspiration and education centered around the theme of shaping tomorrow's leaders. \$60 for members, \$80 for non-members. Email info@alexchamber.com or call 703-549-1000 for more.

Rosanne Cash Performs. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MARCH 10-11

"The Little Mermaid." 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. A musical from the SSSAS Cappies Award-winning Stage One Players. \$5. Visit www.sssas.org/arts or call 703-212-2845 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 11

Great Woody Plants. 10-11:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Horticulturist Brenda Skarphol highlights flowering shrubs that grow well in Virginia home gardens. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901845501 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Yoga for Veterans. 2-4 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N.Washington St., Suite 100. VEToga's mission is to provide yoga, meditation, and healing arts to military, veterans, their families, and communities. Free to veterans, service personnel and their families. Donations welcome. Visit www.vetoga.org for more.

Her Story: Women in Action. 3-4:15 p.m. at the Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and their accompanying adults will participate in hands-on activities and add their own future goals to a timeline of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low's story. \$6. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703.746.4994 for more.

Best Bib & Tucker Ball. 7-10 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Doc Scantlin's orchestra and the songstress Chou Chou will be providing the entertainment for the

APPETITE

Portner's 'Re-opening' This Week

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

In many ways, the opening of Portner Brewhouse this week was a century in the making. And in that historical light, it's not an opening as much as a re-opening — with leadership from four generations away.

The original Robert Portner Brewing Company "was founded and run by Robert Portner, who was our great-great-grandfather, and it became the largest brewery in the southeastern United States, with distribution from Alexandria to Florida," said brewery co-owner Catherine Portner.

Fast-forward a century or so "and you find my sister Margaret and I at the helm of Portner Brewhouse, which is a full-service restaurant, brewery, and craft beer test kitchen that celebrates this local history and the pursuit of the American dream," she said.

Portner's, which celebrates its grand opening this week in Alexandria's West End, hews to its historical roots while also balancing some new directions. The brewhouse will sport three beer series — a Pre-Prohibition series, brewmaster seasonals, and, soon, offerings from its craft-beer test kitchen, which is a development program for home brewers who may one day wish to become brewmasters at their own production facility.

Robert Portner would likely be familiar with the offerings from the Pre-Prohibition line, Catherine Portner says. The collection touts beers "that we have actually reconstructed the original recipes from the Robert Portner company and are re-brewing today to provide folks with a literal taste of history," she

If You Go

Portner's Brewhouse, 5770 Dow Ave.

Try this: The Modera Pale Ale. "We worked with the community and the property owners to design a beer that would act as a year-round seasonal," co-owner Catherine Portner said. The ale's hops will change with the seasons, but the base recipe will remain the same throughout.

said.

And he'd be familiar with the food, as well, which harkens back to his German heritage. A blend of American and German cuisine, Portner's offers a full menu, from weekday lunch and weekend brunch on through dinner.

"We do a combination of classic German and contemporary American cuisine," Portner said. One of the can't-miss favorites? Portner's pretzel.

"You'd better get a pretzel, that's for sure," Portner laughed. The Bavarian pretzel sticks are served with beer cheese dipping sauce and sweet and spicy mustard to yield the quintessential brewery food.

Visitors to the brewhouse can expect an expansive space with the brewing operation in full view.

"Our space is about 5,500 square feet, and our brewery is located in a showcase position directly behind the bar," Portner said. Some of the tanks are hooked directly to the bar's taplines, Portner said, adding: "You cannot physically get much closer to the beer than that."

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

Grab a Seat at the Table

In an event that would make George Washington himself belly up to the bar, the Mount Vernon Inn is teaming up with Port City Brewing on Friday to host the next in its line of beer-pairing dinners.

"We are doing a three-course dinner this time," said Port City's Chris Van Orden. Fewer courses than previous dinners "means we can pull out some bigger beers, which is actually really nice."

Those higher-ABV beverages may pack a punch, but they also pack a great deal of flavor in each sip and pair nicely with the restaurant's menu for the evening. The first course — a gorgonzola and pear-stuffed goose breast with vegetable pilaf served alongside — will go toe-to-toe with Port City's Colossal Five, its signature English-style old ale.

The lobster-stuffed beef tenderloin second course pairs with the newly released Colossal VI, a heavy-handed Russian Imperial stout; diners will finish off the meal with a cannoli cake paired with George Washington rye whiskey barrel-aged porter, brewed in whiskey barrels from Washington's distillery down

If You Go

Mount Vernon Inn-Port City Beer-Pairing

Where: Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway

When: Friday, March 10, 7-9 p.m.

Tickets: \$75

the road.

"We had one last keg of that, and we were able to pull this out for the occasion," Van Orden said.

Port City teams up with the Mount Vernon Inn every few months for a beer-pairing event, but each one is different. Some have been all-vegetarian affairs, for instance, and some offer an extended-course menu.

"As the seasons turn and as they get new produce available, they come up with a new menu and we pair against that," Van Orden said. "... We have always had a very good time."

— HOPE NELSON

CALENDAR

evening. \$150. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.
Laurie Anderson in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 12

Glasshouses and Conservatories. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A

talk on the history of greenhouses and conservatories by Dean Norton, director of horticulture at George Washington's Mount Vernon. \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901822201 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Virginia Bronze Handbells Concert. 4-5:30 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. \$10. Email vab@vabronze.org or call 888-

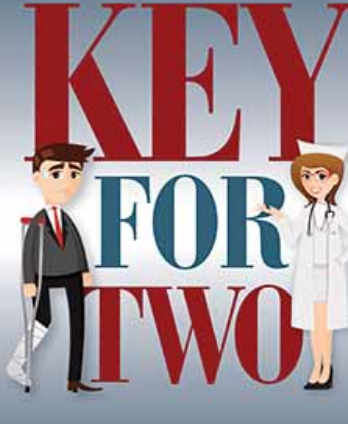
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MARCH 12-13

An Evening With Colin Hay. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$39.50. Vocalist of 1980's group Men at Work. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.


WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

Philadelphia Flower Show. 8 a.m.-8



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ENTERTAINMENT

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Visit to Dyke Marsh. 8:30-11 a.m. at Belle Haven Park, 6401 George Washington Memorial Parkway. Dixie Sommers leads this walk to scope the waterfowl on the river and check out Haul Road for sparrows, kinglets, woodpeckers, and eagles. Sponsored by Northern Virginia Bird Club. Visit audubonva.org/ for more.

Antiques Club. 9:30-11 a.m. in the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will have Mr. Sanders of Four Sales, Ltd., one of the largest estate firms in the mid-Atlantic region, giving a program on getting appraisals for items in your home. Call 703-360-4979.

National Brass Quintet Concert. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Works by Anderson, Bach, Handel, Bohme, Bozza, Chandler and McKee. Email kfmail@verizon.net or chuckseipp@aol.com for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 16

Author Claudia Kalb. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. An award-winning journalist will deliver "Inside the Minds of History's Great Personalities with a French Twist" talk and have her latest book, the New York Times bestseller "Andy Warhol was a Hoarder." \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-838-4994.

Vanessa Carlton in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Part of a 20-date solo tour. \$110. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 17

Spring Garden Kickoff. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn tips for the lawn and garden from Master Gardeners including best practices for selecting plants and starting seedlings. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2901896101 or call 703-642-5173 for more.

Opening Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Principle Gallery, 208 King St. For Principle Gallery with Kevin Fitzgerald. Visit www.principlegallery.com/alexandria for more.

St. Patrick's Day Free Rides. Free Lyft rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout Alexandria. Visit www.soberride.com for more.

MARCH 17-19

Cherry Blossom Monuments Cruise. Departing at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. View and listen to the history of the monuments, memorials and bridges on the Potomac River and see the cherry blossoms. \$30 round-trip for adults on weekends; \$17 roundtrip for adults on weekdays; \$16 round-trip for children under 12 on weekends; \$10 round-trip for children under 12 on weekdays. Visit VisitAlexandriaVA.com/spring or call 703-684-0580 for more.

MARCH 17-18

Local Documentaries. Screenings at various times at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Local filmmakers include Ben Powell and Taylor Powell, Falls Church, with film "Charlie & Sam," Vanina Harel and Aditi Desai, Arlington, with film "The Culture of Collards," Joe Dzikiewicz and Jaclyn O'Laughlin from Arlington and Alexandria with film "Encaustic," and Lauren Knapp of Alexandria, with "The Sandman." \$10. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

Advocacy Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to effectively use the voice to create change by speaking up for the environment. Visit audubonva.org/contact-stacey for more information.

Author Discusses Historic Furniture. 2 p.m. at the Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Hal Stuart, author of Virginia Sectional Furniture 1800-1860, compares two of 19th century Virginia's most successful furniture makers – James Green of Alexandria and African-American entrepreneur Thomas Day. \$5 in advance, \$7 the day of the program. Visit www.leeendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association is sponsoring the dance. \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Tom Rush in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MARCH 18-19

Women of Civil War Alexandria Tour. 11 a.m. Tour starts at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the National Women's History Museum. \$15. Call 703-461-1920 or visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours.

DEADLINE MARCH 19

2017 Open Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory, 201 N. Union St. Open call for proposals for a solo exhibition in the summer of 2017. The individual or group associated with the chosen proposal will receive a solo exhibition in Target Gallery from July 13–Sept. 3. The artist(s) will also receive a \$1,000 stipend. Call 703-746-4590 or visit torpedofactory.org/target for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 21

Megan Beyer Lecture. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Discussion with Megan Beyer, an arts and gender equality advocate, and journalist. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Documenting 20th Century Lives. 1-3 p.m. at at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Historian Zack Wilske talks about historical records available through the Genealogy Program of the US Citizenship and on

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reveal overcrowding now with substantial increases projected for the near future. Second, the overcrowding at TC has numerous negative consequences including damaging the education of some of our neediest students. Third, rebuilding Minnie Howard is an opportunity to address the overcrowding and to design specialized spaces to serve all students better.

The CIP proposes rebuilding Minnie Howard as a secondary school with architectural and engineering work starting in 2018 and the new school opening in 2024.

The Feb. 15 enrollments are 2,972 at T.C. Williams-King Street, 792 at Minnie Howard, 1,426 at Francis Hammond and 1,345 at George Washington. The students in grades 6, 7 and 8 at Jefferson-Houston are not included.

There are no "alternative facts" about enrollment: the capacity crisis is here. Additionally, safety issues associated with the movement of large groups of students at passing times, assemblies, pep rallies, fire drills and dismissal continue to be a major concern.

The overcrowding at TC adversely affects class schedules (e.g., science classes are held in nonscience rooms) and other activities (e.g., students exit the crowded cafeteria in search of quieter and less crowded lunch spaces.) However, the greatest negative effects of overcrowding are felt by students who have the most difficult time in school. Our administrators say that at-risk students repeatedly say that there are just too many people at TC.

We work in the largest, and arguably most diverse, high school in Virginia without an effective alternative program for students who have difficulties in TC's large and crowded environment. A rebuilt Minnie Howard is a chance to address overcrowding, design space that complements, not duplicates, the King Street campus and create specialized space for an alternative program.

Mark Eaton and Beth Coast
Co-Chairs, Capacity Committee

Yet Another 'Special Tax Zone'

To the Editor:

In a few weeks, the Alexandria City

Council will be considering the formulation of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Old Town. Initially, this proposal was to be strictly focused on waterfront business entities, but it now encompasses a gargantuan 17 blocks of retail business sites. At the bequest of a few Old Town business owners, the Waterfront Commission formed a committee to investigate the feasibility of forming a BID, which was subsequently reported back to the Waterfront Commission as a good idea. However, although the full Waterfront Commission never approved the BID, it was subsequently sent to the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP) for implementation.

Generally, the process for creating a BID involves three steps. First, a petition is sent to the city government to create the BID within a specified geographical area. Second, the city government ensures that the majority of businesses in the area are in favor of the BID, and third, the City Council enacts the legislation to create the BID.

However, in this case, the AEDP is eliminating step two, and sending it directly to the City Council. Why are they not following due process? The affected property owners (who will be taxed 10 cents on each hundred dollars of property value) should be able to decide if they wish to pay this large tax increase. In addition, the property owners who are landlords of businesses will pass this tax increase on these businesses, and ultimately, the consumers will also pay.

This undemocratically administered tax increase equates to nothing more than the establishment of another special tax zone for the city. Potomac Yards currently has two of them, one for 10 cents per hundred dollars, and the other for 20 cents per hundred dollars. No doubt the City Council will approve this initiative with alacrity, since it would allow them to have a \$2.2 million windfall to spend as they see fit.

If City Council does pass this undemocratically developed initiative, one must hope that it will only tax commercial property owners of the district, not residential property owners. Since the purpose of a BID is to improve the business climate of a district, why would its residents pay an additional tax? It just doesn't make good business sense.

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pion for Children Award and Act for Alexandria recognized for its instrumental role in creating the organization.

"ACT has consistently provided crucial cross-sector solutions to strengthen change in our community," said early childhood advocate Lori Morris. "ACT played a key role in bringing everyone to the table to discuss how we could address our community's need to protect its children. ACT was the glue, the convener, the catalyst for understanding the need to change the mindset in how our community dealt with child abuse and neglect. As we sat around the table it became clear, we could not tolerate the loss of a single child."

The Center for Alexandria's Children is the city's primary resource for the prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse, with programs serving more than 1,000 at risk children and families each year. ACT helped provide funds for the center's first five years and continues support through grants.

"ACT is extremely proud to have been a part of the formation of the Center for Alexandria's Children," said ACT president and CEO John Porter in receiving the honor. "Working with extremely dedicated and talented individuals wishing to make a difference, the CAC model has been a major suc-



ACT president and CEO John Porter accepts an award for the work ACT did in helping establish the Center for Alexandria's Children.

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JIM CRAIG

The Center for Alexandria's Children gets a tip of the hat from Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter and his wife Karin.



cess for our community and particularly for the children and families impacted by abuse."

The center presented its 2017 Outstanding Dedication to Children Award to Sengel, who helped forge the union between city and private interests with a primary focus of eliminating child abuse.

"We are indebted to former Commonwealth Attorney Randy Sengel and ACT for Alexandria for providing the impetus and leadership to create a better system for protecting Alexandria's children," said center board chair Ellen Foltz. "Their commitment has led to the growth of the center's out-

reach programs including the exponential growth of the Learn & Play Groups program, expansion of prevention training within the community and improved processing and management of cases involving abused children."

Sponsors of the event included: Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, Giving Circle of Alexandria, Mason Hirst Foundation, Strategic Financial Management, The RunningBrooke Fund, Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan LLP, CardWorks, DRS, The Goodhart Group, Simpson Development, Mearney Associates, Citi Private Bank, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Alston & Bird

LLP and Grant Thornton LLP.

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Bob Michel, Longtime Congressman

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

To many, Bob Michel will be remembered as the longtime Illinois congressman and skilled politician who served for 38 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. But those close to him will remember his frequent Saturday morning visits to the Royal Restaurant and love for singing Sinatra.

Michel, who called Northern Virginia home since first being elected to Congress in 1957, died Feb. 17 at Arlington Hospital Center. He was 93.

Born March 2, 1923, in Peoria, Michel represented central Illinois' 18th congressional district and served as minority leader from 1981-1995. He served as president of his class at Peoria High School and attended Bradley University for one semester before joining the army during World War II.

Michel served with the 39th Infantry Regi-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Longtime House Republican leader Bob Michel died Feb. 17 at Arlington Hospital Center. He was 93.

ment, landed in Normandy as part of the D-Day invasions and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

After the war, he returned to Bradley where he sang in the chorus and met his future wife Corrine. He graduated in 1948 and took a job as an aide to congressional candidate Harold Velde. Michel served un-

der Velde from 1949 to 1956 then succeeded him in 1957.

After leaving Congress in 1993, Michel joined a lobbying firm where he worked to gain funding for the National Institutes of Health. He founded the Bob Michel Veteran Health Centers.

Michel was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and the Congressional Distinguished Service Award in 2003. He was predeceased by his wife in 2003 and is survived by four children: Scott, Bruce, Robin and Laurie Norcross of Alexandria.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25 at the Renaissance Coliseum at Bradley University and flags at the Capitol flew at half mast in his honor.

Ray La Hood, who served as Michel's chief of staff and succeeded him in Congress, will host a memorial for Michel on March 9. A private celebration of Michel's life will be held at the Capitol Hill Club, where the coat room has been named in his honor.

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Mentors Wanted. Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for "Space of Her Own," and "Space of

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LTC Billy Gene Sims, (age 87)



Billy Gene Sims, husband, patriarch, homesteader, soldier, businessman, passed on March 4, 2017.

Dreamer, pioneer, he met and fell in love with Edith Hammond at a USO dance in California. Bill and Edie embarked on 65 years of adventurous life. They raised a large, loud and loving family.

Drafted into the U.S. Army he fought in the Korean War. He was a field artillery officer and master aviator who flew two Vietnam tours. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star for Valor and Purple Heart.

Bill and Edie homesteaded in Kasilof, Alaska. For 40 years they owned Antiques 'n Old Stuff at multiple locations in Washington, D.C., Chambersburg, PA and Brunswick, MD. He was an auctioneer and his motto for business and life was "Specializing in Making Folks Happy."

As a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Community in Middletown, MD, he was a lector, greeter and founder of the annual church auction. He embraced those down-on-their-luck, hiring and counseling those in need -- including homeless, hitchhikers and people who wandered in off the street.

Born in Brownsboro, TX on March 22, 1929, he was six when his mother died from gangrene. At 15, he left home, hitchhiking across the country, hopping trains, and courageously forging a life. He earned a GED, then a BA from U of MD.

Survivors include Edith, of Alexandria, VA, six children: Billy M. (Gail) Sims, Hagerstown, MD; Marcus T. (Lourdes) Sims of Clarksville, MD; Vanessa Armstrong of Fort Defiance, VA; Monica Sims Crimmins (John Hannon), Diana Sims (Keith) Snider and John D. (Theresa) Sims, all of Alexandria, VA; grandchildren Benjamin Narduzzi; Gabriel (Anna) Narduzzi; Emily (Nick) Macedonia; Bess (Chad) Sussman; Nathaniel (Katelyn) Snider; Alexander Snider; William Snider; Samuel Snider; Annalisa Sims, Marcella Sims; Johnna Sims; Billy Gene Sims; and Nourah Barden; brother William Kenneth (Nefa) Sims, numerous "adopted" family members and lifelong friends.

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Grover J. 'Bud' Manderfield, a prominent Washington area banker and business executive, passed away at INOVA Alexandria (VA) Hospital on February 17, 2017 surrounded by his beloved family.

Mr. Manderfield was born in Massillon, Ohio, the son of Grover P. and Hilda Wagner Manderfield. He grew up in Woodbridge, VA, where his father was a well-known banker, business executive and member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. 'Bud' Manderfield graduated from Sullivan's Preparatory School in Washington, DC and Catholic University of America in 1956.

After service in the Air Force, Mr. Manderfield began his banking career in 1958 as the fifth employee and loan officer of Bank of Occoquan in Occoquan, VA. As the bank grew and merged with other banks, so did Mr. Manderfield's career, spanning more than three decades.

From 1962 to 1976, he was Director and President of the Bank of Virginia/Northern Region and from 1976 until 1980 Director and President of First American Bank of Maryland. In 1980, he was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Suburban Bank Corp. In 1985, Suburban merged with Sovran Financial Corp, creating the largest financial institution in the Washington region. Mr. Manderfield remained as President of the new Maryland subsidiary and was named President of Sovran as well as a member of the bank's Board. He retired from banking in 1987.

After retiring from banking, he began a second career in finance. With friend and colleague Mark Fried, he co-founded RAMCO/Gemini, an asset-management company in Northern VA dedicated to providing asset management services to the financial industry and its' regulatory agencies.

Mr. Manderfield was also a leader in many professional and community organizations. He served as Chairman of both the Prince William County Planning Commission and the Prince William County Board of Zoning Appeals.

In the early 1960s, as Chairman of the Prince William County Planning Commission, Mr. Manderfield spearheaded efforts by the county and local businessmen to successfully buy back 446 acres of land on Cockpit Point in the Cherry Hill area of the county that then belonged to the District of Columbia. For more than 20 years he served as President of Cockpit Point Non-Profit Development Corporation, which sought to broaden the county's tax base by attracting industry to the area.

Mr. Manderfield was also a Consultant to the Federal Reserve System and the U.S. Office (now Department) of Education. Additional Directorships include MasterCard/International, Board of Trustees of Catholic University and the Young Presidents' Organization/International. He was also a member of the Chief Executives Organization/International.

Mr. Manderfield served as President of the Maryland Bankers Association, State Vice President for the American Bankers Association and was an active member of the Virginia Bankers Association. He was a Director of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Research Center where he served on the Executive Committee. He also was a member of the Board of Trustees of INOVA Hospital Systems, Director of Maxima Corporation and Director of NVR Federal Savings Bank.

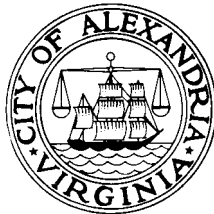
He was a member of the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda MD, the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, VA and the Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria, VA.

Mr. Manderfield is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Iris 'Sam' Manderfield, ten children (Steve & Paula, Joe & Kayla, Bob & Jane, Ed, Dave & Molly, John & Nancy, Ann Manderfield Smith & Richard, Mary Manderfield Domyan & Richard, Tom, Cathy), one step-daughter (Kimberly Wordsworth-Murphy & Greg), 14 grandchildren (Marissa, Tyler, Jackson, Jon, Brian, Kevin, Katie, Abby, Ryan, Reed, Mike, Kristen, Nicholas, Nathan) and one great grandchild (Aubrey). His first wife, Loretta Beale Manderfield, preceded him in death as did his sister, Fredona Manderfield Gartlan, a mental health advocate and the wife of the late Virginia State Senator Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr.

A Funeral Mass, immediate family only, was held Friday, February 24, 2017 at St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, VA. Interment and Memorial Service with friends and family will be held at a later date.

For online condolences, please visit
www.demainefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Sisters of Mercy: 515 Montgomery, Merion, PA 19066 or www.mercymidatlantic.org; National Alliance on Mental Illness, (NAMI), PO Box 8693, Reston, VA 20195 or www.nami-nova.org; ALS Association, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005 or www.alsa.org



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

A PUBLIC HEARING on the City Manager's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2018 (Including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2018-2027 (Including the Schools CIP). Adoption is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the ordinance establishing the real property tax rate will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED DOCKET WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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JAMES D. HEREFORD, JR.
ALEXANDRIA- CAPT James "Buck" Donald Hereford Jr., USN (Ret) 90, passed away at home February 25, 2017. He was a current resident of Alexandria, VA and longtime resident of Virginia Beach for over 40 years. A native of Wichita, KS, he was born July 17, 1926.

He served for 30 years in the United States Navy and was a World War II Veteran. Following graduation from North High School in 1944 and a year at Missouri Valley College, he began his Navy career in 1945 as an enlisted man and then attended the University of Notre Dame under the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program and graduated in 1947 with a BS degree in Business Administration. He was commissioned as an Ensign in June 1947 as a Naval Supply Corp Officer.

He served aboard the USS Noble, USS Eugene A. Greene and USS Hancock. He was the Commanding Officer of Naval Supply Depot Guam. His other tours include: Instructor NROTC at Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, graduate of U. S. Naval War College, DGSC Richmond VA, Norfolk VA, Keflavik Iceland, Mechanicsburg PA, San Francisco CA, Panama City FL, Chincoteague VA,

He was a member of the Order of DaMolay, and OES Chapter 433, of Wichita KS and the National Sojourners 21, Canal Zone. He was a long time member of the Norview Lodge No. 113, AF & AM, American Legion Post 113, and Boys State. Active in Boy Scouts for over 50 years, he served as a committeeman with Troop 372, Virginia Beach, VA and Troop 996, Alexandria, VA. Buck was also active with MOAA, TROAA, Thalia Civic Association and Thalia Methodist Church.

Buck is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dottie Hereford and son James D. Hereford III. Left to cherish his memory is his sister Mary Lou Ames, his daughters, Nancy Kissel and her husband Dan; Patricia Boward and her husband Bob. He was the loving grandfather of Donnie, Karen, and Jonathan Hereford; Kyle and Kristen Boward; Rachel Kissel and great granddaughter Julia Hereford.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Capital Caring.

Buck will always be remembered for his sincere dedication, his bright smile and quick wit.

A memorial service for will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308. In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions be made in Buck's memory to: BSA Troop 996, c/o Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308.

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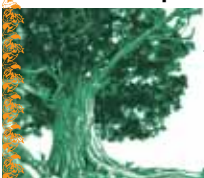


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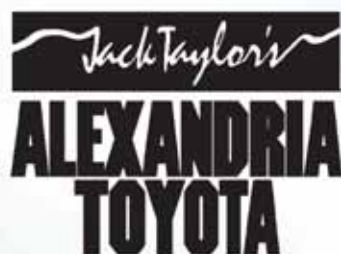
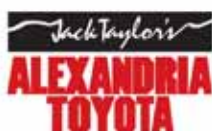
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Old Town Prepares for Historic Garden Week

Part of state-wide event.

Five Old Town Alexandria homes and gardens will open to the public on April 22 as part of the 84th Historic Garden Week. The homes will feature flower arrangements created by the members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club, which are sponsoring the tour, open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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The Alexandria Tour Ticket includes entrance to:

❖ Five private homes and gardens in Old Town

❖ Tea and light refreshments from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the garden of a private house

❖ Herb and Craft Sale at Carlyle House: Visit the 18th century mansion house, stroll through its gardens, and buy plants from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

❖ The Marketplace at the Athenaeum will sell clothing and accessories from high-end, distinctive vendors from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Also at the Athenaeum will be a display of botanical art showing native plants and pollinators and a photo exhibit of bees and flowers,

❖ Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden: Built in 1785 and home to several generations of the Virginia Lee family, as well as labor leader John Lewis, this house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

❖ The American Horticultural Society, headquartered at River Farm, which overlooks the Potomac River with 25 acres of gardens, will be having a plant sale on April 21-22

❖ George Washington's Mt. Vernon: With funding from the Historic Garden Week, the

Garden Club of Virginia has helped restore the bowling green, one of Mt. Vernon's major landscape features

❖ Green Spring Gardens, which includes a garden designed by landscape designer Beatrix Farrand

❖ Gunston Hall, the 550-acre National Historic Landmark 18th century home of George Mason, author of The Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Alexandria Tour Details

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$45 at www.vagardenweek.org and at the Alexandria Visitors Center (221 King Street). On the date of the tour, they may be purchased for \$55 at any house on the tour or at the Alexandria Visitor's Center. Group tours of 20 people or more, \$40 per person. Single site tickets are \$25 per person. The Alexandria tour will be held on its scheduled day, rain or shine.

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Historic Garden Week tours throughout



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Five Old Town Alexandria homes and gardens will open to the public on April 22 as part of the 84th Historic Garden Week.

Virginia have been held annually since 1929, except for a period during World War II, when members of the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) took time off to tend to their Victory Gardens and help with the war effort. Known as "America's Largest Open House," every year, more than 3,300 GCV members work to produce the tours during the last full week of April. Tour proceeds go to the restoration of gardens and grounds of Virginia's most historic sites, including Monticello and Mt. Vernon. Last year the tours crossed just under \$1 million. To learn more about the restorations, go to www.gcvirginia.org and look under Restorations. There are six tours in the northern Virginia area this spring featuring 34 private homes/gardens.

Butterfly Weed Wins Perennial of the Year

BY CAROLE FUNGER
GAZETTE PACKET

GARDENING

The designation Perennial Plant of the Year is awarded each year by the Perennial Plant Association to the perennial that outshines its competitors not only in appearance, but also in its noteworthy characteristics. To be considered, a plant must be able to grow in a wide range of climates, require little maintenance and have multiple seasons of interest. And, it should be relatively pest and disease free.

That's a tall order for many plants, but late last year, orange-flowering butterfly

weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) more than rose to the occasion. In November it was voted 2017 Perennial Plant of the Year, becoming the 27th in a distinguished line of perennials to receive such an honor.

Native to much of the continental United States as well as Ontario and Quebec, butterfly weed grows wild in a variety of climatic conditions including dry forests, along roadsides and in prairies and open fields. A member of the milkweed family, it tops out at about 1 to 2 feet. Its natural preference for average to dry soil makes it an excellent drought-resistant plant.

Butterfly weed's large clusters of flowers are a brilliant orange-yellow, a beacon among other subtler-toned plants. Happily blooming from June through August, they produce copious amounts of nectar that attracts hordes of butterflies, birds and a wide assortment of insects. The distinctive flowers are composed of five petals that stand up (called hoods) and five petals that hang down. The hoods enclose a single orange horn that when cross-pollinated, forms a follicle. Later in the season, the follicle opens up along one side to disperse silky-tailed seeds.

Not to be outdone, butterfly weed's foli-

age has its own attractions. Long and pointed, the 4" leaves provide food for the larvae of native Monarch butterflies, while also lending a deep green backdrop to the brilliant flowers.

Plant butterfly weed in full sun in well-drained, moderately dry soil. For an eye-catching composition, pair it with other strong-hued perennials like *Liatris spicata*, *Echinacea* 'Double Scoop Raspberry' and *Hemerocallis* 'Stella D'Oro.' Or, let its orange flowers shine amidst subtler toned flowers like lemon-yellow *Hemerocallis* 'Happy Returns', white *Phlox* 'David' and apricot *Cosmos*.

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Horticulturalist Misty Kuceris says that pansies are an ideal flowering plant for spring.

Sow Now, Reap this Spring

Getting a garden and yard ready for warm weather.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

One of the most anticipated sights of spring is a garden in bloom. While the project of tackling a yard or garden after a dormant winter can seem daunting, horticulturalist Misty Kuceris of Burke Nursery & Garden Centre says an organized plan will make the task manageable.

"First walk around your yard and look at what's happened over the winter months," she said. "Look at your trees and shrubs. Do they need pruning before things really start growing?"

Flower and garden beds should be surveyed as well, says Kuceris. "If you didn't clean out the flower beds and vegetable beds at the end of fall, you need to do that," she said. "Take a look at whether you need to add more compost to make the soil better."

Even after flowerbeds are clean, David Watkins, general manager of Merrifield Garden Center says that homeowners should wait before planting warm season flowers like impatiens and begonias. "You want to hold off until the last frost is gone, he said. "Some nurseries however have tulips and daffodils that are already potted. Those can be planted now. There is also a Lenten Rose which blooms from February until June and you can add color to your yard that way."

Kuceris also suggests reestablishing the weathered edging of a garden bed and adding new mulch when necessary. "The other thing that is good to do every two years is a soil test," she said. "Find out the pH is of your lawn and garden." Soil pH is a measure of the acidity and alkalinity in soils.

One source that Kuceris recommends is the Virginia Tech Soil Testing Laboratory. Researchers analyze soil samples submitted by the public and perform tests to evaluate the soil's nutrient potential. The tests also help researchers determine the most beneficial application rates of fertilizer and lime for optimum plant growth.

After the garden is tidy and the soil is prepared, vegetables can be planted.

"If you have a vegetable garden, March is the best time to plant potatoes, scallions, onions, asparagus, lettuce, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, and even horseradish because those plants love spring," said Kuceris. "We call them cool season plants."

If weeds are an issue, you can apply a weed and crabgrass preventer and fertilizer," says Kuceris. "For a natural alternative, you can use corn gluten meal as a natural weed suppressant and fertilizer for grass lawns."

"With anything you plant now, the roots are going to start growing and you'll have a much better established plant by summer," added Watkins.

Most trees or shrubs can also be planted now, says Watkins. "Now is a great time to mulch and fertilize your trees, shrubs and lawn," he said. "That alone makes it look a lot better, even without planting."

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Kitchen Design Trends to Expect in 2017

Local designer share popular design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Those looking for kitchen design ideas have a new source of inspiration: the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) list of trends for 2017. Local designers reveal which trends are most popular in the Washington, D.C. region.

NKBA predicts that contemporary-styled kitchens will overtake traditional to become the second most popular design after transitional. Locally, Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build expects to see "a strong move towards transitional and contemporary styles, with no fussy designs."

Homeowners are looking for "kitchen spaces that look comfortable, calming and clutter-free," said Shannon Kadwell of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc.

Clean lines, built-in shelving and simple door styles dominate kitchen designs. Megan Padilla, senior designer for Aidan Design reports an interest in custom storage ideas. "We're inspired by our work with clients who often have collections of table



White and gray painted cabinets like those in this kitchen by Winn Design + Build will dominate kitchen color schemes in 2017.

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décor — everything from antique trays to vintage oyster plates," she said. "By creating custom storage these cherished items can be readily accessible."

When it comes to painted cabinetry, gray is the new white and the popularity of both colors shows no signs of slowing down, according to the NKBA survey. However, blue painted and high gloss kitchen cabinets are emerging, especially in the Washington area, says Winn. "Blues and grays are very popular [and] "White continues to be popular."

For overall color schemes, two-toned kitchens are gaining popularity while blue and black are emerging as sought after colors. "We're seeing a rise in product offerings available in matte black — from appliances to plumbing fixtures to cabinet hardware," said Padilla. "We love it paired with white in a classic black and white kitchen, but also as an accent piece. Matte black also pairs beautifully with brass, which has been trending for the past couple of years."

Quartz is the most sought-after kitchen

countertop material, followed by granite. "Most of our clients aren't really interested in a kitchen that [is] too trendy since they plan to have it in place for 15-20 years," said Padilla. "We've seen an uptick in interest in incorporating color by way of alternate neutrals. Navy blue is probably the top choice, but taupes and lighter blues are also on the list."

An interest among homeowners in incorporating technology in kitchen design is increasing as well. About one third of the NKBA professionals surveyed reported recent projects that included wiring and pathways for future tech integration. "I would also expect the technology side to be a focus in D.C.," said Samantha Klickna, project developer with Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The ease and comfort of controlling your home while at the office or on travel is very appealing and convenient for the city dweller."

Induction cooktops and convection ovens are trending higher, and microwave drawers are surpassing freestanding or built-in microwaves in popularity. "People have been purchasing appliances like steam ovens and induction ovens now more than ever before," said Kadwell. "People have less time, but still want to cook. They want to be able to cook quickly, so they're looking for appliances that can accomplish that."



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